

Proclamation



City of North Port

Whereas, Stephen Bartek grew up in a military family. His father was a member of the USAF and they lived all over the United States; and

Whereas, Stephen Bartek attended the US Naval academy and went on to flight school where he was selected to fly helicopters. After his first fleet assignment, he was selected for the US Navy Test Pilot School later working on new aircraft and systems. He has flown 26 different aircraft during his career; and

Whereas, Commander Bartek's career included several assignments to Africa, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Burundi, Kenya and Rwanda. He finished his naval career as the Executive Officer at the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit at the University of Texas; and

Whereas, Commander Bartek came to North Port High School in July 2002 as the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor. Under his leadership, Commander taught over 3,000 North Port students about patriotism, responsibility, leadership, community, personal respect and healthy choices; and

Whereas, with Commander Bartek, his staff and parent volunteers the North Port NJROTC cadets won seven Meritorious awards. The Unit won the Navy's highest NJROTC award, the Distinguished Unit on four different occasions; and

Whereas, in 2018-2019 Commander Bartek was elected by his fellow teachers as the North Port High School Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, during his career, Commander Bartek had the loving support of his wife Jeanette and two daughters; and

Now, Therefore, WE, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 31, 2019 as

Commander Stephen Bartek Day

in the City of North Port, Florida. It is with appreciation and recognition for his 50 years of dedication to our country and North Port youth, we recognize Commander Bartek's retirement from his duties, on July 31, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 25th day of June, 2019.

ATTEST:

Kathryn Wong, City Clerk

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

Debbie McDowell, Vice-Mayor

Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner

Jill Luke, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner