

PRESS RELEASE

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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY

Board Honors Austin Jackson, William Moore and Frederick Shaw, Jr.
During Ceremony at the Hall of Records



Freeholders congratulate their Veterans Observance honorees: (from l. to r.) Freeholder D. Bilal Beasley with his honoree, William Moore of Irvington; Austin J. Jackson of Newark with his sponsor, Freeholder President Blonnie R. Watson; and Frederick T. Shaw, Jr., of East Orange with his sponsor, Freeholder Carol Y. Clark. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

(Newark, NJ) – The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders held its 2011 Veterans Observance at the Hall of Records on Wednesday, November 2nd, to recognize the patriotism and sacrifices of Essex County veterans, past and present. The Observance included a program during which three Essex County veterans were honored for their service to their country and presented with framed Commendations, plaques and service medals. The ceremony was followed by a catered reception.

This year's honorees were: **Austin J. Jackson** of Newark (sponsored by Freeholder President Blonnie R. Watson); **William Moore** of Irvington (sponsored by Freeholder D. Bilal Beasley); and **Frederick T. Shaw, Jr.**, of East Orange (sponsored by Freeholder Carol Y. Clark).

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Austin J. Jackson is congratulated by Freeholder President Blonnie R. Watson during the ceremony. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

Austin J. Jackson of Newark enlisted in the United States Army in 1985 at the age of 17, and received training to become a Supply Specialist. During his 4 years of active duty he was assigned to Ft. Ord in California and served training missions in Washington, Arizona and the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. After his Honorable Discharge in 1989, he immediately entered the United States Army Reserve, served in several Reserve units, graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School in 1997 and received his Warrant Officer appointment. His commissioned officer assignments have included active duty as a Warehouse OIC and Army Liaison Assistant at the Joint Personal Effects Depot in Alexandria, Virginia, and as a G4 Asset Visibility Officer during a tour of duty in Iraq (2009-2010). Still a member of the Reserve today, Mr. Jackson is currently assigned with the Army Human Resources Command of Fort Knox, Kentucky, as a Property Accounting Technician with the Quartermaster Corps. In addition to his military service, Austin Jackson joined the Newark Police Department in 1995. He became a Detective in 2005 and worked in the Newark/East Orange Joint Gang & Narcotics Task Force until his promotion to Sergeant in 2006, in which role he first supervised Officers in the Street Crimes Unit. Currently, he is assigned to the Emergency Services Unit. Mr. Jackson earned his A.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Essex County College and is currently pursuing his Bachelor's degree at Rutgers – Newark. He is the proud father of a son and a daughter.

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William Moore was presented with his plaque by Freeholder D. Bilal Beasley during the program held at the Hall of Records. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

William Moore of Irvington was born and raised in Newark where he attended the Newark Public Schools. He was employed with several local businesses before being drafted into the United States Army in 1967. He received his training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, and also attended Quartermaster School at Ft. Lee in Virginia, where he attained the title of Stock Control and Accounting Specialist. Mr. Moore served in Vietnam for 13 months from 1968-1969 until his Honorable Discharge in May of 1969, and received numerous citations for his service, including: the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Sharpshooter (M16). After leaving military service, Mr. Moore attended Lincoln Tech for air conditioning and refrigeration and received additional technical training from RCA. He worked for the Irvington Sanitation Department for 6 years (where he was a Shop Steward) and also worked for Hertz Rent-A-Car and in the Public Relations Department for the Veterans Administration in East Orange before operating his own home improvement business for 12 years. Mr. Moore is a member of VFW Camptown Post #1941 in Irvington where he currently serves as Commander, and has received recognition for his commitment to helping veterans from the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the VFW National Home for Children, the Voice of Democracy Program, and for VFW Membership Recruitment. He is the proud father of five children and has been married to Barbara Botts since 1987.



Frederick T. Shaw, Jr., of East Orange receives his plaque from Freeholder Carol Y. Clark
(Photo by Glen Frieson)

Frederick T. Shaw, Jr., of East Orange was born in Montclair and raised in East Orange. He graduated from Clifford J. Scott H. S. in 1965 and then enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he began his active duty career at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and attended Technical School for Inventory Management at Amarillo Air Force Base. During his service he was stationed at Lajes Field Air Force Base in the Azores, Portugal, and then at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico, under the Tactical Air Command, from which he was Honorably Discharged in 1968 with the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service, Mr. Shaw was employed by the City of East Orange and then the Township of Montclair before joining the N.J. Department of Community Affairs in 1982, where he has served as an Inspector, Senior Inspector and Principal Inspector, and is currently serving as a Supervisor of Code Inspections in Trenton, a position he has held since 2001. He attended Montclair State College, where he majored in Business Administration, and then attended Essex County College to become a Building Inspector, RCS. He became a Licensed Fire Official through the Bureau of Fire Safety in 1985, and then a Licensed Multiple Dwelling Inspector in 2002 through the Bureau of Housing Inspection. Mr. Shaw has served on the East Orange Alcoholic Beverage Control Board since 2001, has been a Commissioner for the East Orange Housing Authority since 2003, and also served on the NJ Department of Community Affairs' Affirmative Action/Human Relations Committee. He is a member of the Frontiers International (Newark), where he has served as Treasurer, and of VFW Post #7923 in East Orange, where he has served as Quartermaster. He is married to his wife, Monica, and they are the proud parents of two children.

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The 2011 Veterans Observance was a heart-rending and poignant event that also included remarks from Essex County Deputy Administrator/Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver, opening and closing prayers by Essex County Health Officer Dr. Michael Festa, and a musical performance by Ms. Kathy Brown of Montclair, Research Analyst for the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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