



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CALIFORNIA ARTHUR PETERSEN AS THE OCTOBER 2019 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

WHEREAS, Private First Class Arthur "Art" Petersen was born in Mexico City, Mexico on March, 30 1924 and moved to San Antonio, Texas in 1925; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Petersen served in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division during World War II as a paratrooper from 1943-1945; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Petersen has been awarded two Purple Heart Medals, the Bronze Star Medal, and the French Legion of Honor Medal in recognition of his heroism during D-Day, Operation Market Garden, and the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Petersen became a naturalized citizen of the United States while stationed in London, England two weeks before D-Day; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Private First Class Petersen moved to Santa Barbara, where he married Gloria Davilla Petersen, his wife of 71 years; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Petersen and Mrs. Petersen have four children, and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Petersen owned and operated a local business for many years, was active at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, and was a dedicated volunteer with the Veteran's Administration Clinic, Boy Scouts Troop 3, and many other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Petersen and Mrs. Petersen have attended reunions of the 101st Airborne Division, and have returned to Europe for the commemoration of D-Day during the 50th, 60th, and 65th anniversaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors commends and recognizes the heroism of Private First Class Arthur Petersen by honoring him as the October 2019 Santa Barbara County Veteran of the Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th Day of October 2019, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board