

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF SGT. DALE STICKRATH, SENIOR, AND COMMENDING HIM ON HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, Dale Stickrath, Senior, was born on October 16, 1924, in Belle Valley, Ohio;

and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 1943, six months after his eighteenth birthday, Dale Stickrath, Senior, was drafted to the United States Army, along with 28 individuals from his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Dale Stickrath, Senior, reported to Ft. Thomas, Kentucky for induction and then to St. Petersburg, Florida for basic training; and

WHEREAS, Dale Stickrath, Senior, was assigned to the Army Air Corps Unit in Denver, Colorado, where he trained for heavy bombardment; and

WHEREAS, Dale Stickrath, Senior, received basic gunnery training and machine gun training, graduating from gunnery school in Panama with two stripes as a Sargent; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, became an instructor, teaching about Sperry Ball Turret, a spherical-shaped structure attached to an aircraft which held a gunner, heavy machine guns and ammunition; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, volunteered to report overseas during World War II, where he spent 120 days on special assignment, serving with the 13th Air Force as part of the

307th Bombardment Group (HV); and

WHEREAS, the 307 Bombardment Group flew B-24 Liberators and participated in bombing runs; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 1942, the Group received their first taste of combat when staging an attack against enemies in Wake Island and were met with anti-aircraft fire; and

WHEREAS, all aircraft returned safely from what was considered the longest mass raid at that time and became known as the “Long Rangers”; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, served with honor and distinction and was discharged in December 1945, following the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring from the military, St. Dale Stickrath, Senior, began spending his free time working on a variety of jobs including managing grocery stores, speaking to schools about his service to his country, and traveling to all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior made history and his legacy will continue to be shared for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2019 that:

1. The Board commends Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, on all his accomplishments in the United States Army.
2. The Board extends their gratitude to Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, for his service and for his dedication to his country and the people of the United States.

3. The Board extends their best wishes to Sgt. Dale Stickrath, Senior, as he celebrates his 95th birthday on October 16, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JUSTIN M. TAYLOR

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN