



# LI 202 AFA NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF LIAFA EVENTS 2023

### Vietnam Medal Ceremonies

#### Thu, Jul 13, 2023

During Shootout for Soldiers  
John J. Burns Park  
4990 Merrick Rd.  
Massapequa Park  
5 PM

#### Sat, Oct 28, 2023

Cradle of Aviation  
Charles Lindbergh Blvd.  
Garden City  
11:30 AM

### Women's Military Service Medal Ceremonies

#### Sat, Sep 30, 2023

St. Joseph's University  
155 West Roe Blvd.  
Patchogue, NY 11772  
11:30 AM

### 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony— Dropping of the Roses

#### Thu, Dec 7, 2023

American Airpower Museum  
1230 New Highway  
Farmingdale  
10:30 AM

## President's Message

The Long Island Air Force Association has instituted a new program for Long Island **women veterans and those currently serving**, with the initial ceremony having been held on October 15, 2022.

The requirements are:

- Female veteran **or** currently serving in any branch of the military as per DD Form 214 for veterans, or ID or other documentation for those currently serving
- Currently living in Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn, Queens, or Staten Island
- Can attend the ceremony (awards are presented **only** at the ceremony; they are not mailed)

You will find an award application towards the end of this newsletter. You can also download one from our website at [LIAFA.org](http://LIAFA.org).

**Please look to the LIAFA Facebook page and/or our website at [LIAFA.org](http://LIAFA.org) for future notices regarding any upcoming events.**

## Recent Events

### 38th Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medal Ceremony

**Twenty-four Vietnam veterans** were presented with Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medals and Certificates of Appreciation on Saturday, May 13, at the Museum of American Armor in Old Bethpage. Distinguished guests included Congressman **Andrew Garbarino**, State Senator **Kevin Thomas**, Director of Logistics, Air, Joint Forces HQ, NY **Col. Paul Salas**, Director of Nassau County Veterans Service Agency **Ralph Esposito** and Board Member of the Museum of American Armor **Gary Lewi**. Thank you to our sponsors—Shootout for Soldiers, Long Island State Veterans Home, Long Island ABATE (American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education), Nassau County Veterans Service Agency and Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency as well as special thanks to the Museum of American Armor, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Band, American Legion Riders from Greenlawn Post 1244, Patriot Guard Riders, Rolling Thunder Chapter 6, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 82 Color Guard and Civil Air Patrol Squadron #8.



*Photo credit: Museum of American Armor*



*Photo credit: Museum of American Armor*

### **Unveiling of Iraq-Afghanistan Monument and DAV Monument**

Both monuments were unveiled after the UVO (United Veterans Organization of Nassau County) Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 28.

The Iraq-Afghanistan monument was almost two years in the making, with the funds for its construction being raised by various veterans groups under the direction of a committee spearheaded by the Nassau County VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Council. Nassau County paid for the installation.

The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) monument was sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans of Nassau County.



*Iraq-Afghanistan Monument*



*DAV Monument*

## **Veterans Summer Stand Down**

Held as usual at the Freeport Armory on Tuesday, June 6, this was again a drive-through-only event. Per Ralph Esposito, Director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency, the event was a success, with many veterans getting the help they needed. Thanks are due to the volunteers who prepared and handed out the packages, and to the sponsors—General Needs, Covanta Energy, LI Cares, Island Harvest, Panera Bread, and the Vietnam War Veterans Association of Nassau County.

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## **Upcoming Events**



**THURSDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 13-14, 9 AM - 9 AM** at John J. Burns Park, 4990 Merrick Road in Massapequa Park. There are twenty-four 1-hour games in a row and a running score is kept between the two teams, Stars and Stripes. Participating teams play in a 1-hour slot during the event and the event is open to men's and women's teams of all ages. The mission of the Shootout is to use lacrosse as a platform to support American veterans and foster good community relations. Long Island Chapter 202 of the Air Force Association is proud and grateful to be one of the four local charity beneficiaries that share in a portion of the net proceeds raised from this event. Shootout for Soldiers is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

As the front-page calendar shows, LIAFA will hold its 39th Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal Ceremony during the first day of the tournament, **THURSDAY, JULY 13 AT 5 PM.**

Shootout for Soldiers has raised over \$5 million since its inception in 2012.

## **Nassau County Salute to Veterans Ceremony and Concert**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, STARTING AT 6:30 PM** at Eisenhower Park, Harry Chapin Lakeside Theater (Parking Fields 6 and 6A), East Meadow. Salute to Veterans will honor five people in the veteran community who have devoted their time and lives to helping Long Island veterans. After the honorees receive their recognition and awards, the concert will start at 7:30 PM. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

## **Veterans BBQ Picnic and Resource Fair**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 11 AM** at Eisenhower Park, Parking Field 6A, East Meadow. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

## **POW/MIA Night Vigil Ceremony**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7 PM** at Eisenhower Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, Parking Field 6, East Meadow and hosted by the Marine Corps League. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

## **Walls of Honor Ceremony**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 10 AM-11 AM**, at Eisenhower Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, Parking Field 6, East Meadow. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

## **Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall—*The Wall That Heals***

*The Wall That Heals* and its accompanying Education Center will be on display from **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** at Tanner Park on Kerrigan Road in Copiague. Attendance is free. Open for viewing 24 hours a day; closes at 2 PM on Sunday. The opening ceremony is on Thursday, October 5 at a time to be announced; closing ceremony is on Sunday, October 8 at 1:45 PM.

The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall is a three-quarter scale replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial; it is 375 feet long and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. The memorial wall is a tribute to and a remembrance of the military service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom during the Vietnam War.

As on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the names on *The Wall That Heals* are listed by day of casualty. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex, joining the beginning and end of the conflict at the center. Visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names on *The Wall That Heals*.

Volunteers are needed while *The Wall That Heals* is on display at Tanner Park. To sign up, please fill out the form found at <http://www.townofbabylon.com/FormCenter/Veterans-13/The-Wall-That-Heals-Volunteer-Sign-Up-87>. For more information on the event itself, please call Cathy Hyde at Councilman DuWayne Gregory's office at (631) 957-3127. Also go to [www.townofbabylon.com](http://www.townofbabylon.com) over the next few months to see any program changes.

For more info on *The Wall That Heals*, go to <http://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals/>. *The Wall That Heals* is a program of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the nonprofit organization that was authorized by Congress in 1980 to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (commonly referred to as *The Wall*) in Washington, D.C.

## Announcements and Programs

### Cradle of Aviation Museum Brick Program

Pave a way to the future with a custom engraved brick installed in the museum's F-14 Tomcat Plaza (unveiling planned for August 2023) or its existing Sally Ride Circle; the museum is located on Museum Row, Charles Lindbergh Blvd. in Garden City. Your tax-deductible brick donation will help support museum preservation programs and ensure the Cradle's ability to deliver quality education programs well into the future. The bricks will be laser-engraved and can honor a family member or loved one, or feature your business or organization. Bricks are available from \$125 to \$500, depending upon the amount of text and any clipart depicted. To see the available options, to order online or to download a printable order form, please visit [cradleofaviation.org/support/brick-program.html](https://cradleofaviation.org/support/brick-program.html).



*Artist's rendering of Tomcat Plaza*



*"The First American Woman in Space," statue of NASA astronaut Sally Ride was unveiled on June 17, 2022*

## **Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior (NCFF-OWW)**

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization *not* affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project or any other Operation Wounded Warrior organization, the NCFF-OWW is committed to helping those who put their lives in harm's way to protect the rights granted to us, the citizens of the United States of America. Their mission is to boost the morale of service members wounded in the line of duty. The NCFF-OWW works closely with military representatives of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington DC, Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Liberty, NC and the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, NC. Together, they ensure that useful clothing, personal entertainment electronics, and get-well cards are properly channeled to recovering service personnel. Donations are brought down to Bethesda Naval Hospital and other Wounded Warrior centers via Fire Truck Caravan. Firefighters from throughout the Greater New York area join their 'parade' from New York to military hospitals in the south. Volunteers are also welcome to join their ranks, even if you are not a firefighter! The NCFF-OWW is comprised of firefighter and EMS volunteers throughout Nassau County who conduct numerous fundraising events throughout the year to help meet their goal of providing material and moral support to the wounded men and women of our Armed Forces. Each year's efforts culminate with a personal visit of NCFF-OWW representatives to each of the military hospitals in the area to meet with our brave wounded warriors and express their gratitude for the sacrifices that they have endured for our country. In addition to collecting items and visiting our wounded service personnel, the NCFF-OWW organizes, on behalf of the Nassau County fire service, welcome-home receptions for local service members who have recovered from serious injuries. Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated. Please visit their website at [www.ncff-oww.org](http://www.ncff-oww.org) for more information.

## **Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Donation Programs**

If you're looking to donate clothing, books, small appliances or pretty much anything else, and also want to help veterans, go to [clothingdonations.org](http://clothingdonations.org) or call (631) 582-0242 to schedule a pick-up. Please put the donation outside before 7 AM on the scheduled pickup date, clearly marked *Vietnam Veterans of America*, so that the driver can see it from the street. VVA has found that the most profitable way to sell household discards is through bulk-purchase agreements with private retailers on a bid basis. A portion of the proceeds goes to our local Nassau County VVA Chapter 82.

VVA also has a separate program for car donations. Go to [vietnamveteranscardonation.org](http://vietnamveteranscardonation.org) or call (800) 435-7838 to schedule a donation—FREE towing is provided!

## **Nassau County Veterans Support Grant Program**

The Nassau County Veterans Support Grant Program funds are potentially a one-time \$10,000 payment granted to eligible 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) veterans' posts or organizations located in Nassau County that experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is an online application at [https://ndc.smapply.io/prog/nassau\\_county\\_veterans\\_support\\_grant\\_program/](https://ndc.smapply.io/prog/nassau_county_veterans_support_grant_program/). Applicants needing assistance can leave a voicemail at (646) 825-9617 or send an email to [ncveterans@ndconline.org](mailto:ncveterans@ndconline.org) and someone will contact you within 48 hours.

## **Veteran Functions at Eisenhower Park**

All veterans organizations that wish to hold an event, ceremony or other function at the park must contact the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency to get a permit. This requirement protects the

organization as well as the park since the NCVSA holds an insurance policy covering any accidents or injuries that may occur during such events. Please call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6512 or Paul Vista at (516) 572-6521.

### **Veterans Traffic Court (Nassau County)**

The Nassau County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (NCTPVA) holds monthly traffic court sessions (on the third Thursday afternoon of each month) dedicated to assisting veterans and active-duty military members with resolving violations. NCTPVA will work with the District Court to bundle all traffic violations together. This program is a one-time-only opportunity so don't waste it on minor violations. For more information, please call the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at (516) 572-6565. Also see the following link: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4917/Veterans-Traffic-Court>.

### **Veterans Treatment Court (Nassau County)**

U.S. military veterans charged with minor nonviolent offenses may qualify for reduced charges or penalties by participating in a court-supervised treatment program. To apply, a pre-screening questionnaire must be completed and forwarded to the district attorney's office. You must then contact the Veterans Treatment Court Project Director to set a clinical evaluation for the purpose of determining treatment needs. If you are found to be eligible, you will be contacted by the D.A.'s office and a plea offer will be proposed. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4919/Veterans-Treatment-Court>.

### **Volunteer Drivers Wanted for Veterans**

The Nassau County Veterans Service Agency is looking for volunteers to transport veterans to and from the Northport VA, East Meadow VA Clinic, Valley Stream VA Clinic and Hicksville Vet Center. Please donate any time you have to give, Monday–Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM. You pick whatever times and dates work for you. Nassau County will provide the vehicles; a valid New York State driver's license is required. To volunteer, please call Jessica DeLisa at (516) 572-6526. ***The need is urgent so please help if you can!***

### **Food Donations Requested**

The Vet Mart food pantry at the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency needs your food donations. Please bring your canned and other nonperishable goods to them at 2201 Hempstead Tpke., Building Q, East Meadow. Please call Linda Zorn at (516) 572-6565 for more information and to find out which kinds of food are most needed on any given day. No amount is too small!

### **Veterans Legal Assistance Program**

Receive a FREE consultation with attorneys who specialize in elder law, taxes, wills and estates, family law, VA benefits and claims, disability, discharge upgrades, employment, housing, bankruptcy, debtor/creditor matters, Medicare/Medicaid, landlord/tenant disputes, immigration, and criminal law. For more information, contact the Hofstra Legal Assistance Project at [VLAP@hofstra.edu](mailto:VLAP@hofstra.edu) or call (516) 463-7302.

## **General Needs Ltd.**

Located in East Northport, this is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that distributes NEW clothing as well as personal items such as toiletries to homeless veterans. If you would like to donate, volunteer, sponsor a distribution or if your business or organization would like to assist General Needs (or if you would just like more information), please call them at (631) 266-1672 or email them at [Info@GeneralNeeds.org](mailto:Info@GeneralNeeds.org). You can also visit their website at [www.GeneralNeeds.org](http://www.GeneralNeeds.org) or go to their Facebook page to see any upcoming events.

## **Veterans Project by Long Island Cares**

This project encompasses several veterans' service programs such as a mobile pantry, job search assistance and Military Appreciation Tuesdays hosted at pantries located in Huntington Station, Bethpage, Hampton Bays, Lindenhurst, and Freeport. For more information, please call Michael Haynes at (631) 582-3663, extension 202 or email him at [mhaynes@licares.org](mailto:mhaynes@licares.org).

Their website is [www.licares.org/what-we-do/feed-long-island/veterans-project](http://www.licares.org/what-we-do/feed-long-island/veterans-project).

## **Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project**

A joint initiative of the Suffolk County United Veterans and the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency, it serves veterans, service members and their families with post-service transitional issues such as PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury); a diagnosis is NOT required for attendance. All groups are confidential and anonymous. They also provide services to student veterans at numerous Long Island college campuses and monthly community outreach in various locations. For more information, please call (631) 853-8345 or send an email to [vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov). They also have a Facebook page.

## **Nassau County Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Peer Networking Groups**

Vet2Vet consists of small groups of veterans who meet weekly to share knowledge, provide mutual support and share resources. Confidential and open to all veterans regardless of discharge status. Free to attend; no pre-registration is required. Meetings are at: Mental Health Association, 16 Main Street in Hempstead at 5:15 PM on Mondays and 6:30 PM on Wednesdays; Levittown Public Library, 1 Bluegrass Lane in Levittown at 2 PM on Thursdays (biweekly). There are also spouse/partner meetings at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays and women-only meetings at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, both at Mental Health Association, 16 Main Street in Hempstead. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Audrey Lewis at (516) 489-2322, ext. 1260 or send her an email at [alewis@mhanc.org](mailto:alewis@mhanc.org). Also check out their website: [veteranshealthalliance.org](http://veteranshealthalliance.org).

## **Veterans Defense Program**

Justice-involved veterans often do not have the funds to hire an attorney and are represented by public defenders. Public defense attorneys are rarely trained to adequately represent veterans who suffer from the invisible wounds of war or to translate the combat experience of their clients to explain resulting criminal behavior. This program provides training, support, and legal assistance to promote trauma-informed effective representation of veterans and service members. The Veteran Defense Program (VDP) is a project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA), a statewide nonprofit organization working to improve the quality and scope of publicly-supported legal

representation for people who cannot afford a lawyer. For information and assistance, please call Director Gary A. Horton at (585) 219-4862 or email him at [ghorton@nysda.org](mailto:ghorton@nysda.org). Their website is [nysda.org/page/AboutVDP](http://nysda.org/page/AboutVDP).

### **Donate a Bicycle to Beacon House to Help a Veteran**

Beacon House provides housing in forty-two locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. On any given day, over 255 men, women, and children from the tri-state area benefit from programs that address homelessness, physical disabilities, PTSD, TBI, mental health issues and addiction. Non-veterans, too, have access to housing, drug/alcohol addiction services and job skills/readiness development programs. Contact Ed Aulman at [mardivi@optonline.net](mailto:mardivi@optonline.net) or call him at (516) 921-0595. A charitable donation receipt will be provided by Beacon House.

### **Long Island Vets Help**

The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. and The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless have partnered to produce a resource directory devoted specifically to the needs of veterans navigating civilian life on Long Island. For more information, go to their website at [longislandvetshelp.org](http://longislandvetshelp.org).

### **Walls of Honor**

The Walls of Honor is a place of remembrance within Veterans Memorial Plaza at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. Please note—these are honor walls, not memorial walls, and are open to all currently serving and to all veterans with an honorable discharge, living or deceased. There is a \$100 application fee for each name to be engraved. For more information and for application forms, please contact Allison Ridam Krivosheiw at (516) 236-3245 or [alliridam@gmail.com](mailto:alliridam@gmail.com).

### **Local Website for Veterans**

We-Are-Vets.us is a local Long Island website presenting a mix of information, history and memories for active-duty troops, veterans and interested civilians. Eric Spinner is the webmaster while Gary Glick, Marvin Gold, Pat Yngstrom and Bernard Fradkin make up the rest of the team. Their website is [www.we-are-vets.us](http://www.we-are-vets.us).

# **D**id you know . . .

**The Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog) close air support aircraft doesn't eject shells** from its prominent 30mm GAU-8/A Avenger rotary cannon because of considerations regarding the aircraft's center of gravity and weight distribution. Because the weapon's rounds are so large and the rate of fire is so high, ejecting shells from the aircraft would create an imbalance in weight distribution and thus potentially affect the center of gravity and compromise the aircraft's stability and maneuverability. To avoid these problems, the spent shells are retained within the aircraft and are removed only during maintenance operations on the ground.



*Photo by Senior Airman Chris Drzazgowski/USAF*

# ★★★ Supporters' Corner ★★★

## Long Island State Veterans Home

*By: Jonathan C. Spier, MHA, LNHA*

*Deputy Executive Director, Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University*

The Long Island State Veterans Home is a 350-bed skilled nursing facility and 40-slot medical model Adult Day Health Care Program dedicated to providing compassionate nursing care to honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, their spouses, as well as Gold Star Parents. Since opening its doors in October 1991, the Long Island State Veterans Home has had the privilege to provide care to more than 15,000 New York State Veterans. The Long Island State Veterans Home is located on the campus of Stony Brook University and operates under the auspices of Stony Brook Medicine. It is one of the few nursing homes in the nation that is fully integrated into the academic mission of a major teaching and research university. The Home serves as a clinical training site for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, certified nursing assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, recreation therapists, social workers, paramedics, and dieticians.

Our mission is to provide a world-class healthcare facility with superior quality to this very special population during their time of need without regard to race, gender, religion, disability, and ability to pay. In addition, we strive to serve as a model site for research and the education and training of health care professionals in long-term care. Our goal is to advance methods and standards of care for the elderly and continue to be a resource for training tomorrow's long-term and geriatric health care professionals.

The Home offers veterans and their spouses a comprehensive array of services using a fully integrated interdisciplinary care team approach. Services include short-term rehabilitation, traditional long-term care, Alzheimer's/dementia care, and end of life/palliative care. Our approach combines the skills of a variety of health care professionals including board-certified geriatricians, nurses, physical, occupational, recreation and speech therapists, social workers, dietary counselors, and multi-faith pastoral caregivers, each of whom is committed to helping the residents to maximize their abilities and independence. The Long Island State Veterans Home provides full-time, on-site Physicians with Board Certification in Geriatrics and Internal Medicine, an in-house pharmacy, on-site medical services including palliative/hospice care, audiology, ophthalmology, podiatry, urology, dentistry, psychiatry, and psychology.

Honorably discharged veterans paying privately (out-of-pocket) are entitled to a federal per diem benefit to offset the cost of nursing home care, as well as adult day health care. The private pay rate for a veteran requiring skilled nursing care is \$350 per day. The private pay rate for a veteran requiring adult day health care is \$140 per day.

If a veteran requiring skilled nursing care or adult day health care at a State Veterans Home has a service-connected disability rating of 70% or greater, the Department of Veterans Affairs will pay State Veterans Homes the full cost of care for the veteran. There are no out-of-pocket costs charged to the veteran. The veteran's skilled nursing care or adult day health care is completely paid for by the VA. There is no means test or income limitation associated with this benefit. In addition, the veteran is entitled to keep all social security, pensions or other income that would normally be used to offset their cost of care.

Veterans receiving the Aid and Attendance pension benefit will receive a greatly enhanced award amount when utilizing a New York State Veterans Home for their long-term care needs. Veterans residing in community nursing homes (a non-State Veterans Home) are entitled to a pension award of \$90 per month. Beneficiaries who are living in a New York State Veterans Home for their long-term care service may receive up to \$821 per month for their own personal use.

For more information about the Long Island State Veterans Home, please call (631) 444-VETS or visit us on the web at [www.LISVH.org](http://www.LISVH.org).



## Taps



**Nancy June Yngstrom** of Lewes, Delaware passed away from cancer at age 70 at home on June 8. She was married for 47 years to U.S. Army Vietnam veteran Pat Yngstrom, who was very active in veterans' affairs in Nassau County until their recent move several months ago to Delaware. Nancy had worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for 27 years at Franklin Hospital in Valley Stream until her retirement in 2000. She was very involved in her community, acting as president of the Friends of North Merrick Public Library, secretary of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Girl Scout Leader, and class mom, during different stages of her life. She was also an avid reader and a New York Mets fan. In addition to her husband, Nancy is survived by her children: Daniel Yngstrom (Rebecca) of Lewes, Delaware and Dawn Perniciaro (Vincent) of Lewes, Delaware; her grandchildren: Abby, Sofia, and Caroline Perniciaro; and her sister, Rosemary Schulenburg of Rocky Point, New York.

**Herbert Rosenberg** of Rockville Centre passed away at age 102 at home on May 25. A World War II U.S. Army Air Forces veteran, he served in Europe for three years, earning the rank of staff sergeant and becoming the right waist gunner on a B-17 bomber. He was serving with the 452<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Group in 1944 when his aircraft was shot down by German fighters during a mission over Poznan, Poland, and made a crash landing in Nazi-occupied Denmark. Rosenberg and the other members of his crew were captured and sent to the Stalag Luft 17 prisoner-of-war camp. He spent 15 months in the camp before the German guards abandoned all prisoners in a forest nearby, where they were eventually rescued by American soldiers and returned home. After the war, he attended a trade school for pharmacology and opened Herbro Pharmacy in East Rockaway; he worked there for 25 years before retiring. In 2016, he was presented with a prisoner-of-war medal from the Department of Defense, recognizing his survival in the camp as a Jewish-American soldier. In 2021 he received a proclamation from the Village of Rockville Centre in recognition of his service and was named Grand Marshal of the Rockville Centre Memorial Day Parade in 2022. His wife, Barbara, to whom he was married since 1949, died in 2017. He is survived by their three children, fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. *(Credit to Daniel Offner of the Rockville Centre LI Herald for the details of this obituary).*



*Nancy June Yngstrom*  
From legacy.com



*Herbert Rosenberg*  
Photo credit: Ben Strack, Rockville Centre LI Herald



Want to receive our .....

# WOMEN'S MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL



**Are you a veteran or currently serving?**

The Long Island Air Force Association proudly presents this award to honor women and their families for their commitment and service.  
**(Awarded to women currently serving and veterans of all services)**

## APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Service dates \_\_\_\_\_

Verification of service is required: DD-214 for veterans, ID or other documentation for women currently serving (black out your Social Security Number)

Fred Di Fabio, President 67 Pacific Dunes Court Medford, NY 11763	For information call: 631-754-6383
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- Check out our web page at: [LIAFA.ORG](http://LIAFA.ORG) and visit us on Facebook: **The Long Island Air Force Association - LIAFA**
- Attendance is **FREE**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.  
**You will be contacted to be scheduled for an upcoming ceremony.**

**Medal is not awarded posthumously**

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## THE LONG ISLAND AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (LIAFA)

A Department of Defense (DOD) Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Commemorative Sponsor

LIAFA proudly presents the Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Commemorative Medal to thank and honor Vietnam War  
veterans and their families for their commitment and service.  
(Awarded to living Long Island Vietnam Vets of all services)



### COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Vietnam service dates \_\_\_\_\_

Units assigned and location during war \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a copy of your DD-214 (block out your Social Security Number) and  
this application to:

Fred DiFabio, President  
67 Pacific Dunes Ct.  
Medford, NY 11763



For information call:  
631-754-6383

- Visit our web page at [LIAFA.ORG](http://LIAFA.ORG) to view a video of the ceremony.
- Attendance is **FREE**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.
- You will be contacted to schedule you for one of our upcoming ceremonies upon receipt of your application.