

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	May 3, 2016
Title:	Recognize Albert Z. Conner for His Many Contributions to Preserving Stafford's History
Department:	Public Information
Staff Contact:	Shannon Howell, PIO
Board Committee/ Other BACC:	N/A
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Budget Impact:	N/A
Time Sensitivity:	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Background Report	2.	Proposed Proclamation P16-16
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X	Consent Agenda		Other Business		Unfinished Business
	Discussion		Presentation		Work Session
	New Business		Public Hearing		Add-On

REVIEW:

X	County Administrator	
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DISTRICT:	N/A
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REQUESTED BY:	Historical Commission
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BACKGROUND REPORT

Al Conner is a local author and historian whose work has been critical in preserving the history of Stafford County for future generations. He has worked as a military historian since 1995 and has published extensively on multiple aspects of military history.

He published *A History of Our Own: Stafford County, Virginia*, the first complete chronicle of the County from prehistoric times to the present. He donated the proceeds of that book to the Stafford Museum to help further preserve Stafford's history.

His most recent book is *Seizing Destiny: The Army of the Potomac's "Valley Forge" and the Civil War Winter that Saved the Union*, which is available on Amazon. Mr. Conner is donating all the proceeds to the Stafford Civil War Park.

He is a life member of the Stafford County Historical Society, and served on the County's Historical Commission from 1989 until 1999. He is also a member of the Stafford County Historical Society's "The Keepers of the Knowledge Program," which recognizes individuals "Whose dedication, special witness, and enduring contributions are a vital link in recording and understanding our local, regional and national history."

Al Conner is a member of numerous historical bodies and trusts in the Commonwealth, including the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust; Northern Neck Historical Society; and the Fredericksburg Forum.

Proposed Proclamation P16-16 commends Albert Z. Conner for his prodigious contributions to the preservation of Stafford's history.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 3rd day of May, 2016:

MEMBERS:

Robert "Bob" Thomas, Jr., Chairman
Laura A. Sellers, Vice Chairman
Meg Bohmke
Jack R. Cavalier
Wendy A. Maurer
Paul V. Milde III
Gary F. Snellings

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ALBERT Z. CONNER
FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESERVING
STAFFORD'S HISTORY

WHEREAS, Albert Conner is a renowned author and local historian who since his retirement from the military and federal civil service has devoted his life to preserving Stafford's unique heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Albert Conner is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute who served honorably in the infantry and intelligence branches of the U.S. Army, earning the Combat Infantryman's Badge, two Bronze Star Medals and a Meritorious Service Medal, as well as the Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star from the Republic of Viet Nam; and

WHEREAS, Albert Conner earned a Master's Degree in Government and a Certificate in National Security Studies from Georgetown University, and worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency until he retired to pursue full-time his interest in military history; and

WHEREAS, Albert Conner is a prodigious author whose works include articles in *Military Review*, *Armor* and the *Journal of Soviet Military Studies*, contributions to a book entitled *Professional Military Education in the United States*, and commentary detailing the lives and careers of Civil War soldiers which appeared in *VMI Alumni Review* and the Internet; and

WHEREAS, Albert Conner researched and published *A History of Our Own; Stafford County, Virginia*, a pictorial history and the first complete chronicle of the County from prehistoric times to the present, the proceeds from which he generously donated to the Stafford Museum Fund of the Stafford County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Albert Conner's recently published *Seizing Destiny: The Army of the Potomac's "Valley Forge" and the Civil War Winter that Saved the Union*, and is generously donating all the proceeds to the Stafford Civil War Park; and

WHEREAS, Albert Conner is a life member of the Stafford County Historical Society and served on the County's Historical Commission. He is also a member of the Stafford County Historical Society's "The Keepers of the Knowledge Program," and numerous historical bodies and trusts in the Commonwealth, including the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust; Northern Neck Historical Society; and the Fredericksburg Forum; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to bring to the attention of citizens everywhere the dedication with which Albert Conner has served his Country and Stafford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of May, 2016, that Albert Z. Conner be and he hereby is recognized and commended for his efforts to preserve the rich and vital history of Stafford County.

AJR:seh