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6/14/2011: Veteran's Hall of Fame Honoree Jackie L. Wilson

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Sergeant Major

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**Award:** Veterans' Hall of Fame

**Year:** 2011

Sergeant Major Jackie L. Wilson had a distinguished 24 year career in the United States Army Reserve. During his service, Mr. Jackson led his men on and off the battlefield. He served active duty in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm 1990-1991, and was also called to active duty for Freedom Iraq but was unable to be mobilized due to his health. Mr. Wilson was forced to retire due to medical reasons.

During his illustrious service to the United States Army Reserve, Mr. Wilson received many awards and decorations including: the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Components Medal 1<sup>st</sup> OLC, National Defense Service Medal, South West Asia Service Medal, W/3 Bronze Service Stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Number 4 Device, and the Army Service Ribbon.

Mr. Wilson is a pillar of his community of Laurelton, New York, and is known in the surrounding neighborhoods as someone who is always willing to help. He is the Jr. Vice Commander of Post 5298 VFW and works with the Post Youth Recreation Program. He also served as an Auxiliary Police Officer for the Laurelton community (105<sup>th</sup> Pct).

For his community service Mr. Wilson has been recognized by local officials and many community organizations. He received the Man of the Year Award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women and the Youth Mentoring Award. He is truly a person of tremendous character, poise, and great generosity.