

Higgins 52 inducted into NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame

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It's been a busy few weeks for Wallace "Wally" Higgins of Alfred Station, a member of the AU Class of 1952. Last week he was inducted into the NYS Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame. Earlier this spring, Wally was presented with a Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award in the United States. As part of the state Senate's annual Veterans' Hall of Fame Ceremony, Sen. Catharine Young, R-Olean, who nominated Higgins, said: "Wally Higgins' patriotic service and sacrifice for our country, and truly his entire life's story is a remarkable example of the selflessness demonstrated by so many in his generation ... As an original Tuskegee Airman who served in the Pacific theater, Wally's aviation knowledge and skills were vital to the movement of troops and materials," said Young. "Aside from his service, Wally is a loving father and dedicated family man, who deserves our deepest respect and praise. It was an honor to be able to recognize him and have his story memorialized in the state's history." To read more, please visit: <http://www.oleantimeshera...>