

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, **Stephen Samuel Smith** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Stephen** was born on January 9, 1947 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He grew up on Myrtle Road in North Brunswick, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, **Stephen** was drafted into the United States Army at the age of 19. He served in the 9th Infantry Division (Company C, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division). He was an Expert Rifle M-14, Expert MG M-60 and a Sharpshooter Rifle M-16. Stephen received many medals and awards for his service which include the Army Commendation Medal for Heroism for his brave actions in combat in connection with military operations against hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Stephen's bravery and alertness under fire were influential in the defeat of the enemy. He also received the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, Award of Bronze Star Medal for Heroism, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Stephen served from December 5, 1966 through December 4, 1968 and was then in the Army Reserve until December 4, 1972 when he was Honorably Discharged. His rank upon leaving the service was Sergeant E5; and

WHEREAS, **Stephen** moved back to New Jersey after serving and worked for Johnson and Johnson as a Machinist until he retired; and

WHEREAS, **Stephen** is married to his high school sweetheart, Sandra Lee (Buckelew). They currently reside in North Brunswick in the home of his great grandparents. They have three children; Susanne (Winkler), Stephen Jr., and Stephanie Smith. They also have seven grandchildren; and

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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Council President

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Councilman

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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