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BYSIEWICZ HONORS PORTLAND WORLD WAR II VETERANS

SECRETARY OF THE STATE LAUNCHES STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN TO HONOR CONNECTICUT'S WORLD WAR II VETERANS

PORTLAND: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz yesterday honored 50 Portland World War II veterans at a Public Service Awards ceremony at Portland High School. The Portland awards ceremony marked the launch of public service award presentations to veterans of World War II by the Office of the Secretary of the State.

“After summoning the courage to defeat tyranny, you had courage and strength to change our country for the better,” Bysiewicz told the crowd. “You did it without great fanfare – without seeking recognition – never asking to be honored. Today we salute you as the greatest generation.”

The Secretary of the State’s office paid tribute and offered personalized certificates for 50 World War II veterans from Portland. Connecticut Veterans’ Affairs Commissioner, Dr. Linda Schwartz presented each veteran with a service medal.

“Serving your country is what America is all about,” said Bysiewicz. “Each person here is a testament to the civic pride and involvement that is the foundation of our civic life.”

Tuesday's event is part of an on-going effort by the Secretary of the State's Office to recognize volunteers and public servants. The Office of the Secretary of the State Public Service Awards Program began in 2001. Since then, the office has honored more than 16,000 people in Connecticut for their commitment to public service, including elected officials, professional firefighters, volunteer coaches, community and youth volunteers, board and commission members, emergency service workers and elections officials.

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