

Introduced by: Council Member Cory Nichols
Adopted: May 17, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2085-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPLICATIONS AND HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION SIGN LOCATIONS FOR FALLEN WARTIME MILITARY VETERANS UNDER THE HONORARY STREET SIGN DESIGNATION POLICY; AUTHORIZING SIGN INSTALLATION; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2084-2021 amending the Honorary Street Name Designation Policy to include certain provisions for Fallen Wartime Military Veterans; and

WHEREAS, honorary street name designations shall reflect recognition of Honorees or Fallen Wartime Military Veterans only and are given on a case-by-case basis, solely as determined by City Council by majority vote and resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has received seven applications nominating Fallen Wartime Military Veterans for honorary street name designations. Each nominee once lived in Jacksonville Beach and was a veteran killed in action either during World War II or the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Department have reviewed each application to ensure sufficient documentation exists to substantiate the applicant's request, and that the location desired for the honorary street name designation is feasible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that approving the applications received to date serves legitimate public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are deemed true and material parts of this resolution and are fully incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Approval of Applications and Authorization for Sign Installation. The City Council hereby approves the applications for honorary street name designations and sign locations and authorizes the Public Works Department to install the signs for the following Fallen Wartime Military Veterans:

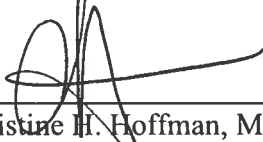
- Corporal Ottis O. Boxx, World War II, 1st Avenue South and 3rd Street, parallel with 1st Avenue South.
- Private First Class Ivan R. Wellington, Jr., World War II, 9th Avenue North and 1st Street, parallel with 9th Avenue North.
- First Lieutenant John W. Deam, World War II, 3rd Avenue North and 11th Street North, parallel with 3rd Avenue North.
- First Lieutenant Kenjiro Yoshida, World War II, Pablo Avenue and 3rd Street, parallel with Pablo Avenue.
- Corporal Stanley M. Harrell, Vietnam, 8th Avenue South and 3rd Street, parallel to 8th Avenue South.
- Captain Roger P. Harrell – Vietnam, 9th Avenue South and 3rd Street, parallel to 9th Avenue South.
- Gunnery Sergeant Benjamin A. Chitko, Vietnam, 8th Avenue North and 3rd Street, parallel to 8th Avenue North.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions and Council Decisions. All prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution should be held invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, or portion of this resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption by City Council.

AUTHENTICATED this 17th day of May, 2021.



 Christine H. Hoffman, Mayor



 Sheri Gosselin, Acting City Clerk

City of Jacksonville Beach

Application for Honorary Street Name Designation

Name of Person/Group requesting designation: Lenny Jevic

Address: 239 Seminole Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233

Phone Number: 904-247-9555

Cell Number: 904-662-0062

Email address: oscmj@comcast.net

Location of requested designation: 1st Avenue South and 3rd Street, parallel with 1st Avenue South

Honorary Street Designation Name: Corporal Ottis O. Boxx

Reasons support honorary designation: Ottis O. Boxx was a star football player for Duncan U. Fletcher High School. He scored 2 touchdowns in the 1941 team's final game that led them to victory. Ottis was a graduate in the Fletcher Class of 1942 and shortly thereafter joined the United States Marine Corps in August of 1942.

Corporal Ottis O. Boxx was assigned as a machine gunner for 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment. He was killed in action on March 1, 1945 during the Battle of Iwo Jima. Ottis along with a fellow soldiers were attempting to toss a makeshift rope of cloth ammunition belts to injured fellow Marines who were out in the open. The first toss failed and as he was attempting a second toss a mortar round landed nearby killing him and five others.

A recent conversation with Ottis's high school sweetheart, Lucy Strickland who remembered him as a wonderful guy who would do anything for anyone.

Ottis O. Boxx's commendation:

Purple Heart with Gold Star

World War II Campaign Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

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Location of requested designation: 9th Avenue North and 1st Street, parallel with 9th Avenue North

Honorary Street Designation Name: Private Ivan R Wellington Jr.

Reasons support honorary designation: Ivan "Sonny" Roy Wellington Jr. lived with his parents Ivan Sr. and Vivia Wellington, sisters, Harriet, Marjorie and Connie at 121 Ninth Ave N. in Jacksonville Beach. Ivan attended Duncan U. Fletcher and was the Class of 1942 Valedictorian. Ivan Jr. was drafted into the United States Army in May of 1943 and served with the Army's 30th Infantry Division, 119th Regiment.

On Feb 25, 1945, Ivan Jr. was killed in action in Germany against hostile forces.

The Wellington Family had received a telegram the month before (Jan 1945) notifying them of the death of Harriet's husband, 1st LT. John W. Deam during combat action. Connie's husband, Navy LT. Leonard Johnson was a bomber pilot who was shot down over Wake Island in May 1944.

The Wellington Family sacrificed more than any other Jacksonville Beach family during World War II

Ivan Roy Wellington Jr.'s memorial headstone is located directly in front of his parent's headstones at H. Warren Smith Memorial Cemetery in Jacksonville Beach.

Private First Class Ivan R. Wellington's Commendations:

Purple Heart

World War II Campaign Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

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Location of requested designation: 3rd Avenue North and 11th Street North, parallel with 3rd Avenue North

Honorary Street Designation Name: First Lieutenant John W. Deam

Reasons support honorary designation: John W. Deam served during World War II as a 1st LT in the United States Army with the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division.

On January 4, 1945, an attack launched by Lieutenant Deam's battalion near Mande-St. Etienne, Belgium, was halted by intense enemy fire short of its objective. Lieutenant Deam boldly led his reserve company in a bayonet assault up an open, snow-covered slope and succeeded in reaching the edge of a woods. There, when his company was pinned down by machine gun fire, he advanced alone and destroyed a machine gun nest, killing the crew with hand grenades. He charged a second gun but was killed by enemy fire. First Lieutenant Deam's heroic action lives on as an inspiration to his men. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest award for bravery. The courage he displayed, his fearless determination and supreme devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

The Wellington Family had received a telegram the month before (Jan 1945) notifying them of the death of Harriet's husband, 1st LT. John W. Deam during combat action. The Wellington Family sacrificed more than any other Jacksonville Beach family during World War II

1st LT John W. Deam awards:

Distinguished Service Cross

Purple Heart

World War II Victory medal

American Campaign Medal

Army Presidential Unit Citation

Army Good Conduct

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Location of requested designation: Pablo Avenue and 3rd Street, parallel with Pablo Avenue

Honorary Street Designation Name: First Lieutenant Kenjiro Yoshida

Reasons support honorary designation: Kenjiro Yoshida enlisted in the United States Army in July 1943 right after he graduated from Fletcher High School. His older brother Jun was already serving in the US Army. Prior to enlisting in the United States Army, Jun and Kenjiro lived with their parents, Gengoro G. and Jean Yoshida in the 100 block of Pablo Ave.

After completing basic training at Camp Blanding, Private Kenjiro Yoshida was assigned to Company L of the 3rd Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was made up of almost entirely Japanese descent. This infantry regiment was awarded more medals for fighting in Europe than any other American Unit of similar size. General George C. Marshall spoke of them, "They were superb! That word correctly describes it: superb! They took terrific casualties. They showed rare courage and tremendous fighting spirit. Not too much can be said of the performance of those battalions in Europe and everybody wanted them...."

On July 8, 1944, Kenjiro (Age 19) was killed in action in Italy against enemy forces.

Classmates of Kenjiro remembered him as a good athlete and student. There were four boys he hung around around with: Bo Brantley, Red Gates, Skeeter Dickson, and Fred Ahern. They were all members of Boy Scout Troop 40. Fred Ahern once recalled when they all hung out near the boardwalk, sailors would recognize that Ken was Japanese and try and pick on him. "We all stood up for Kenjiro. He was one of us."

Private Kenjiro Yoshida's Commendations:

Purple Heart

World War II Campaign Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

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Honorary Street Designation Name: Corporal Stanley M. Harrell

Reasons support honorary designation: Stanley Harrell idolized his older brother, Roger and followed him into the United States Marine Corps. Stanley's dream came true when he graduated Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island in June of 1965. He earned the title, United States Marine.

Harrell had attained the rank of Corporal and was a squad leader. He was a rifleman with the 1st Marine Division, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, H Company. Stanley M. Harrell began his tour in Vietnam on September 28, 1968. Stanley was killed in action during a firefight with enemy forces in the Quang Nam Province in the Republic of Vietnam on November 1, 1968. He was courageously trying to move his men to a better position after they came under attack.

His older brother United States Marine Corps Captain Roger P. Harrell escorted Stanley's body home.

The Harrell Family lived on Ninth Ave South in Jacksonville Beach, four of their sons served our country during the Vietnam War era, only two of the four returned home safely. Corporal Stanley Harrell's Commendations:

Purple Heart

Combat Action Ribbon

Marksmanship Badge

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation

Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

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Honorary Street Designation Name: Captain Roger P. Harrell

Reasons support honorary designation: Roger P. Harrell was a Captain in the United States Marine Corp, a highly decorated skilled aviator flying helicopters and performing daring rescues extracting soldiers during the Vietnam War, his unit logged over 400 missions. He was attached to the III Marine Amphibious Force, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Group 16, Marine Light Attack Squadron 167.

His younger brother, Stanley M. Harrell idolized his older brother, Roger and followed him into the USMC.

Stanley Harrell had attained the rank of Corporal and was a squad leader. He was a rifleman with the 1st Marine Division, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, H Company. Stanley was killed in action during a firefight with enemy forces in the Quang Nam Province in the Republic of Vietnam on November 1, 1968. Roger escorted Stanley's body home.

After Stanley died, Roger thought to leave the Marines, however, he felt he was still needed in Vietnam to help save the lives of other young marines. Roger returned to a tour in Vietnam. 10 months after Roger escorted Stanley's body home, he was killed when his helicopter crashed in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, South China Sea.

The Harrell Family lived on Ninth Ave South in Jacksonville Beach, four of their sons served our country during the Vietnam War era, only two of the four returned home safely.

Roger graduated from Fletcher High School and often played taps at funerals for Beaches veterans.

Captain Roger P. Harrell commendations:

Silver Star

Distinguished Flying Cross

Air Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

United States Aviator Badge

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation

Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

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Honorary Street Designation Name: Gunnery Sergeant Benjamin A Chitko

Reasons support honorary designation: Benjamin A. Chitko enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1951, during the height of the Korean War. Chitko was in his 15th year of military service when he left for Vietnam, he was a Gunnery Sergeant and Infantry Unit Leader and was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, D Company.

In the summer of 1965 when he received orders to deploy to Vietnam, Ben and his wife, Maddy decided to make Jacksonville Beach their home and bought a house in the 700 block of 8th Ave N. They had 4 children, Joey, Peter, Kathy and Sally.

Chitko was already awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor during his first 11 months in combat. He was a highly decorated career Marine.

On September 16, 1966, his reconnaissance unit was ambushed just south of the DMZ (demilitarized zone). The enemy outnumbered his unit three to one and during heavy fighting, Gunnery Sergeant Chitko along with several others were killed in action. His death came six weeks before his 13-month Vietnam tour was to end.

The overwhelming love and support Maddy and her children received from the Beaches Community upon notification of Ben's death made her realize that the decision to call Jacksonville Beach home.....was meant to be.

