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## **SOUTH BRUNSWICK HONORS PHILIP JOSEPH O'BRIEN WITH VETERAN STREET SIGN DEDICATION**

SOUTH BRUNSWICK, NJ (SEPTEMBER 22). On Saturday, September 20, 2025, the Township of South Brunswick proudly dedicated a Veteran Street Sign in recognition of **Philip Joseph O'Brien**, honoring his distinguished service to the United States Navy during **World War II**. The ceremony was held at the corner of Cambridge Road and Palmer Road, where family, friends, and Township leaders came together to celebrate his legacy.

**Family members in attendance** included O'Brien's daughter, **Tracey Domotor**, and her husband **Richard**; daughter **Sheila O'Brien Kubricht**; grandsons **Richard Domotor Jr.**, **Brandon Domotor** and his wife **Mel**, and **Sean Winn**; granddaughter **Heather McClain** and her husband **Daniel**; and great-grandchildren **Blake**, **Cole**, and **Trace McClain**, along with **Dylan Domotor**. They joined Township officials in honoring his remarkable service and his lasting connection to the South Brunswick community. Representing the Township were **Mayor Charlie Carley**, **Councilwoman Jo Hochman**, **Councilwoman Ann Grover**, and **Councilwoman Patty Germain**.

Philip Joseph O'Brien was born in New York, New York in 1923. He enlisted in the **United States Navy** on January 13, 1942, and over the course of his military career, held the ratings of Apprentice Seaman, Seaman Second Class, Seaman First Class, and Coxswain. He was stationed at numerous facilities including the Naval Reserve Station in New York, the Naval Training Station in Newport, Rhode Island, Section Base Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, Section Base Savannah in Georgia, Naval Air Stations in Beaufort, South Carolina, and Jacksonville, Florida, the Amphibious Training Base at Fort Pierce, Florida, and the Landing Craft School.

O'Brien further served with **Landing Craft Infantry (Large) Flotilla 13 aboard the USS LCI-736**, and later at the U.S. Naval Reserve Station at Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. Following his honorable discharge in January 1946, he was awarded the **American Campaign Medal**, the **Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal**, the **European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal**, and the **World War II Victory Medal**.

On August 27, 1947, O'Brien reenlisted in the Navy as a Seaman First Class, successfully completing the Navy's training course for Yeoman Third Class (YN3). His most significant duty assignment during this enlistment was with **PAMI SERVLANT at the Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia**. He was honorably discharged on June 6, 1950, receiving the **Naval Occupational Service Medal** and a recommendation for reenlistment.

In 1956, O'Brien became a resident of Kendall Park, South Brunswick, where he raised his family and remained until 1989.

“By adding Philip Joseph O’Brien’s name to our Veteran Street Sign Program, we honor his bravery, sacrifice, and dedication to our nation while ensuring that his story continues to inspire generations in South Brunswick,” said Mayor Carley.

The Township of South Brunswick extends its deepest gratitude to Philip Joseph O’Brien and his family for his service in defense of our country and its freedoms.

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