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Anthony Mammola Named to Veterans Hall of Fame



Commander Anthony Mammola (Ret.) of Westbrook and formerly a long-time Old Saybrook resident has been inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

State Rep. Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook, nominated him for the honor.

Commander Mammola was a naval pilot before and during World War II, had a career in aircraft design and has been active in Connecticut veterans' affairs for more than 42 years. Among many activities, he visits hospitalized veterans, runs outings for disabled veterans, and has organized the Old Saybrook Memorial Day parade and service to commemorate fallen military heroes for over 30 years.

“Tony is truly an extraordinary and dedicated veteran and citizen” said Rep. Giuliano. “He has and continues to make a very significant impact on so many veterans and people in his community. Commander Mammola's service to veterans rises to the highest standards required for the honor of being inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.”

Governor M. Jodi Rell approved 10 new veterans for induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2007, including Commander Mammola.

Governor Rell, joined by leaders of the state's veterans' community, will formally induct the Class of 2007 in a public ceremony on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 5 p.m. in the Legislative Office Building atrium in Hartford. At the ceremony, Governor Rell will present each honoree or family representative with an official, numbered commemorative medallion recognizing their formal induction into this select group.

“In this time of thanksgiving, it is very fitting that we pause to recognize and honor the heroes of the past and present who have so vitally shaped our nation and way of life,” Governor Rell said. “These individuals not only answered the call of their nation, they have answered the call of their communities. It is what they have done beyond their military service that truly sets them apart as individuals worthy of this special honor. The example they have set, the courage they have shown and the public service they have given is most worthy of the respect and admiration of all Connecticut citizens.”

Governor Rell created the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame in 2005 through Executive Order No. 5 to pay permanent tribute to those citizens who have served the nation with distinction in the U.S. Armed Forces and then returned home to enrich their communities and state through distinguished careers and selfless public service.

Seven of this year's inductees are living while three will be inducted posthumously. This year's class includes two living honorees who are recipients of the Medal of Honor, cited for extreme bravery and acts of heroism during World War II – Michael J. Daly of Fairfield and Robert B. Nett, currently a resident of Columbus, Georgia.

Rep. Marilyn Giuliano serves the 23rd Assembly District of Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.