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Senator Fuschillo Names Roosevelt's George Jones to New York State Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame

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Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) today inducted Roosevelt veteran George Jones into the New York State Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame. The Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes veterans from across the state for their extraordinary efforts in combat or for work performed after they were discharged from the service.

"George Jones has dedicated nearly his entire life to service. Whether it was on the battlefield or in the community, he fought to protect and improve the lives of others. He is a true hero who exemplifies everything that is great about our veterans and our nation. I'm so pleased to congratulate him on earning this well-deserved honor," said Senator Fuschillo.

George Jones' service began in 1939, at age 16, when he enlisted in the New York National Guard. He entered the regular Army in 1941, rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1942, and fought in both the European and Pacific Theatres during World War II.

General Jones returned to the National Guard in 1946 but reentered active duty for the Korean War, commanding an artillery battery. He returned to the National Guard in 1952, where he served another 18 years before retiring as a Brigadier General.

General Jones served outside the military as well. He was a 20 year member of the New York City Fire Department and the first president of the Vulcan Society, the nation's first organization of African-American firefighters. He spent over 30 years working for Nassau County, promoting employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for minorities and individuals with disabilities. He recently concluded 18 years as Board Chairman of the Urban League of Long Island.

A decorated veteran, General Jones earned the following awards: American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Medal with 2 stars; Japan Occupation Medal; Korean Service Medal with 2 brass stars; and U.N. Service Medal. He also wrote a book, "The Character of Leadership" which chronicles his combat experiences.

General Jones and his wife, Eunice, reside in Roosevelt and are proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

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