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Board of Selectman:

It is that time of year, our first square dedication. I am proposing the Hladick Brothers Square. Two brothers from Natick Martin P. (USN) and Joseph J. (USMC) both served during WWII.

The brothers were among nine siblings who grew up at 140 North Main Street, the youngest of the nine. I have been meeting with Joseph and Thomas Hladick who are the sons of Joseph J.

They would like to have the square dedication at the corner of Jackson Court and North Main Street.

We are proposing May 11th, 2019 at noon.

Martin Paul Hladick Navy, rank Water Tender Third Class V6, was born on December 18th 1918. He served in the following operations. Operation Torch – Allied Invasion of French North Africa / Operation Husky – Allied Invasion of Sicily / Operation Avalanche – Allied Invasion of Italy, Salerno Landings / Operation Overlord – D-Day / Operation Iceberg – The Battle of Okinawa / Subic Bay Philippines Campaign of 1944-1945 / Tokyo Bay Surrender Terms – September 2, 1945 / Martin was awarded the following medals, WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon (1 star), European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon (4 stars).

Joseph John Hladick, USMC rank Sergeant. Joseph served overseas in the Pacific Islands from February 1943 thru November 1945. He participated in the island battles including the battle of Pelau Islands on of the toughest battles of the Pacific. He was awarded the following decorations, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon, Philippine liberation Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal

This has been approved by the Natick Veterans Council and has full support of the council.

This another example of Natick's residents stepping up to the plate to serve during times of need.

Thank you

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