

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, Wilbur (Bill) Voorhees, Jr. has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur entered the US Navy on October 29, 1943, his senior year of High School. He was assigned as a Radioman 3rd Class on the USS Doran. The Doran made five voyages between Boston, New York and ports in the United Kingdom between October 22, 1943 and May 1, 1944. They sailed from Norfolk May 17 to return to the Mediterranean where they screened transports from Oran to Naples and conducted exercises and antisubmarine patrols off Oran and Gibraltar. They returned to New York August 22 and made on convoy voyage to Liverpool from October 6 to November 1 before sailing to the Canal Zone as escort for Randolph. From January 12 to April 26, 1945 they escorted two convoys to Oran at Charleston, SC began conversion to a high speed minesweeper. The ship was reclassified DMS-41, May 30, 1945. The conversion and shakedown completed, it sailed from Norfolk July 2 for a month of training at San Diego called at Pearl Harbor and reached Okinawa October 7. They swept mines in the Yellow Sea and served on escort and courier duty at Shanghai, China until January 1946 when they sailed for Wakanoura-wan escorting the ships of Mine Squadron 11 to buoy-laying duty. The ship remained on duty in Japanese waters until March when they sailed from Yokosuka for San Francisco arriving the last day of the month; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur studied at Rutgers Night School and became an accountant; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur married Elsie Olsvary on December 22, 1951. Together they have three children, Barbara Fisher, Carolyn Redman and Wilbur G. Voorhees, III (Garry). Three grandchildren and three great grandchildren have brought much added joy into their lives; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur was a member of the North Brunswick Reformed Church and was very involved with church activities:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Wilbur (Bill) Voorhees, Jr.** 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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Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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