

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, Matthew V. Yacovino has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS , Matthew was born on August 29,1924 in the little town of Port Reading NJ. Matt is 97 years old and still lives in the home he built with his wife Gloria. He has a daughter Donna and a son Tom. He has 2 grandsons, Dan and Matt, and a granddaughter, Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, at age of 18 Matthew enlisted into U.S. Navy and was assigned to serve during WWII in the Naval Air Service. After attending aviation ordnanceman, bombardier school and aerial gunnery school. He was shipped to North Africa to serve as a Combat Air Crewman in Patrol Bombing Squadron VP63. At the time of this assignment the Nazi U boats were wreaking havoc on American and Allied shipping. His VPB 63 Squadron was flying submarine patrol in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. Matt served flying combat missions over the Mediterranean, North Atlantic and Bay of Biscayne. During his 2 years in Africa, England, and Gibraltar his squadron sank 4 German subs. The only German sub U541 to surrender during the conflict surrendered to his flight crew in the Bay of Biscayne. His squadron lost 5 airplanes with 10-man crews; and

WHEREAS, Matthew served 2 years in the European Theater to 1945. Than was deploy to the Pacific Theater. He reached permanent rank of Petty Officer Aviation Ordnance First Class and temporary rank of Chief Ordnance man. During his service he was awarded the following medals; Navy Air Medal, Navy/USMC Comm, American Campaign, Europe-Africa-Middle East WWII Victory, U S Navy Combat Air Crewman 1942-1946, Member of VP63 PBY Air Crew that Nazi Sub U541, Combat Aircrew Wings and Presidential Citation. Matt was honorably discharged in March 1946. Afterward he graduated from Rutgers Engineering College and became a Professional Engineer in 1961; and

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

Francis M. Womack III, Mayor

Robert Davis, Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk 2022

Lou Ann Benson, Director of DPRCS

