

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-156**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING THE 95<sup>TH</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force as part of the 307<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 16, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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JUSTIN M. TAYLOR

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

  
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MICHAEL S. MULLIN