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## Senator Skoufis Inducts New Windsor Local Michael Lutz Into Veterans' Hall of Fame

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### Vietnam War Vet Honored in Ceremony Surrounded by Family, Friends

Senator James Skoufis (D-Hudson Valley) recently honored **Vietnam War Veteran Michael Lutz**--a lifelong Hudson Valley resident, Navy vet as well as Air and Army National guardsman, minister, and dedicated community servant--as he was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame program was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves in both military and civilian life. Senator Skoufis joined Mr. Lutz and a group of family, friends, and fellow veterans for a special induction ceremony at **American Legion Post 1420 in Newburgh.**

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*“To say that Michael Lutz has worn many hats during his life would be a gross understatement,” said Senator Skoufis. “Be it carrying mail in New Windsor, providing spiritual guidance to fellow servicemen or congregants at St. Francis Church, volunteering with countless veterans’ causes, or his duties as a father and grandfather, no one is more dedicated to his veterans’ community or his family than Michael. I am deeply honored to share this recognition with him in front of numerous friends and servicemembers and applaud his induction to the Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame.”*

“It means the world to me to be inducted,” said Michael Lutz. “To be surrounded by siblings, kids, grandkids, fellow veterans, and neighbors, and to have the support of Senator Skoufis and his excellent team, was a thrill and an honor. I just want to keep doing what I’m doing: helping veterans and serving my community.”

The day’s presentation also included an invocation by Deacon Anthony Ferraiuolo and remarks from VFW Post Commander Richie Lay, Mr. Lutz’ sister Beverly Swift, his son Michael Lutz Jr., and Mr. Lutz himself. The group also took a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of PFC George Wargo, Sr., a Haverstraw veteran who earned the same honor from Skoufis in December and passed earlier this year.

Read Michael's [full bio here](#).

