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Huntington Station, NY– On Monday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) presented World War II Veteran Vincent Busciolano, 88, with a ceremonial check for $89,349 in back payments related to injuries he suffered while serving in the Navy in 1944 and 1945.

"Vincent Busciolano served our country admirably during World War II. Yet for more than 60 years, he's had to fight for the benefits that he deserves. We can't send our troops to war one day and forget about them the next," said Rep. Israel. "All veterans should know that my office is here to help ensure that they are getting they support they need. Today, I am proud to present Vincent Busciolano with a long overdue check for $89,349 in back payments that he earned in service to our nation."

Busciolano, from Greenlawn, was deployed to the Solomon Islands as part of a Special Task Group. At that time, he noted that he began losing his hearing and has suffered profound hearing loss ever since. He first sought veterans benefits related to his service-connected hearing loss in 1946 and has been unable to secure any payment until seeking help from Rep. Israel's office. In addition to the $89,349 payment, Busciolano will receive monthly compensation of $974.

Rep. Israel has secured more than $3.3 million in back payments for Long Island veterans. His office offers a range of constituent services to help those who are dealing with a federal agency, such as the Veterans Administration.

Rep. Israel is a Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.