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## **Middletown Announces Town-wide Initiatives to Support Veterans**

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MIDDLETOWN, NJ – Middletown Township today announced its ongoing initiatives to aid veterans, including officially closing on the property located on Leonardville Road in Belford that will be transformed into 100 percent affordable housing units for those who served in the military.

The Township is also proud to support its all-volunteer Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) to establish a "Thank a Veteran" program to offer veterans discounts at Middletown businesses, institute a "Veteran of the Year" program, as well as promote awareness of the state fee exemption for local metered parking for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients.

"The Township Committee and I are honored to support the VAC in these important initiatives, as well as create affordable housing units deemed solely for the honorable men and women who have served our country," said Mayor Tony Perry. The Township will be partnering with the Middletown Housing Authority on this project, which currently manages hundreds of affordable housing units in town.

The building that will be demolished is an old tool rental place across from the Carvel ice cream shop. "We'll be cleaning up the site this summer, and there is a rendering of the proposed project on the property so everyone can envision what it will look like," explained Mayor Perry. The Township expects to break ground on its affordable housing project for veterans later this year.

The Township Committee also passed Resolution No. 21-146 at the Workshop Meeting on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> that outlines how the town intends to support veterans, such as continuing to designate parking spaces for veterans on Middletown properties, recognizing active military on

the established Heroes Wall located in Town Hall, and continuing to pay tribute to Middletown's fallen heroes who were killed in action through our town-wide Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program.

In May, the Township held dedications in honor of Revolutionary War veterans Joseph Murray and Obadiah Stillwell who were killed in action, and installed a new World War II Memorial sign at the monument located at Croydon Hall. More than 50 signs have been added township-wide to pay tribute to Middletown veterans who were killed in action from the Revolutionary War to present.

For more information about the Veterans Affairs Committee, Fallen Veterans Commemorative Street Sign Program, Honorary Veterans Parking Program, and other memorial/monument heritage sites located in Middletown, visit [www.middletownnj.org/veterans](http://www.middletownnj.org/veterans).

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