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.

JERRY F. MARINICH, CHAIRMAN
WAYNE L. HOWARD, MAJORITY LEADER
MARK R. WHALEN, MINORITY LEADER

MAY 19, 2011
Special thanks to:

Brian Vojtisek, Broome County Veterans Service Agency

Barbara Beebe, Past Commander Post 1700 and 3rd Vice Commander 6th District NYS

Honor Guard

Broome County Print Shop

and all of Broome County’s Veterans

BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
2011-2012

District 1    Mark R. Whalen
District 2    Joseph A. Merrill
District 3    Jason T. Garnar
District 4    Joseph S. Sanfilippo
District 5    John F. Hutchings
District 6    Julie A. Lewis
District 7    Marchie Diffendorf
District 8    Wayne L. Howard
District 9    Stephen D. Herz
District 10   Jerry F. Marinich
District 11   Ronald J. Keibel
District 12   Robert K. Locker
District 13   Matthew J. Pasquale
District 14   David M. Jensen
District 15   Michael W. Schafer
District 16   John A. Black
District 17   Ron Heebner
District 18   Daniel J. Reynolds
District 19   Daniel D. Reynolds
Award Recipient: Kenneth P. Joseck
Accompanied by Legislator Jensen
Nominated by Larry Holdredge,
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 896
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: 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: 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: 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

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