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Senator Mayer Announces Nomination of Staff Sergeant Anthony Rabasco to the 2025 NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame

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(Albany, New York) - Senator Shelley Mayer is honored to announce Staff Sergeant Anthony Rabasco as her nominee for the 2025 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. Staff Sergeant Rabasco, a lifelong Westchester resident and Korean War veteran, was honored during a ceremony in Albany on Tuesday, May 27.

Born in January 1928, Anthony Rabasco grew up in Mount Vernon as a first generation American during the Great Depression. To support his family, he worked various jobs from a young age, including shining shoes and delivering ice. His natural talent and curiosity led him to the electrical trade as a teenager, where he held a job carrying materials to and from job sites for electricians. He later attended an electrical trade high school that allowed him to hone his skills and laid the foundation for his future career.

Shortly after graduating high school, Staff Sergeant Rabasco enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served in the Signal Corps during the Korean War. His role involved maintaining critical communications between headquarters and front-line units,

often placing him in combat zones for extended periods. He endured harsh conditions, including severe frostbite and recurring malaria. He returned home in 1952 decorated with four Bronze Stars and a field promotion to Staff Sergeant.

After his service, Staff Sergeant Rabasco co-founded Metro Electric, contributing to postwar housing developments and infrastructure projects throughout Westchester. He later reorganized Metro Electric into Bosco Electric, becoming the sole proprietor after the initial partnership was disbanded. After 30+ years of successful business, urban renewal claimed the building that held his shop and Staff Sergeant Rabasco changed directions and continued his career as an electrical inspector well into his 80s.

Staff Sergeant Rabasco has four devoted sons and two grandsons. Today, he remains a pillar of the Westchester community and a proud example of enduring service.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “It is with profound honor that I induct Staff Sergeant Anthony Rabasco to the New York State Senate 2025 Veterans Hall of Fame. Staff Sergeant Rabasco’s courage, resilience, and dedication both in combat and in his life afterward embody the spirit of service that defines our veterans and service members. For far too long, Korean War Veterans have been overlooked and carrying the story of Staff Sergeant Rabasco is a powerful reminder of his sacrifices, his family’s, and of all those who served in Korea. I am proud to recognize him and his legacy with this well-deserved honor.”

The New York State Veterans Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor distinguished veterans from across New York State for their military service and ongoing dedication to their communities. Each year, one veteran from every Senate district is nominated to the Hall of Fame and celebrated for their extraordinary commitment to country and community.

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