Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico recently attended a birthday celebration held at the Mastic Beach Legion Hall for Richard Tuscani of Mastic Beach, who turned 100 years old on June 13. Born in 1916, Mr. Tuscani is the oldest living World War II Veteran in Suffolk County. He was a highly decorated soldier who fought in New Guinea and the Philippines, earning three Bronze Stars, a Victory Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation Badge and a Meritorious Service Award. A retired New York City firefighter, Mr. Tuscani and his late wife Helen – crowned “Miss. Swift” at the New York World’s Fair in 1939 - had two children, Richard and June. Mr. Tuscani is a history and geography buff who enjoys reading and watching the New York Yankees.

“God Bless Mr. Tuscani, for if we were able to live half of the life of this great man, we would deem it a complete life,” noted Councilman Panico.