

Press Release: Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins Inducts William F. Moye of New Rochelle into Veterans Hall of Fame

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Albany, NY - Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D/I/WF – 35th District) inducted William F. Moye of New Rochelle into the 2014 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame to represent the 35th District. The 99 year old is a World War II veteran who served in Africa and Europe. He is currently the Chaplain Emeritus for the American Legion Post 8 and the United Veterans Memorial and Patriotic Association of New Rochelle.

New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame inductees are chosen annually by each Senate member from each Senate district. The inductees are distinguished veterans who continue

to give back to their community after their military service has ended. This year, the ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 20th at the Legislative Office Building in Albany.

Senator Stewart-Cousins said, "Mr. Moye's service did not end when WWII came to a close. Since his honorable discharge, he has worked with the veterans of his community and the State and continued to live a life of giving. I am honored to nominate this patriot for the Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. I thank him for his service to his nation, to our state's veterans, and to the city of New Rochelle."

Mr. Moye began his military career as a bugler, playing the trumpet by ear for USO's and Officers' Clubs. In early 1943, Mr. Moye's outfit sailed on the Cristobal for "Destination Unknown." They were eventually stationed in Oran, Algeria for four and a half months. Moye served as an interior/exterior guard and continued to play his music at dances. He served on numerous campaigns including Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Po Valley, North Apennine, and European- American- Middle Eastern and earned the rank of Private First Class. After his honorable discharge, Mr. Moye became an active Veterans' activist and joined VFW post 2882. He continued to serve as a bugler and served as Commander of the post from 1969 until 1975 when he became County Commander in Westchester.

Mr. Moye continues to be a loved member of his community by buying groceries for homebound neighbors, sharing his stories and sharing his music.