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Senator Sanders Nominates Rodney K. Moore for 2015 "Veterans' Hall of Fame"

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State Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village) nominated Rodney K. Moore of Jamaica for the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. He was officially inducted at a ceremony in Albany on May 19. Moore served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976-1984 and in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1987-1998. He presently works for a non-profit organization that assists homeless veterans.

"Rodney is a very deserving honoree, having served honorably in two branches of the military and continuing to help his fellow service members through his community work," Sanders said.

Every year senators from across the state are asked to select a veteran from their district to be inducted into the Veterans' Hall of Fame. The honor was created to recognize and celebrate outstanding service members from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life.

Rodney Moore began his military career when he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1976. He became proficient in refueling all aircraft, including fighter jets and transit aircraft. Moore became eligible for promotions and increased responsibility, taking the position of command and control tech. He worked directly for the wing commander on installations in Arizona and Texas, completing eight years of service.

In 1987, Moore transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard, where he was assigned to the Search & Rescue Unit on Governor's Island, New York. He became a boarding officer on the East and Hudson rivers. He was later assigned to the Coast Guard Recruiting Command in Battery Park, where he became proficient in processing applicants for enlisted and officer programs within the Coast Guard. Moore's tour of duty lasted six years, with his final assignment before retirement being Auxiliary Yeoman, responsible for 250 administrative files.

Today, Moore is the Veterans Housing Coordinator for a non-profit organization called Veterans in Command, located in Jamaica, Queens. Veterans in Command provides clean, affordable, furnished rooms for homeless veterans, with the goal of independent living for these service members, enhancing their quality of life and self-esteem and motivating them to be proactive in their career growth. VIC manages four properties in the 10th Senate District with a total of 29 male veterans assigned. The organization's slogan is "Not only

providing a place to live...but a place to call home.”

During his time in the military, Mr. Moore received numerous awards including the Air Force Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Bicentennial Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon and Air Force Longevity Service Award with one gold star.