

Belardo Receives Jefferson Award For Humanitarian Devotion

Joseph M. Belardo Sr. has been selected as the Medalist for the Lifetime Service Category of the 2018 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards. The Jefferson Foundation Awards is the nation's oldest and most prestigious



Joseph Belardo Sr., NJ Governor's Jefferson Awards Medalist

recognition program for volunteer/public service, and is the official recognition program of the United States Senate.

Belardo was recognized for his extraordinary record of years of volunteer and public service to veterans, community and our nation. He is honored by joining past National Service awards winners including General Colin Powell, Bob Hope, Jerry Lewis, Jan Scruggs, John Glenn, Oprah Winfrey and Betty Ford.

He received this national award at the 2018 New Jersey State Governor's Jef-

ferson Awards ceremony and celebration of volunteerism on June 2 at the War Memorial in Trenton.

Belardo's selfless acts and humanitarian devotion has brought light and life to so many veterans.

His passionate dedication and extraordinary personal promise to support all vets has been a lifelong commitment. His long list of involvement in the state and national committees includes Commander of N.J. Purple Hearts and co-founder of the N.J. Agent Orange Committee.

Belardo has directed fundraising for the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the D.C. Women's Memorial and Operation Stand Down.

Belardo was nominated for the award by his sister, South Plainfield resident Brenda Ribar.



Belardo was among the 2018 honorees celebrated at the New Jersey War Memorial in Trenton on June 2.