

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, Mariano "Marty" F. Pinizzotto has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Mariano was born on April 15, 1922 in Saint Benedict, Pennsylvania. He moved to North Brunswick in 1927; and

WHEREAS, Mariano enlisted November 24, 1942 he served the Country in World War II in the Army until November 1945. Mariano completed boot camp training at Camp Wheeler Georgia under the title "Private Mariano Pinizzotto" he was assigned to the Army's "34th Red Bull" Infantry Division. When Mariano departed from the US he headed to Tunisia, North Africa on April 22, 1943 and was assigned the role of gunner antitank specialist. His division captured Hill 609 on May 1, 1943 and on May 13, 1943 the German's surrendered Tunisia. From there the 34th Infantry Division headed toward Italy and Mariano continued his role as an antitank specialist until he was informed he could join the 34th Infantry Band. If he could learn how to play a trumpet. From then on Marty dedicated himself to learning swing music, show tunes and dance orchestra style music. In December 1943 Marty was granted the official title of "Entertainment Specialist and for the remaining 17 months of the war he played trumpet, French horn and guitar in the Army Band under the show group dubbed, "The Ambassadors of Swing".

The 34th Infantry band earned the distinction of being the first American Band to play on the soil of Continental Europe during World War II and is known as the oldest band in the European Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Mariano, He was decorated with a Good Conduct Medal, European African- Middle Eastern Service Medal and a World War II Victory Medal. Mariano was Honorably Discharged from the Army on November 21, 1945

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

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