

They Did Their Share

Joanna Fuchs

This day we honor
Soldiers who protect our nation.
For their service as our warriors,
They deserve our admiration.

Some of them were drafted;
Some were volunteers;
For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years;

In the jungle or the desert,
On land or on the sea,
They did whatever was assigned
To produce a victory.

Some came back; some didn't.
They defended us everywhere.
Some saw combat; some rode a desk;
All of them did their share.

No matter what the duty,
For low pay and little glory,
These soldiers gave up normal lives,
For duties mundane and gory.

Let every veteran be honored;
Don't let politics get in the way.
Without them, freedom would have died;
What they did, we can't repay.



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District 19	Daniel D. Reynolds

Award Recipient: Kenneth P. Joseck

Accompanied by Legislator Jensen

Nominated by Larry Holdredge,

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 896

Military Service: U.S. Marine Corps 1964-1974

Recognition: Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service 2 Stars, National Defense Service, Vietnam Campaign w/ Device, New York State Conspicuous Service Star, President Chapter 896 2003-2009

Award Recipient: Joseph V. Smith

Accompanied by Legislator Keibel

Nominated by Robert Gardner

George F. Riordan American Legion Post 974

Military Service: U. S. Navy 1945-1946 and 1951-1952

Recognition: Pacific Theater, Victory Medal WWII. 40+ years of service to Post 974, Oxford Veteran Home Guild.

Award Recipient: David Snitchler

Accompanied by Legislator Lewis

Nominated by Bert A. Proper

American Legion Post 80

Military Service: U. S. Navy Seabees, 4 Years Active, 2 Years Reserve

Recognition: National Defense, RVN Campaign, U. S. Vietnam Service, Navy Unit Commendation, Combat Service Medal, NYS Medal for Merit

Award Recipient: Hazel Brandt on behalf of Robert T. Brandt

Accompanied by Legislator Herz

Nominated by Richard R. Blythe

VFW Post 2261

Military Service: U. S. Navy, WWII and Korea

Recognition: American Theatre Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, WW II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal

Award Recipient: Richard Murphy

Accompanied by Legislator Marinich

Nominated by James Zimmer

J. W. Thurston Marine Corps League Detachment #250

Military Service: US Marines Corps 1953-1956

Awards/Medals: Received the Marine Corps League Detachment 250 Marine of the Year Award, 12 year member of the Marine Corps League with multiple appointments including State Area Vice Deputy

Award Recipient: William Oliver

Accompanied by Legislator D. J. Reynolds

Nominated by Benjamin W. Margolius, Colonel,
US Army (Retired) Southern Tier Chapter, Military
Officers Association of America

Military Service: U. S. Army, 1943-1946, 1947-
1987

Recognition: Army Meritorious Service, Purple
Heart, Good Conduct, European Theater of
Operations (w/4 campaign stars), Berlin Medal, US
Victory, Army Reserve Medal

Award Recipient: Willard Strong

Accompanied by Legislator Herz

Nominated by Ken Darling, Commander
American Legion Post 757

Military Service: Army 1958-1961

Recognition: Served with distinction in Germany,
multiple appointments for Post 757 including
Adjutant

Award Recipient: Albert Rood

Accompanied by Legislator Lewis

Nominated by Tom Stiles, Lawrence D. Peters
VFW 1611

Military Service: U. S. Marines Corps 1944-1946

Recognition: Good Conduct, Honorable Service,
Battle for Iwo Jima

**Award Recipient: Mary C. McQuade on
behalf of Alfred McQuade**

Accompanied by Legislator Pasquale

Nominated by Edward Arnold
American Legion Post 82

Military Service: U. S. Army 30 Years

Recognition: POW in WWII, Good Conduct,
Korean Service, held many positions at Post 82

Award Recipient: James D. Davis

Accompanied by Legislator Pasquale

Nominated by Joseph N. Irons,
George F. Johnson American Legion Post 1700

Military Service: U. S. Army 1959-60, Europe

Recognition: Multiple appointments including
Past Commander and member of Honor Guard of
Post 1700,

Award Recipient: Robert Hunt
Accompanied by Legislator Heebner
Nominated by VFW 2332
Military Service: U. S. Army for Three Years
Recognition: Good Conduct, Commander VFW Post 2332

Award Recipient: Alfred E. Holmberg
Accompanied by Legislator Howard
Nominated by George B. Gelatt Jr.
American Legion Post 1194
Military Service: U. S. Army, U. S. Army Reserves, New York State Army National Guard
Awards/Medal: Army Achievement, Army Good Conduct, Army Commendation, Nation Defense Service, New York State Defense of Liberty Medal, Drill Sergeant, multiple appointments for Post 1194 including Commander

Award Recipient: August 'Gus' Zurenda
Accompanied by Legislator Merrill
Nominated by John Zurenda, Lawrence D. Peters
VFW 1611
Military Service: U. S. Army Medical Corps
Recognition: Bronze, Star w/2 bronze oak leaf clusters with "V" device, Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Korean Service, Republic of Vietnam Service – 2 tours, Combat Medical Badge

Award Recipient: Donald Rothang
Accompanied by Legislator Hutchings
Nominated by American Legion Post 89
Military Service: Four Years with the U. S. Navy and 19 Years with the U. S. Army Reserves
Recognition: Army Achievement (3 Stars), Presidential Citation, National Defense, Army Accommodation, Commander Post 89

Award Recipient: Ray Warner
Accompanied by Legislator Diffendorf
Nominated by Timothy K. Roberts, Commander
American Legion Post 1596
Military Service: U. S. Army from 1950-1957
Recognition: Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, WWII US Army Occupation Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, US Army Presentation Unit, National Infantry Association's Order of Saint Maurice Service Medal

Award Recipient: Robert C. Potter
Accompanied by Legislator D. J. Reynolds
Nominated by Organization of Vietnam Veterans
Military Service: U. S. Air Force 1961-1966, U. S. Army Reserve 1977-1979
Recognition: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 3 Air Medals, Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, Combat Crew Badge