

**Columbia County
Honor-A-Veteran Committee**

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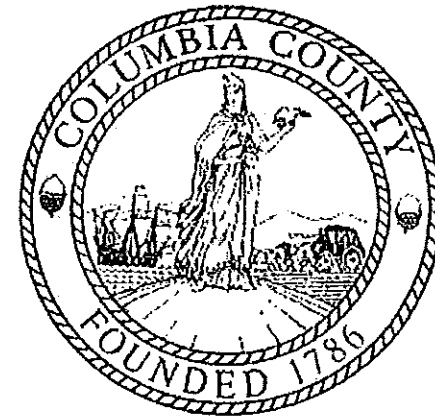
John Funk
Jerry Benvenuto
Benny Murell
Chester Smith
William M. Armstrong

Deceased Honorary Members:

Gerald R. Simons

Columbia County Honor-A-Veteran

May 21, 2012



Honoring
RODNEY W. HINGLE

*Past Chairman

PROGRAM

Posting of Colors

Invocation - William Van Alstyne

Pledge of Allegiance by Wilson Shea

Presentation of American Flag Donated by
Congressman Chris Gibson

Presenting Proclamation – Patrick Grattan
Chairman - Columbia Co. Bd. Of Supervisors

Retiring of the Colors

Flag Ceremony

Rifle Squad

Taps - played by Fred Stark

Closing Prayer

Please take a moment to look at the plaque across the hall outside
The Board of Supervisors chamber which lists the names of the
other Veteran's honored by this Committee since 2000.

RODNEY W. HINGLE

Rodney was born on January 26, 1919 to Chester and Ella Hingle at Baldwin, New York. Growing up in Baldwin, he attended Plaza Elementary and Baldwin High School, graduating in 1938. Rodney received 400 hours of training to fabricate aircraft at Freeport Aviation, Freeport, New York. He went to work for Gruman Aircraft Corp in Long Island, New York. Using blueprints Rodney used hand tools, automatic drills and riveting machines to assemble aircraft wings.

Rodney entered the United States Army on September 20, 1943 at 10 Pacific Street, Baldwin, New York as a Private. After basic training he was trained as a carpenter where he was assigned on September 15, 1944 to the 1657 Engineer Utility Detachment in the Eastern Theater of Operation. Tech 5 Sergeant Rodney Hingle was a supervisor of a crew of 12 men who built bridges, barracks and infrastructure that would be necessary in aiding the allied thrust across Europe onto final victory. Tech 5 Sergeant Rodney Hingle was honorably discharged on April 19, 1946 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

For his service Tech 5 Sergeant Rodney Hingle was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Rodney returned home to Copake, New York and would marry Alice, his wife, on April 7, 1956 at the Freeport United Methodist Church in Freeport, New York. In the subsequent years Rodney worked for Gruman Aerospace, Sherman Roofing Company, and Long Island Lighting Company; while he and Alice raised four children: Nora, Linda, Kevin and Keith. He was the head usher in the United Methodist Church and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Rodney passed away on May 6, 2007 in Greenville, New York and was buried at the National Cemetery at Schuylerville, New York. He was 88 years old.