

Jason Bare to me

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Dear sir's

I have read in the newspaper and heard on the news that the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation has just recommended a 47% pay raise for legislators, the governor and other state officials.

Are you people NUTS?

New York state legislators are all ready the third highest paid legislators in the country, I don't care if they have not had a pay raise since 1999 or not. I am a retired United States Chief Petty Officer living on a salary of approximately 20,000 a year after taxes, health and life insurance. And I am lucky to get a 1.5 or possibly 2 percent pay raise a year. And some times nothing at all. You think you job is tough, long hours, exhausting meetings and legislative sessions.

Well try 22 years in the US Navy on for size. Spend upwards of 10 months at a time on a ship at sea, spend 16 to 18 hours a day on average working and sweating your butt off on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf not once but 9 times in the middle of summer. Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and all the rest of them. I am the one who put MY life on the line, to protect this country not you, for WHAT? So you people can give NY State officials a 47 % pay raise, those people don't deserve any raise at all. They cant even agree on any kind of meaning full ethics reform for them selves.

And just to top it all off, how about explaining to my 88 year old mother who lives on \$776 dollars a month Social Security why you people deserve a 47% pay raise. Better yet, try explaining it to me!

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