



# Proclamation

## In Recognition of 368<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion

**WHEREAS:** The 368<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion has supported the City of Bristol's Memorial Day Events since 2006. Each year the support has grown in the number of soldiers and equipment. In 2006 they provided three pieces of Army equipment and 5 soldiers to 2009 when they brought 9 pieces of equipment and provided 14 soldiers to lend support to the weekend events; and

**WHEREAS:** In addition to volunteering their time to support Bristol's huge Memorial Day celebration, they have now become heroes for their selfless acts of bravery at the scene of a serious automobile accident which took place on the evening of Memorial Day, May 24, 2009; and

**WHEREAS:** The soldiers of the 368<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion were guests of the American Legion in recognition of their support of the Memorial Day Weekend events; and

**WHEREAS:** At approximately 1700 hours on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, a woman driving an automobile was cut off by another vehicle and due to the slick road conditions she hit a telephone pole and flipped her vehicle. One of the members of the battalion saw the flipped car with smoke coming out of it and quickly called for help from her fellow soldiers; and

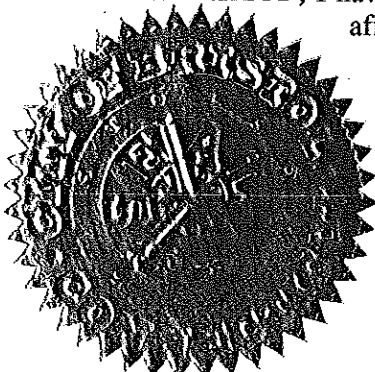
**WHEREAS:** Eight members of the 368<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion jumped into action and with their medical skills, fire fighting skills and traffic and crowd control skills, were able to extricate the woman from her car, assess her injuries and stabilize her, reroute traffic for the emergency equipment to get through, all before the paramedics arrived on the scene; and


**WHEREAS:** The City of Bristol and the victim of this life threatening accident are greatly indebted to SPC James Dixon, SPC Kurtis Haberman, SPC Christine Bashor, PFC Natasha Cunningham, SGT James McLaughlin, SPC Christopher Elliott, SPC Brett Haynes, and 1LT Peter Torromeo for their quick action and compassionate character; and

**WHEREAS:** These men and women, who volunteer to defend our country, take their responsibilities very seriously, not only on the battlefield, but in harms way, wherever it may be.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Arthur J. Ward, Mayor of the City of Bristol take great pleasure in honoring these members of the 368<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion of the Army Reserve and convey my sincere gratitude and appreciation for their dedication and bravery.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the City of Bristol to be affixed this 4th day of November, in the year of Our Lord two thousand nine.



  
Arthur J. Ward  
Mayor  
City of Bristol