

**PROCLAMATION
BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick's Veteran Street Sign Program recognizes Township residents who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, adding names of local Veterans to public street signs promotes public awareness of these individuals and shows our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in United States Military Departments, including the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Gresh, Sr. has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Edward was born in Orient, PA Austrian immigrants, father John and mother Anna on March 10, 1921. Edward was the youngest of seven children; and

WHEREAS, Edward was a member of the National Guard and enlisted in March of 1939, a day before his eighteenth served in the U.S. Army, Sergeant, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 114th Infantry. Edward was an excellent marksman. He entered a Battalion Shooting Contest and was awarded best shooter and won a Winchester 22 bolt action rifle, that was the first firearm his only son learned on that he still owns to this day; and

WHEREAS, Edward 's unit was federally activated when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941. His infantry was sent to Fort Louis in Seattle, Washington to protect the west coast from invasion. While stationed in Washington, Edward's unit occupied a sandy beach in the wooded area. He was awarded a medical discharge. Once discharged he returned home, his unit was sent to Germany in the Battle of the Bulge, and most of the men never came home; and

WHEREAS, Edward married Ann in June of 1944 and they lived happily married for sixty - three years before Edward passed in March of 2007; his wife died years later in March of 2015. Edward was an active member of his Roman Catholic community - Knights of Columbus, St. Peters in New Brunswick, Parish Council, Trustee and Usher, Our Lady of Lourdes in Milltown, and Past President of the Milltown Lions Club.; and

WHEREAS, Pop and Nan built quite a family legacy; Edward Jr. and daughter - in - law Eva, Joan and Donna, eight grandchildren and currently twenty - three great - grandchildren. Pop truly believes that God stepped in for them that fateful day he was discharged honorably, he very well could have been one of those men that never came home.

NOW THEREFORE, WE the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, distinguished recognition to Edward J. Gresh, Sr. for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.





Francis M. Womack III
Mayor
Township of North Brunswick



Mary Hutchinson
Council President

Councilman
Bob Davis


Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk
May 13, 2024


Lou Ann Benson
Director
Parks, Recreation and Community Services

