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Award: Veterans' Hall of Fame

Joseph P. Conace, having proudly served his country in World War II and devoted more than 60 years of service to his community as an active member of American Legion Post 310, is deserving of a special place among the elite veterans of New York State.

Deployed to the European Theatre as part of the 35th Infantry Division's 134th Infantry, Mr. Conace saw action during the effort to liberate France. Shortly after arriving in Europe, Mr. Conace was promoted to the rank of Sergeant but battle wounds suffered on September 17, 1944 in Nancy, France forced him out of action. After three months of recuperation in the 125th General Hospital in Blanford, England, Conace was assigned to the Military Police where he served the remainder of his term of service. For his valor on the battlefield and meritorious service, he earned the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, the Conspicuous Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and a Good Conduct Medal.

Upon returning home to his native Nyack in 1946, Mr. Conace joined the American Legion Post 310. He served as Post Commander in 1949 and was a member and eventually squad leader of the Post's Color Guard for 50 years. In recognition of his many years of service, Mr. Conace was awarded an Honorary Life Membership.

For his battlefield gallantry and selfless community service, Joseph P. Conace is hereby inducted into the New York State Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame.