

# William Moon

## Hall of Fame Inductee

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By Elizabeth Stoeckmann

Family filled the Defense Logistics Agency Energy Kunkel Conference Room May 19 to welcome and posthumously honor William “Bill” Moon’s 50 years of service along with five other inductees into the inaugural DLA Energy Hall of Fame.

Moon, from Houston was represented by his wife, Faye, accompanied by her daughter, Kathy, her husband, Lawrence Peters, Kathy’s son, Dakota Thomas, and his girlfriend, Shelby.

Moon’s family were the first guests to arrive in the conference room and see the Hall of Fame digital display exhibit honoring their loved one of 50 years of service. Later other inductees arrived along with family, friends and military leaders from the organization.

“I’m very happy,” Faye said to DLA En-

ergy Commander Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark McLeod.

“This is a very long-overdue recognition for your husband and the other inductees ... An amazing group of leaders,” McLeod said.

Moon, from the World War II “Greatest Generation,” was posthumously inducted into the organization’s hall of fame during the ceremony. His grandson, Thomas Dakota, accepted the honor on his behalf.

“I always knew my grandfather loved his job,” Dakota said. “However, it seemed like so much of his career was uncaptured, so this ceremony helps bring it together for the family.”

Dakota said the ceremony was a reflection of just how much the organization truly appreciates the contributions his grandfather made.

Moon was recognized for his contributions and more than 50 years of dedicated service to Defense Logistics Agency while serving as a distribution manager for then known as Defense Fuel Region Americas in Houston from March 1953 to July 1998.

According to the citation, Moon, while serving in various capabilities in the Department of Defense fuel inventory management arena, developed numerous innovative processes to meticulously manage more than

17.8 billion gallons of DLA-owned bulk fuel war reserve and peacetime operating stock better, faster and cheaper.

Moon was also attributed with successfully executing the transition from service-owned fuel contracts to DLA-managed contracts and inventory management in a program known as Integrated Material Management, resulting in enhanced inventory management, lower operating costs and improved warfighter support.

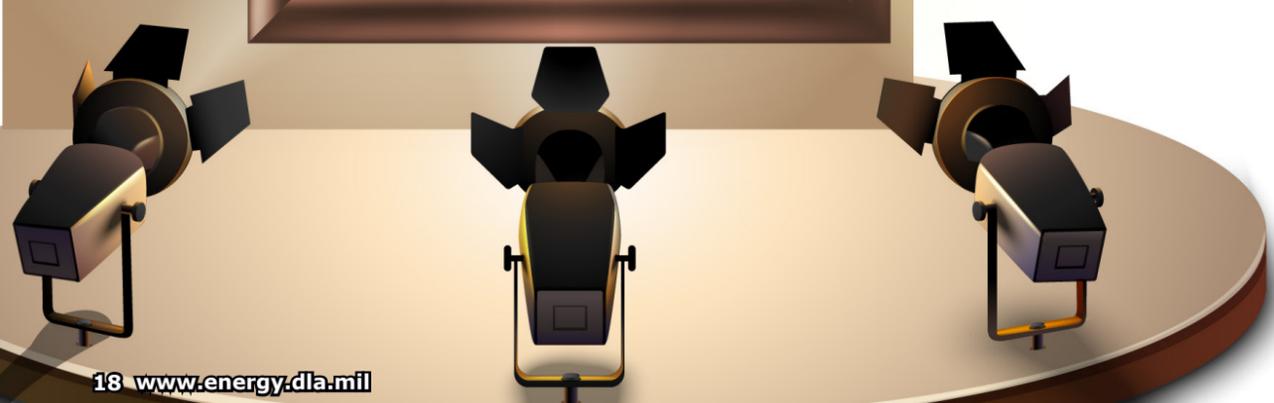
Additionally, Moon was recognized as a decorated war hero, staunch patriot and iconic civil servant whose personal conduct epitomized the highest levels of ethics, dedication, loyalty and selfless service with DLA.

Fellow inaugural inductees and colleagues said Moon’s sterling reputation and legacy lives on throughout the DoD as a true icon in the fuel community, highly regarded for his extensive experience and sage advice.

“I was a second lieutenant when I met Mr. Moon in 1963,” said Energy Hall of Fame inductee Donald Peschka. “We all knew each other in the fuel’s community ... It’s wonderful to be reunited today.”

Emotions were captured at the ceremony connecting the past with the present, McLeod said.

“That’s what this is all about, those expres-



sions today,” he said.

Even current DLA Energy employees said they were happy to see Moon inducted into the first hall of fame.

“Bill Moon was a kind and thoughtful man who had no problem with answering questions from a new ‘fueley’ like me 20-25 years ago,” said Cindy Smith, Energy Initiatives Office Strategic Policy & Programs Directorate chief.

He cared passionately about fuel, his fellow employees and the DLA Energy, Smith said.

“He was also known in the Houston office for an awesome barbeque beef brisket made with his own special barbeque rub,” Smith added. “One time when he visited Fort Belvoir, he brought me a small bag of his rub. All I can say is ... his family has a gold mine if they ever choose to market that rub.”

Upon his retirement in 1997, then DLA Energy Commander Air Force Col. Loren Reno, recognized Moon’s service and formerly acknowledged him as one of the three longest serving employees in the organization at a ceremony during the 1997 Worldwide Energy Conference.

Moon continued to serve until the age of 78 and eventually retired from civil service with more than 52 years of federal service.

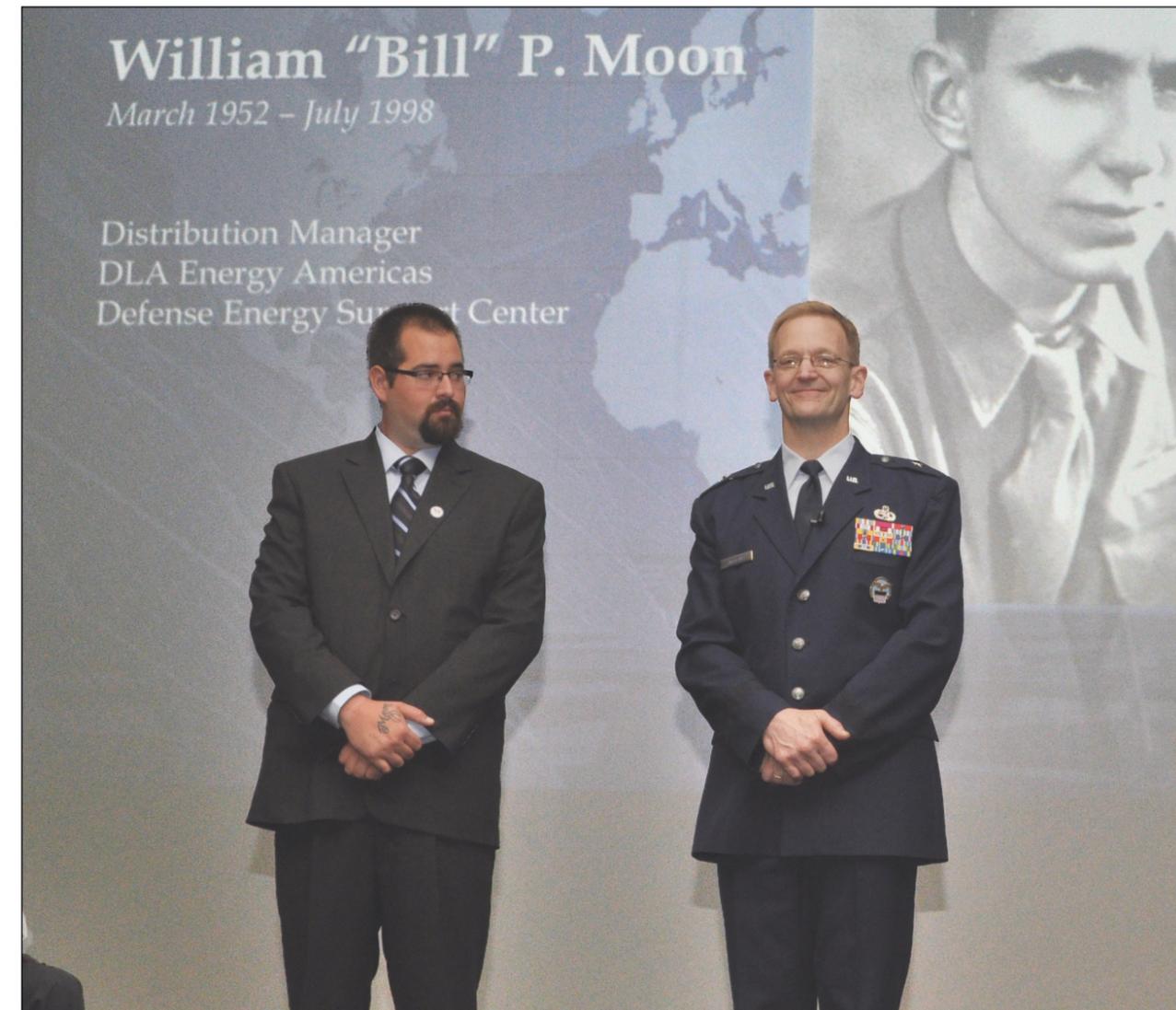
At Moon’s retirement ceremony, Reno, personally thanked Moon for his 50 years of service to the nation in peace and war and called him a ‘national treasure from the Greatest Generation.’ In recognition of his distinguished service, Moon received numerous on-the-spot awards, annual sustained superior performance awards, the DLA Superior Civilian Service Award (special act) and the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Moon passed away in 2006 from failing health and received military honors at his funeral. Moon was survived by his wife, his daughter, two sons, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

“Preceded by his reputation, Bill Moon was the best of the best,” said DLA Energy Americas Commander Army Col. Ronald Ross in the DLA Energy Hall of Fame 2012 nomination letter. 



(Center) William Moon, DLA Energy Hall of Fame inductee, poses with two fellow soldiers during his time in the Army. Moon worked at DLA Energy from March 1952 to July 1998. He served as the Defense Fuel Region Americas distribution manager. Courtesy photo



(Left) Thomas Moon stands next to DLA Energy Commander Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark McLeod as his grandfather is inducted into the organization’s hall of fame. While at DLA Energy, William Moon served as the Defense Fuel Region Americas distribution manager. Photo by Tanekwa Bournes