

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, Joseph S. Lombardo, Sr. has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was born on February 9, 1923 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He moved to North Brunswick Township during the Great Depression and attended the public schools in the township; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was drafted into the United States Army on September 9, 1943. He completed his Basic Training at Camp Croft in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was a member of the "Red Bull" Division, the 34th Division Company A, 133rd Infantry who fought in battles in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and the Battle of Anzio Beachhead, Italy. However, in July 1944, Joseph was wounded by shrapnel in his arm and leg during battle. He recovered for three months before heading off to the front lines of battle again. Due to his previous injuries, he was unable to walk or fire his weapon effectively. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Technician 4th Grade and was reassigned to the 3485th Ordinance Outfit. His pre-war occupation as a mechanic prepared him for the role of repairing military vehicles for the remainder of his service with the Army. Joseph was Honorably Discharged on January 4, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Joseph has numerous Decorations and Citations which include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, WWII Victory Medal and The Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Joseph worked as an auto mechanic with his brother Rosario at a gas station in North Brunswick which led to their own business, Lombardo's Auto Body, until 1966. He then worked for the Lincoln/Mayflower Moving Company as a Representative followed by the North Brunswick Board of Education as a maintenance worker until his retirement in 1988. Joseph is also the last surviving Member of the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad that he Chartered with a group of men from North Brunswick. He has been active with the squad for 50 years holding many positions, mainly the Treasurer, until he retired; and

WHEREAS, Joseph married Irene Nuzzo on July 18, 1943. They have two children, Joseph Jr. and Nancy.

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

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Mayor

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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