

FATHERS OF THE FLAG WORLD WAR II - IWO JIMA VETERANS UNIT 1

WHEREAS, over two hundred and thirty years ago the signers of the Declaration of Independence declared that "all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness;" and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of American history courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our Nation's freedoms depend. Between February 19 to March 26, 1945, the **Battle of Iwo Jima** or **Operation Detachment**, was a battle in which the United States fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Empire of Japan. The U.S. invasion, charged with the mission of capturing the three airfields on Iwo Jima, resulted in some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific Campaign of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Iwo Jima was the first American attack on the Japanese Home Islands, and the Imperial soldiers defended their positions tenaciously. Iwo Jima was the only U.S. Marine battle where the American overall casualties exceeded the Japanese. In 36 days of fighting, there were 25,851 U.S. casualties (1 in 3 soldiers were killed or wounded). Of these, 6,825 Americans were killed. Virtually all 22,000 Japanese perished. More U.S. Marines earned the Medal of Honor on Iwo Jima than in any other battle in U.S. History. To those who weren't there, Iwo Jima is remembered as a picture of a flag raising, to those who were, it defined their lives; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to publicly recognize and honor these men who fought and/or lost their lives in the Battle of Iwo Jima and their commitment to this country.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that: This Council recognizes the dedication and hard-work, and the commitment to public service these servicemen provided to the County of Summit and to the United States; and with great honor we salute and commend them for their bravery and loyalty.

We urge all citizens to join in honoring these fine, devoted, upstanding and distinguished men for their dedication to the public cause, this 23rd day of February in the year 2011.



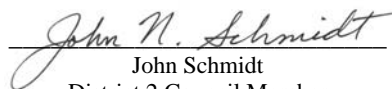
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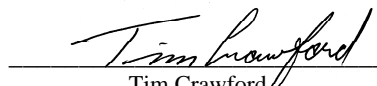
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