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Kokoros  
Mayor  
Town of Braintree

BRAINTREE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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Address of proposed work: 773-793 Washington Street (2 JFK Memorial Drive). Assessors' map 1013 Plot: 1

Name of Local Historic District property is located within: Braintree Town Historical District

Applicant or Contractor name: Town of Braintree Daytime telephone # 617-839-5360

Applicant or Contractor's mailing address: 333 Tremont St Braintree, MA 02184. Email address: wilgre98@gmail.com

Property owner's name: Town of Braintree Daytime telephone #781

Property owner's mailing address: 1 JFK Memorial Drive Braintree, MA 02184. Email address: ckokoros@braintreema.gov

Description of work to be performed: Erect one 42" w x 42" w x 48" h granite/bluestone base with 30" h bronze bust (see attachment #1-dimensions are approximate) of recently retired vice admiral Colin Kilrain to be located on the lawn (see attachment #2) in front of Town Hall. This is similar to the recently erected Generals monuments that have been erected in Quincy. Please see attachment 5 for information on former Braintree resident, BHS class of 1976, Colin Kilrain. This project has been approved and sponsored by the Mayor, the Veterans Agent, and the Veterans Council.

Please check categories that apply:

Exterior Building Construction

- New Building
- Addition
- Alteration
- ADA Access
- Other

Indicate Building Type

- Residence
- Garage/Barn/Shed
- Commercial
- Other

Exterior

- Painting
- New Roof
- Trim/siding
- HVAC
- Solar panel/TV
- Other

Structure

- Fence
- Wall
- Flagpole
- Pool
- Tennis court
- Other

Sign

- New Sign
- Existing sign alteration
- Other

Describe Other: monument (base & bust) with pad and footings

The following has been submitted with this application:

- Building plans for new construction and/or addition/ADA access
- Photographs of existing and proposed conditions
- Sample paint chips/sample exterior materials (siding, trim etc.)
- Manufacturer's specifications
- Plot plan with location of primary structure and/or accessory structure
- Sign specifications & lighting

Applicant/Contractor signature: *Domini C. Wilgre*

Property Owner signature: *Charles C. Kokoros*

PLANNING/COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

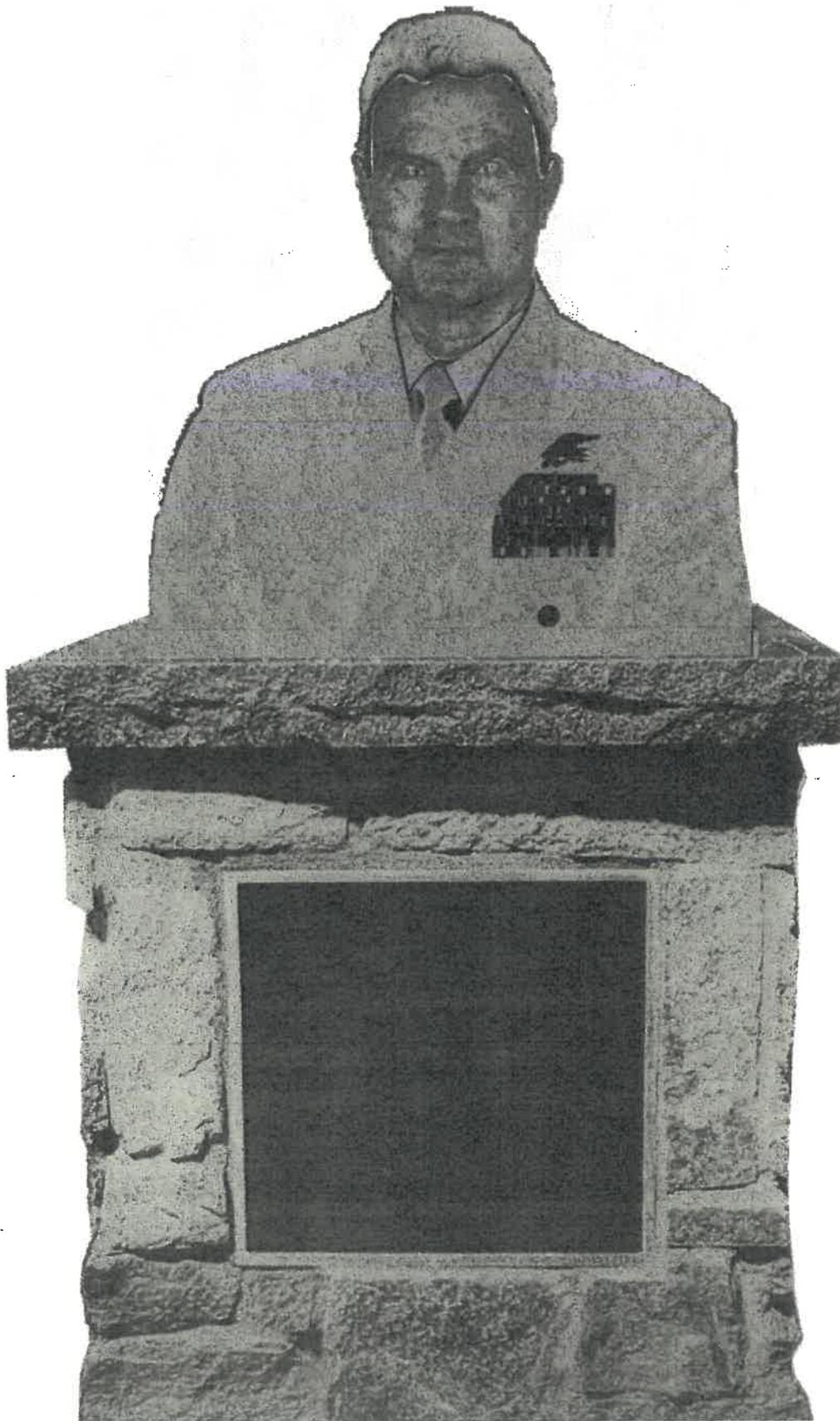
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Notes:

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Vice Admiral Kilrain  
mockup.  
Approximate dimensions  
Overall height: 78"  
Base: 42" W x 42" W x  
48" H  
Bust: 30" H  
Base: Granite/Bluestone  
Bust: Bronze



**Santucci, Melissa**

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**From:** Santucci, Melissa  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2023 10:24 AM  
**To:** Santucci, Melissa



See Attachment  
# 4 at Cert of App.  
For Location  
Location measurement

Sent from my iPhone

Kilrain Memorial Location Map

Town Hall Mall

September 2023





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**Office of the Mayor**  
One JFK Memorial Drive  
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

Charles C. Kokoros  
Mayor

781-794-8100

September 26, 2023

Dear Members of the Braintree Historical Commission,

I write to you today to express my strong support for a proposal to erect a statue to honor Vice Admiral Colin J. Kilrain, a distinguished Braintree native and a retired United States Navy hero.

Vice Admiral Kilrain's extraordinary career and steadfast dedication to our country are truly remarkable. Over his decades of service in the United States Navy, he exemplified the values of honor, integrity, and selflessness that we hold dear in Braintree. His impressive list of awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and multiple Bronze Star Medals, reflects the bravery he demonstrated throughout his military service.

What makes Vice Admiral Kilrain's story even more inspiring is his extensive experience in Naval Special Warfare, particularly as a member of SEAL Team 3, Naval Special Warfare Development Group (SEAL Team 6), and his numerous deployments to regions of conflict, including Iraq and Afghanistan. His service as the Deputy Commander of the State Department's Office of Counterterrorism, as well as his role as the military adviser to Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, underscores his exceptional leadership skills and devotion to our country.

In addition to his impressive career achievements, Vice Admiral Kilrain has always maintained a strong connection to our community. As a native of Braintree, he embodies the values of our town and serves as a source of inspiration to our residents, particularly our youth who may aspire to follow in his footsteps.

The proposal to erect a statue in Vice Admiral Kilrain's honor, to be placed on the south end of the green in front of Town Hall, is not only a tribute to his exemplary service but also an opportunity for our town to celebrate one of its own. Such a statue would serve as a source of pride for Braintree, reminding us all of the incredible contributions that individuals from our community can make to our nation and the world.

I kindly request that you consider this proposal with the utmost seriousness. The idea of honoring Vice Admiral Kilrain through a statue is not just an act of recognition but an investment in the future of our community, inspiring our youth to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals.

I am confident that the Braintree Historical Commission will recognize the significance of this project and the positive impact it will have on our town. I wholeheartedly support the proposal and hope that you will join me in endorsing it. Together, we can create a lasting tribute to a true Braintree hero.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Kokoros  
Mayor



## Santucci, Melissa

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**From:** Greg Wilson <wilgre98@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 5:08 PM  
**To:** Santucci, Melissa  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up Kilrain - Map of Town Hall Mall

**CAUTION:** This email was sent from an external source. Please be extra vigilant when replying, opening attachments or clicking links.

Hi Melissa,  
I just went to remedied with a better device.

@38' 10" from Washington Street & from JFK Memorial

@33' 10" from 350 commemorative stone

@33' 7" from holiday tree stone wall.

Also I marked the center of the location if you head out there with board members or by yourself.

Thanks,  
Greg

On Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 6:11 PM Santucci, Melissa <[msantucci@braintreema.gov](mailto:msantucci@braintreema.gov)> wrote:

It was great, thank you for asking.

Thanks for the follow up info.

I will get the meeting posted and circulate the updated materials.

Colin Kilrain is a unique individual. You wouldn't think he was as accomplished as he is because most people at his level of achievement have some visible signs of bravado, an outward show of self-esteem, or a bit of ego, and he shows none of the aforementioned. In first meeting Colin or if you know him and you are reconnecting, it would be easy to dig right in to ask him what he's been up to because he's at the highest level of the military and its political arena or you would feel compelled to talk to him about his unbelievable wrestling career. No matter how you start the conversation, you will quickly find yourself answering questions about yourself, your family, what's going on in your life, while in between your replies he is totally engrossed with positive comments about what you have to say. When you try to ask him personal questions, he will answer them with a short polite answer and then redirect the conversation to something about you. This isn't because he isn't a proud man, I'm sure he is, but because he puts a high value on those he engages with. Colin is perhaps one of if not the humblest people you will meet; he shows a keen interest in everything and anything that is important to you.

Vice Admiral Colin J. Kilrain(ret.), USN; Naval Special Warfare (NSW) SEAL; National Wrestling Hall of Fame (NWHOF) Stillwater, Class of 2014 Outstanding American; NWHOF Massachusetts Chapter, Class of 2011 Outstanding American; EIWA Hall of Fame, Class of 199; Lehigh University Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 2007; Braintree (MA) High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 1999, recently retired from active duty in the United States Navy. Kilrain is the definition of the words *exceptional, committed, elite, humble, accomplished, selfless* and so many other exemplary adjectives that it's impossible to list them all. And as many as you could list, they are all understatements and wouldn't start to give you a true glimpse of the man.

In high school Kilrain won state wrestling titles, New England public high school and AAU titles, a Prep National title, and a Junior National freestyle gold medal in the sport of wrestling. A long-time student and close friend of Olympic wrestler and Olympic coach Jim Peckham, Colin started wrestling in junior high school and had access to many clubs and teams to help him develop his skills. Braintree High School, the Quincy YMCA, the Boston Young Men's Christian Union ("the Union ") and Coach Jim Peckham's garage, where many national and world level wrestlers often frequented, were a few places he trained in high school. Whenever Colin's name was mentioned in Coach Peckham's presence, the coach would perk up and reel off many of the attributes that Colin displayed and why others should absolutely aspire to his level of dedication. While attending Lehigh University Kilrain continued to achieve wrestling glory. He was the NCAA 167-pound freshman of the year and one of only 12 individuals to ever win four EIWA titles in the leagues 118-year history. Kilrain was also voted the most outstanding wrestler and earned the Fletcher Memorial Award recipient (most tournament team points over a career) at the EIWA tournament championships. He was ranked number one in the country nine times throughout his career,

beating numerous All Americans and four National champions. Kilrain went on to place third at the NCAA Division I tournament three times. Post college he won and was voted most valuable wrestler at the Canada Cup, then won the United States Open, both in the freestyle discipline. During his college and senior open career, he had victories over four eventual Olympic champions.

As accomplished as his wrestling career was, his military career in the Navy reflected his work ethic and dedication to the United States to even higher levels. Because of Kilrain's military assignments in the SEAL's, much of what he did and accomplished will never be known as it is classified as top secret. What we do know is that he was extremely accomplished and highly decorated. Just A few of the decorations earned by Kilrain include: four Defense Superior Service Medals, two Legion of Merit Medals, and five Bronze Stars. Kilrain entered the Navy in 1985 as an ensign. After completion of OCS, he entered BUD/S training graduating in '86. After Seal Tactical training he was assigned to Seal Team Two as an officer and earned the right of platoon leader status. Going through numerous training assignments and educational advancements, he earned a Master of Science degree. Kilrain's assignments and promotions are a reflection of his work ethic and his selfless dedication to the Navy and his teammates.

It's not plausible to list all of the accomplishments, heroic acts of bravery and selfless behavior that Colin exhibited during his numerous roles with the Navy, but the following will give an understanding of his assignments and where his tours took him. He has participated in special operations in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Operational Tours in Naval Special Warfare include: SEAL Team Three; the Personal Exchange Program (PEP) with the German Navy Kampfschwimmer Kompanie (SEALS) in Eckenfelder, Germany; Naval Special Warfare Development Group (DEVGRU/Team 6); Commander, Special Operations Command in Panama; Executive Officer of Naval Special Warfare Unit Two in Stuttgart, Germany; Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group Two, and Spec Ops adviser on board USS Dwight Eisenhower.

His staff assignments include duty as operations officer for the State Department's Office of Counterterrorism; Joint Special Operations Command, as deputy commander of the Joint Reconnaissance Task Force; Executive Office of the President at the White House, where he served on the NSC (National Security Council) as the director of Strategy and Policy for the Office of Combating Terrorism; and senior defense officer at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico. As a rear admiral, he served as assistant commander of Joint Special Operations Command in 2013, followed by assignment to Camp H. M. Smith Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as commander, Special Operations Command Pacific from 2014 to 2016. As Vice Admiral, he served as Commander, NATO Special Operations Headquarter, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) from 2016 to 2019. As Vice Admiral, he served as Associate Director for Military Affairs (ADMA) for the Central Intelligence Agency from 2019 to 2021 and Assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2021 to 2023.

Kilrain has deployed on contingency or named operations to Central and South America, the Horn of Africa, the Caribbean, the Balkans, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

Kilrain holds a Master of Science degree in National Resources Strategy and Management from the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces and is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute and is fluent in four languages. Colin is the father of four children and husband to his wife Susan who was a Navy fighter pilot, a graduate of Test Pilot school, and an astronaut. Susan flew two shuttle missions, STS 83 and STS 94. Colin's commitment to his wrestling career, his time in the military, and to his family has been exemplary and a true reflection of his ethos and dedication. His sacrifices to his country go far beyond any expectation the military could or would ask of him. Because of the actions he took in his commands the United States, as well as many other countries, were and are safer places. Simply put, if you are a dad, you want him to marry your daughter or be your son; if you are a young person, someone of Colin's age, or someone a little older, you'd want him to be your brother.



# TOWN OF BRAintree

Department of Veterans' Services  
71 Cleveland Ave Braintree, Massachusetts 02184  
P: 781-794-8217  
Vfountaine@braintreema.gov

December 4, 2023

The Town of Braintree Veterans Office is in favor of building a monument for Vice Admiral Colin Kilrain in front of Town Hall. A community needs to make sure they honor those individuals who go above and beyond serving their country. The Admiral has certainly done that through his 38 years of service in the Navy and mostly in special warfare command. As a community, we need to make sure we provide mentors for our children to look up to. Having this monument built is an opportunity to teach our youth the importance of service and sacrifice that individuals make to protect our freedoms.

Vincent Fountaine  
Director of Veteran Services  
Braintree, Avon, Holbrook



## BRAINTREE VIETNAM VETERANS'

*Memorial Scholarship Fund*

*Founder*

*Peter Schiavone*



Town of Braintree

Historical Commission

1 JFK Memorial Dr.

Braintree, MA 02184

As a combat marine Vietnam veteran, I know the value of team work, comradery and devotion to duty. It is with this in mind that I support the construction of the Vice Admiral Colin Kilrain monument to be located on the Braintree Town Mall. This location is significant because it will bring to the attention of the public, particularly the youth of our town, the sacrifices made by Admiral Kilrain in service to his country.

In my opinion Admiral Kilrain has achieved the highest recognition of any Braintree citizen since Thomas Watson. A member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, a decorated Navel officer who has held some of the highest positions in the military. Admiral Kilrain will be an inspiration to future generations.

Peter Schiavone

Vietnam Veteran



To: Town of Braintree Historical Commission

From: Joseph H Reynolds,  
Chief Operations Officer, Massachusetts Executive Office of Veteran Services,  
District 2 Councilor, Braintree Town Council,  
United States Army Veteran

Date: 6 December 2023

Re: Memorial Dedication for Vice Admiral Colin Kilrain

Dear Members of the Braintree Historical Commission,

I write to you for the purpose of providing my whole hearted endorsement of creating a permanent monument honoring Braintree's own Vice Admiral Colin Kilrain on the Town Hall green, in the vicinity of the 9-11 Memorial.

Vice Admiral Kilrain was raised in Braintree and has achieved a place of high honor amongst all of the dedicated Service Members who served in America's War on Terror following the insidious attacks upon our Homeland on September 11, 2001. After a long career as a Navy SEAL member, Commander, and as a Senior Presidential Advisor representing the most elite of Special Forces our country has to offer, Vice Admiral Kilrain is now retired, but will never be forgotten by his former SEAL peers, and a grateful nation he swore to protect.

We, the people of Braintree, have a long and outstanding tradition of honoring our own for their selfless and honorable military service to our community and to our country. Vice Admiral Kilrain stands clearly amongst our greatest citizens in terms of honor, duty, and country. As a General Officer, Vice Admiral Kilrain represented what is best about our community. His values and sense of service were developed by his family and the community of Braintree. We, as the grateful recipients of his service, must recognize him in a much more meaningful way that will stand out in manner that truly represents what was an extraordinary level of service he rendered on behalf of his fellow Braintree and American citizens.

I respectfully ask that you recognize the extraordinary honor this exceptional service member has rendered by allowing for the placement of a Vice Admiral Kilrain memorial on the front green of our seat of government for all residents and visitors to our town to honor and appreciate.

I thank you all for your time and consideration, and thank you for your service to our community's historical preservation.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph H. Reynolds