

Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick's **Veteran Street Sign Program** allows Township residents who were Wartime Veterans to be recognized by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, by adding names of local Wartime Veterans to public street signs, we hope to promote public awareness of these individuals and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in Military Departments as defined under Department of Defense which include Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Forces, as well as the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS Wartime Veterans are individuals who served in the active military forces, during a period of armed conflict or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

WHEREAS, Vito, Salvatore, Frank and Anthony Puleio have been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Vito was born on July 15, 1922, enlisted in the U.S. Army early 1943. He served as Sergeant First Class Technician Forth Grade in the Calvary Division. While serving his country Vito qualified as a Rifle Sharpshooter on December 20, 1943. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon and was issued the Honorable service Lapel Button. He was Honorably Discharged as a Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Salvatore (Sam) was born on December 4, 1923, and was the second brother to be inducted in the U.S. Army in April, 1943. He was first to be deployed to the European Theatre of Operations in September 1943. Sam served with 1172nd Engineers Combat Group as a Technician Fifth Grade. While deployed in Paris, Sam was able to meet with his younger brother Frank, whom he had not seen since leaving for Europe. This was a very emotional moment for both brothers. Sam participated in the Normandy invasion. He was awarded the European Theater of Operations Medal with 2 battle stars, European –African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He was Honorably Discharged in January 1946; and

WHEREAS, Frank, Jr was born November 23, 1925. He was the third son and second to be deployed into the European Theater of Operations. Frank was inducted into the Army on May 18, 1944 and shortly after was deployed to Europe. He served as Sergeant in the 89th Infantry Division and was awarded a Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge 1st Award, Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar and Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII. He was Honorably Discharged in April of 1948. His most cherished memory is seeing his brother Sam in Paris during his deployment; and

WHEREAS, Anthony the fourth son was born on August 4, 1927. He was the last brother to be inducted, entering the Army on January 25, 1946. He held the rank of Clerk, General Technician Forth Grade. Anthony served as a general clerk stationed at Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee and Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. He worked in the Orthopedic Clinics at both hospitals. Anthony was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar. He was Honorably Discharged on April 26, 1947; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Vito, Salvatore, Frank and Anthony Puleio** for their service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Ralph Andrews
Council President

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Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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