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### **REP. FREY ANNOUNCES MORE THAN 136 VETERANS FROM RIDGEFIELD WERE HONORED WITH CT WARTIME SERVICE MEDAL**



RIDGEFIELD- More than 136 veterans from Ridgefield received a state veterans medal at a presentation featuring music September 21<sup>st</sup> organized by Representative John Frey, over 390 people were in attendance at The Ridgefield Playhouse ceremony.

Speakers included Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele, Deputy Veteran Commissioner John Wiltse and Ridgefield American Legion Post Commander Bob Tulipani.

The Nightingales, a group of Ridgefield High School female students, sang patriotic songs for the ceremony.

In 2005, the General Assembly passed legislation to authorize the design and awarding of ribbons and medals to Connecticut's veterans. These medals are intended to be a visible symbol of the gratitude and pride by the state of Connecticut for the efforts of our veterans.

Rep. John Frey said in his remarks at the event, "It is the first of its kind that the state has minted since the end of World War I. The 270,000 veterans who will receive it are Connecticut natives or current residents who served in a war and received honorable discharges. All living war veterans from World War II to the current war in Iraq are entitled to the medal."

"Nothing gives me greater pride than to see so many of our beloved veterans here with their families. When our nation faced critical times of armed conflict the veterans we honor here today answered the call to arms, defended our liberty and freedom, and made it their personal mission to preserve them for our future generations. I look around and see veterans who, after their service, became teachers, policemen, contractors, doctors, scientists and who have become town leaders in so many ways," Rep. Frey added.

"I want to personally extend my gratitude and appreciation to all of you for being there when your communities and America needed you. The Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal is a very small token of the great appreciation we all have for your defending this nation. I hope when each of you look on this medal, you will remember

how much this state honors your service, and will never forget it,” concluded Rep. John Frey.

Veterans who were eligible for the medal but who were unable to attend the ceremony will be receiving their medal in the coming weeks.

Wartime veterans interested in applying the CT Medal should contact Representative Frey at (800) 842-1423 for further information.

*State Rep. John Frey serves the 11th Assembly District of Ridgefield in the state House of Representatives.*



**We recognized the following veterans  
previously awarded the Wartime Service Medal**

Arnold Abrahamson  
James Arcuri  
Anthony Battaglioli  
Phillip Baumann  
Aldo Biagiotti  
Lynda Burnham  
Nicholas Costantino  
Edward Delany  
Vernard Gaudet  
John Gillaugh  
Richard Godbout  
Vincent Gugliaro  
Albert Guido  
Richard Howard  
Harold Hval  
Robert Joyce  
Ralph Knapp  
Frank Lancaster  
George LeCates  
Marie Lutzius  
Italo Massagli  
Nancy Montanari  
Roland Mosiello  
James Mullen  
Thomas O'Keefe  
Richard Pagano  
Helen Pfeifer  
Susan Petersen  
Roger Petersen  
Joseph Rabideau  
Ronald Rigby  
Harold Rolseth  
Richard Scala  
Frank Serfilippi  
Terrance Shay  
James Stoveken  
Charles Trado  
J. Robert Tulipani  
Vincent Viggiano  
Eugene Waradzin

Frank Weber  
George Yonkers

**Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal  
★★★ Honorees ★★★**

**RIDGEFIELD**

Barbara Anderson, Army  
Michael Anderson, Air Force  
Stephen Antkiw, Navy  
Theodore Antonitis, Navy  
Gino Baldaserini, Army  
Lance Ballou, Navy  
Paul Bamundo, Army  
Harold Baron, Navy  
William Barrett, Army  
Silvio Bellagamba, Army/Air Force  
Philip Bergquist, Army  
George Besse, Air Force  
Aldo Biagiotti, Army  
Harold Biggar, Army  
Thomas Blakely, Army  
Walter Boyce, Navy  
Gerald Brady, Army  
John Browne, Army  
Charles Burton, Army  
Clarence Butler, Air Force  
Dino Calabro, Navy  
Isabel Caporale, Coast Guard  
James Cardinal, Army/Navy  
Ferdinand Caruso, Navy  
Gerald Casey, Air Force  
Frank Celestino, Army  
David Clapp, Air Force  
Francis Clark, Air Force  
Edward Clifford, Navy  
Edwin Comas, Army  
Joseph Condon, Navy  
John Contegni, Navy  
James Cooper, Navy  
George Corde, Army  
Anthony Corrado, Army  
Bernard Crowe, Army  
Howard Cummings, Air Force  
James Curry, Air Force

James Damon, Army  
James DeJesu, Navy  
John Delpino, Navy  
Dominick Devito, Navy  
Carmine Donigi, Navy  
Arthur Donofrio, Army  
Nils Ericson, Army  
Robert Essig, Navy  
Walter Evans, Navy  
John Fagas, Marine Corps  
Robert Fish, Navy  
John Fisher, Army  
Edward Fitzgerald, Navy  
August Fogliano, Army  
Joel Fortin, Army  
Thomas Franco, Army  
Richard Freivogel, Navy  
Arnold Friedlander, Army  
Eugene Gentile, Army  
Dominic Giannicchi, Air Force  
John Gilchrist, Army  
Gilbert Gleit, Army  
Epifanio Gonzalez, Army  
Walter Goodman, Navy  
Joseph Gorman, Air Force  
Herbert Green, Navy  
Alvin Hall, Navy  
Clifford Hall, Army  
Thomas Handy, Army  
John Hartcorn, Army  
Louis Haugh, Navy  
George Hefferon, Army  
Milton Hollar, Army  
Dorsey Hostler, Army  
Walter Hrozenchik, Navy  
Edward Jamroga, Army  
Michael Jancz, Marine Corps  
David Johnson, Army  
Robert Johnston, Army

**Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal**  
**★★★ Honorees ★★★**

Robert Jones, Army  
Thomas Jones, Army  
Kevin Just, Navy  
John Kearns, Navy  
John Kennedy, Army  
John Klauber, Army  
John Knoche, Army  
Joseph Kovacs, Army  
Timothy La Jeunesse, Marine Corps  
Edgar Lambert, Navy  
Charles Lampe, Army  
John Lavatori, Army  
James Leahy, Marine Corps  
Robert Leavitt, Army  
Frederick Lenz, Navy  
Charles Leonard, Army  
Mark Lieberman, Navy  
Dante Ligi, Army  
William Lucas, Army  
Harold Maney, Air Force  
Tony Mangone, Army  
Mario Marcheggiani, Army  
Alan Marcus, Army  
Theodore Mayer, Army  
William Mayr, Air Force  
Terrell Mays, Navy  
Edward McCabe, Marine Corps

Alexander McCallion, Coast Guard  
James McChesney, Navy  
Jeffrey McChesney, Air Force  
Robert McDonald, Navy  
Michael McMahan, Army  
Gordon McPhaden, Army  
Edward Melamed, Army  
John Metzger, Army  
George Meury, Navy  
Earl Meyers, U.S. Army Air Force  
Jeremiah Miller, Navy  
Richard Mincer, Army  
Salvatore Monti, Marine Corps  
John Morgan, Army  
Peter Moritz, Army  
Eugene Mortensen, Navy  
Hugh Mulligan, Army  
Valory Munroe, Navy  
Henry Norley, Marine Corps  
Joseph Odea, Navy  
John Olson, Navy  
Vincent Pancotti, Army  
Ralph Perschino, Marine Corps  
John Pinchbeck, Army  
Thomas Puzak, Army  
Haakon Reinertsen, Air Force  
Thomas Renken, Army

Lawrence Rizzo, Army  
John Robinson, Army  
Herbert Rosenberg, Army  
Herman Rosenblatt, Air Force  
Kerry Roskelly, Army  
Michael Sahn, Navy  
Anthony Saia, Army  
Ken Sayers, Navy  
John Schmidt, Navy  
Frank Schuster, Navy  
Richard Sell, Coast Guard  
Raymond Sementini, Army  
Vincent Sganga, Army  
Robert Sharkany, Army  
Franklin Shaw, Navy  
Joseph Sheehy, Marine Corps  
Philip Sheridan, Navy  
Jack Shiller, Air Force  
George Siburn, Air Force  
Daniel Siegel, Army  
Norbert Sladek, Army  
Michael Smith, Marine Corps  
Richard Smith, Marine Corps  
Ralph Specht, U.S. Army Air Force  
William Starbuck, Army  
James Steiger, Army  
David Stroberg, Air Force

Mark Taylor, Navy  
James Tobin, Navy  
Francis Tracy, Air Force  
George Twidy, Army  
George Ventres, Navy  
Arnold Von Kaenel, Jr., Army  
Paul Vuilleumier, Army  
Edward Walczykowski, U.S. Army Air Force  
Gordon Walsh, Army  
Richard Walter, Navy  
William Walton, Navy  
Howard Walzer, Army  
Harry Ward, U.S. Army Air Force  
David Watson, Navy  
Jonathan Watson, Marine Corps  
Edward Weil, Navy  
Daniel Weiss, Air Force  
Henry Williams, Navy  
Charles Williamson, U.S. Army Air Force  
David Wilson, Army  
George Wright, Navy  
John Yeager, Navy  
Anthony Yonda, Navy