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## SALUTING FLEET'S MILITARY VETERANS

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November 11, 1918 was a historic day. 11am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month marked the armistice and cessation of hostilities that ended World War I. This date would soon be recognized by the U.S. government as Armistice Day. Since 1954, November 11 has been designated as Veterans Day, a national holiday.

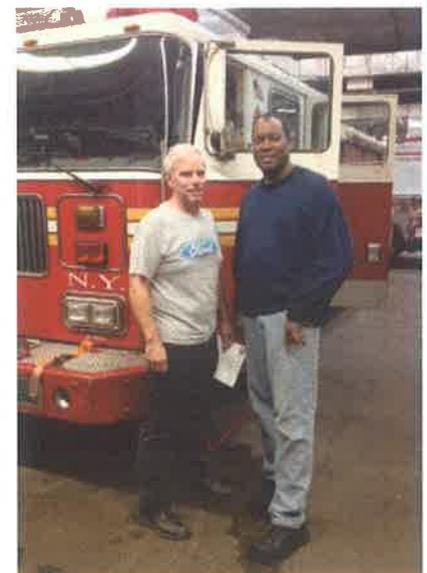
Veterans Day gives us a chance to reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans of the armed forces and their families in service to our country. We also remember those on active duty in the United States and around the world. Many are our colleagues. Men and women from New York City fleet services have served and continue to serve their nation with distinction, in every branch of the military. Many fleet staff learned their trades originally in the armed forces before joining NYC government. We are proud of all of the City's and Fleet's veterans and active members of the Guard or reserves and recognize them this week.

Stories of three fleet veterans are below. We have also begun a list of all of Fleet's veterans to post on the Fleet internet site. Please email [NYCFleet@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:NYCFleet@dcas.nyc.gov) if you would like to be included in the list.

**Gennaro "Gino" J. Finelli** is an Auto Mechanic who has been with NYPD for 23 years. He is one of the few veterans in Fleet, or anywhere, to have served for both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. He was stationed in Lebanon from 1980-83 with the Navy, where he was an aviation and jet engine warfare specialist, pistol and rifle expert, and an Italian translator. From 1983 to 2002 Gino was with the U.S. Army Reserve, where he became a veteran of Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. He was both a tank mechanic and tank commander with the U.S. Army. At NYPD, he repairs Crown Victorias, Priuses, vans, and anything light duty at Shop 6. Gino was born in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and now lives in Staten Island with his wife and two daughters (pictured).



**George Johnson** is an Auto Mechanic at DSNY field operations. He has served closer to home, with the U.S. Coast Guard. George participated in port security, boat engineering, and Search & Rescue for Coast Guard Station New York, both active duty from 1980-84 and reserve duty from 1987-99. His Coast Guard duties included a wide array of action, such as interdicting waterway drug runners, putting out fires on vessels and shorefronts, and major repairs to various Coast Guard vessels. At DSNY George has worked on every type of truck including collection trucks, rack trucks, and sweepers, and currently helps to coordinate training programs for maintenance staff.



**Robert Lucey** is a Supervisor of Mechanics at FDNY, and served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1984-88. He specialized in vehicle maintenance and recovery for the Marines. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton stateside, and then at Iwakuni, Japan. Since 1988, Robert has worked for the City, first as a Service Worker at Department of General Services (DGS), the predecessor to DCAS, and then with FDNY since 1991 as an Auto Mechanic. At FDNY, Robert has worked in the pumper section, ladder section, night crew, ambulance shop, and body shop before his SOME training. He is pictured to the right in the pumper section with Auto Mechanic Steven Johnson, himself a veteran of the U.S. Army.

## Military Veterans in Fleet

Agency	Name	Title	U.S. Service Branch
DCAS	Augusto Garcia	Chauffeur Attendant	US Marines
DCAS	Brian Evans	Chauffeur Attendant	US Air Force
DCAS	Latia Riley	Fleet Analyst	US Army / US Army Reserves
DCAS	Lenin Fierro	Adm Mgr	US Navy
DEP	James Letohic	Auto Mechanic	US Army / Army National Guard
DOC	Richard Fosbeck	Fleet Director	US Army
DOHMH	Isaac H. Suggs, Jr.	Fleet Director	US Army
DSNY	Daniel Johnson	Supervisor of Mechanics II	US Navy
DSNY	Doug Luback	Supervisor of Mechanics II	US Navy
DSNY	Ed Rasmussen	Deputy Director	US Army
DSNY	George Johnson	Auto Mechanic	US Coast Guard
DSNY	Jaggan Mithu	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Army
DSNY	Michael Savino	Auto Mechanic	US Navy
DSNY	Patrick Sabatini	Supervisor of Mechanics II	US Navy
DSNY	Ted Reich	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Navy
DSNY	William Napier	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Marine Corps
FDNY	Joseph Zerbo	Auto Mechanic	US Navy
FDNY	Louis Salazar	Auto Mechanic	US Navy
FDNY	Robert Lucey	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Marines
FDNY	Steven Johnson	Auto Mechanic	US Army
NYPD	Abraham Llauger	Auto Mechanic	US Navy
NYPD	Dorian Dukes	MVS	US Army Reserves
NYPD	Emmanouel Konstandakis	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Marines
NYPD	Gary Harnish	Auto Mechanic	US Army National Guard
NYPD	Gerald Buchanan	Motor Vehicle Operator	US Army
NYPD	Gino Finnelli	Auto Mechanic	US Navy / US Army
NYPD	John Zeolla	Auto Mechanic	US Army
NYPD	Keith Johnson	City Laborer	US Navy
NYPD	Mack Randall	Auto Service Worker II	US Army
NYPD	Matthew Peterson	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Army Reserves
NYPD	Michael Burke	Auto Mechanic	US Army
NYPD	Nazeem Ali	Auto Mechanic	US Army
NYPD	Ruben Delgado	Supervisor of Mechanics	US Army
OCME	Sheperio Hawkins	Fleet Manager	US Air Force
Parks	Lofton Johnson	Clerical Associate	US Air Force
Parks	Wellington Green	Principal Admin Associate	US Army