

# 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, Air Force, 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 medals during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

**WHEREAS**, **August Holz** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

**WHEREAS**, **August** (known as Gus) was born on February 23, 1926 at Cedar Avenue in North Brunswick, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, **Gus** was drafted right out of high school at the age of 18 to the United States Army. He began his basic training in Texas and was sent overseas shortly after on the Queen Mary to Scotland. His final destination was Belgium where he joined the 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division where a series of battles were fought from September to December 1944 between the American and German forces. This battle was the longest, single battle fought by the United States Army. His Division fought under heavy artillery and aircraft bombing. He fought at the Battle of Remagen which resulted in the capture of the Ludenforff Bridge. This likely shortened World War II in Europe. As the war came to a close, Gus was promoted to Platoon Sergeant and sent for duty in Bremen, Europe. He earned two stripes and the Combat Infantry Badge; and

**WHEREAS**, **Gus** worked as an electrician for New Brunswick Squibbs, which is now Bristol Meyers Squibb. He worked there for forty three years before his retirement in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, **Gus** is married to Thelma (Balis) and together they have two children; Nancy and Richard. They also have two grandchildren. Gus is still a resident of North Brunswick and has been for ninety two years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **August Holz** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

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Mayor

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Council President

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
April 23, 2018

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