

# 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**, **Salvatore J. Bocchieri** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

**WHEREAS**, **Salvatore "Sam"** was born on December 21, 1927 in Newark, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, **Salvatore** served in the Korean War as a member of the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He was first assigned to the Scarwaf Engineers division who were instrumental in the development of the landing strips where military planes landed. He then served as a supply clerk for the men in that division until he was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army in January 1957. He earned the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, **Salvatore** returned to the states in April of 1953 where he worked and continued the Bocchieri Family Business, which started as a fruit stand on Route 1 in Edison. The business flourished and expanded into a Fruit Basket business that later developed into The Bocchieri Nursery, Landscape and then Florist. He served as a member on the Board of Health and volunteered at the Italian American Carnival for many years with his longtime friend Dr. Fred Bell. He is an active member of the Italian American Club serving as an officer and had continued volunteering his time to help up until 2018. Salvatore enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels throughout the years and is always happy to offer advice to anyone he meets. He retired from the business in 2008.

**WHEREAS**, **Salvatore** married his high school sweetheart Ann Bilardo in April of 1953 and together they have three children; Connie, Sharon who is married to Brian and Brian who is married to April. They also have four grandchildren; Kelly, Trevor, Kyle and Cody. Salvatore and Ann still reside in North Brunswick on Hermann Road.

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

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Mayor

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