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## Fairfield Delegation, Community Members Honor Service of Local Veteran Thomas Quinn

Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Rep. Brenda Kupchick, Sen. Tony Hwang, Rep. Laura Devlin, and community members congratulated Fairfield veteran Thomas Quinn on his induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame during a ceremony Monday evening.

The Hall of Fame honors Connecticut veterans who have made significant contributions to their community since leaving the service. Nominees for the honor are accepted annually, and Quinn joins 10 other veterans in the 2017 class.

“I had the honor of first getting to know Tom through his work on the Riverfield Building Committee, and his dedication to our community is inspiring. He gives his time and energy selflessly, and Fairfield and the state of Connecticut are better for it,” **Rep. McCarthy Vahey** (D-133) said. “Tom embodies the spirit of the Veterans Hall of Fame, as someone who served our country and continues to give back through his work in the community and advocacy for all veterans.”

“Honoring the military service and life’s work of our veterans is among the most important ways we as citizens can show gratitude,” said **Rep. Kupchick** (R-132). “Tom Quinn stands as a particularly inspirational model of an American serviceman who answered the call of duty to his country and then continued that admirable service long afterward. Tom has lived a life consistently giving back to our community, our state, and our country. It is an honor for me to join my friend Tom for the induction ceremony to the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame alongside other exemplary individuals who served our country.”

“It was my honor to attend the induction of Mr. Tom Quinn into the Connecticut State Veteran’s Hall of Fame. He has been an active member of our community, as he led the Riverfield School Building Committee in the renovation of our school,” said Riverfield Elementary Principal Brenda Anziano. “Mr. Quinn also contributed to our Veterans Day and Patriotic Day events and never missed an opportunity to share his love for our country with students, staff, and parents. I

can think of no one more worthy to receive this award. The entire staff of Riverfield Elementary School sends their congratulations!”

“Tom Quinn is a very special person, and he has an impressive and wonderful family,” **Sen. Hwang** (R-28) said. “Tom not only has been a strong advocate for veterans, he has been a strong advocate for our community for many years. Tom has dedicated his life to community service – serving his country, and serving the people of Fairfield. For that, we are truly grateful, and we stand together in congratulating Tom on this fitting honor.”

“All we can say is thank you, Tom. We are grateful for your service to our country and the amazing work you do in Fairfield to educate our community and recognize and support all those who have served,” said **Rep. Devlin** (R-134). “You are an extraordinary person, and Fairfield is lucky to have you.”

Quinn is known throughout Fairfield for his dedication to veterans’ causes. He was a Post Commander and Vice Commander at American Legion Post 143, and has served as Grand Marshal for the Town of Fairfield Memorial Day Parade on multiple occasions.

He coordinates an annual event honoring the “Four Chaplains,” helps to lead all of the town veterans’ celebrations (Wall of Honor, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Veterans Day), and regularly serves on funeral honor guard duty. Quinn is also a staunch advocate for funding for veterans’ services at the local, state, and federal level.

Each year, the Veterans Hall of Fame inducts around 10 Connecticut veterans based on recommendations from an executive committee and a final selection by the Lt. Governor. The Hall of Fame was established in 2005 and 126 current and former citizens of Connecticut have been inducted to date.

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