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## Deputy Minority Leader Griffo honors Wiley Jones for military service

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ALBANY – New York State Senate Deputy Minority Leader Joseph Griffo, R-C-I-Rome, announced today that Sergeant Major Wiley Jones of Marcy has been inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from New York State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life.

Deputy Minority Leader Griffo recognized Sergeant Major Jones during a special ceremony Tuesday in Albany.

“Sergeant Major Jones is an outstanding example of today’s highly trained and professional soldier,” Deputy Minority Leader Griffo said. “He has selflessly served his country since he first enlisted in the Army, has demonstrated remarkable leadership abilities in a variety of roles and has shown a strong commitment to his community, including three decades as a volunteer firefighter for the Maynard Fire Department. It is an honor to recognize Sergeant Major Jones and all the other men and women who are being inducted this year into the Senate’s Veterans’ Hall of Fame.”

A bio of Sergeant Major Jones is below:

Sergeant Major Wiley R. Jones, II, is a veteran of two tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, one tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn and was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

Since enlisting in the Army in 1988, Sergeant Major Jones has served in a variety of roles with increasing leadership responsibilities. This includes time as a First Sergeant, where he trained and deployed three Airborne Civil Affairs companies to Iraq and Afghanistan and improved unit readiness by every measure.

Sergeant Major Jones is the recipient of many domestic and international honors, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medals, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, South West Asia Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass M Device with 3, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Drivers Badge, Mechanics Badge, Combat Action Badge and The Order of Cincinnatus.

Sergeant Major Jones is a 30-year volunteer firefighter with the Maynard Fire Department, member of the Town of Marcy Zoning Board of Appeals, member of American Legion Post 1113, Lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8259 and member of Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 490. He is employed by Ingersoll Rand, where he serves as a Territory Services Operations Leader. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Marcy and have one daughter, Loren.