

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 A. Guchek has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was born on December 7, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph moved to North Brunswick Township in 2018. In September of 1966 he was drafted into the Army after basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Polk, LA, Tigerland, he served honorably with the 25th Infantry Division, at Cu Chi in Vietnam, 27th Infantry Regiment (Wolfhounds), Charlie Company, 1st Platoon, as Rifleman, Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant. Offline he served as Ammunition and Chemical Biological Radiation Non Commissioned Officer during his year in Vietnam. While in Vietnam he was awarded a Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal with V (valor) device, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, two overseas bars and two combat bars. He also has been awarded the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal. Joe attained the pay grade of E-6, Rank of Staff Sergeant. He served with the 6th Armored Cavalry at Fort Meade, MD as Air Cavalry Troop, Platoon Sergeant. He was honorably discharged after four years of Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Joseph is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Edison Township Memorial Post 3117 since 1988. He served as Quartermaster and Adjutant for approximately 20 years and currently trustee for the Post. Joe currently holds the position of District 8 (Middlesex County) Commander VFW, Department of New Jersey for 2021-2022 after serving as Chaplain and Senior Vice-Commander. Joe was part of the Department All-State Team in 2007-2008 attaining his White Hat. He has also served as VFW District 8 (Middlesex County) Quartermaster and Historian and Department of New Jersey Photographer. He was appointed National Aide-De-Camp 2011-2012. He is a Life Member of the Cooties Pup tent #7 "The Honor Degree of the VFW", and the VFW National Home for Children. Joe is also a Life Member of the 25th Infantry Division Association, 27th Infantry Regiment Historic Society (The Wolfhound Pack) having served as secretary; and

WHEREAS, Joseph is a member of American Legion Post 28, Long Neck, DE, Life member AMVETS Post, Millsboro, DE, Life Member Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 52 NJ, Life Member Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233, Middlesex County, and NJ, Life Member Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 10 Middlesex County NJ. He is enrolled in the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, was nominated and attended Honor Mission #1 representing New Jersey in Newburg, New York, August 2019. Joe is a member of Nam Knights Motorcycle Club, Patriot Brothers Chapter, Edison, NJ, Past President, Secretary and Historian; and

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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