

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, Joseph, Bronislaus, Paul, Ignac, Theodore and Alexander Miller have been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was born on May 23, 1915, enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 18, 1943. He received basic training in Fort Hann, California and was deployed to the South Pacific, where he was part of an artillery crew; and

WHEREAS, Bronislaus was born October 18, 1916, enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1940. He received basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served in the 3rd Battalion of the 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division for four and a half years, as a fourth grade technician. During his time in service, he was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. Sergeant Miller performed his duties as a maintenance mechanic in an outstanding manner. Despite adverse combat conditions and limited facilities, he maintained the battalion vehicles in excellent working condition at all times. During the rapid advance across France, he displayed a capacity for hard work and long hours, ensuring adequate battalion transport for every emergency. Sergeant Miller also received the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Paul was born August 23, 1920, enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 16, 1940 and was the Platoon Leader in the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team, 11th Airborne Division. This Combat Team originally began in Fort Benning, Georgia on August 21, 1941. On March 2, 1942, the 503rd Parachute Battalion was the nucleus around which the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment was formed. The Regiment was transferred to Fort Bragg, NJ in March 1942. During more than three years in service in the Southwest Pacific Theatre, the 503rd served in five major combat operations. The Regiment jumped in the Markham Valley, New Guinea, on September 5, 1943 in the first successful Airborne Combat Jump in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. Other major areas involved were Corregidor, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Australia. The 503rd was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions; and

WHEREAS, Ignac was born November 11, 1921, enlisted in the U.S. Army August 19, 1942. He was a Corporal in the 6th Army, 43rd Engineering Battalion which was responsible for building and repairing roads and airstrips. He served 34 months on active duty in the South Pacific, Australia, New Guinea and Philippines. He told stories about the Japanese bombing/strafing the airstrips at night and going out the next day to repair the airstrips and detonate/remove any unexploded ordnance still on the runways. One of his favorite memories was a chance meeting with his brother Paul in Australia. Ignac was walking down the street, looked across the road and his brother was walking the other way. What are the odds of two brothers from New Jersey meeting by chance on the other side of the world; and

WHEREAS, Theodore was born May 18, 1923, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Fire Controller Second Class from 1943 – 1946 and 1950 – 1952. Theodore served in World War II at the Naval Research Lab in Washington D. C. and was in the amphibious forces as a Ranger Finder Operator. During the Korean War, he was aboard the USS Essex (CV-9). He earned a Presidential Citation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Alexander was born July 2, 1926, enlisted in the U.S. Marines in June 1945. And served until October 1948;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Joseph, Bronislaus, Paul, Ignac, Theodore and Alexander Miller** for their service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

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