

Salvador Martinez Ybor Honorary Street Name Sign

File No. CM22-78783

Motion: (Viera-Hurtak) That the Administration be requested to look into an honorary street renaming in Ybor City for Salvador Martinez Ybor; further, that a report be brought back on March 16, 2023 under Staff Report and Unfinished Business.

Salvador Martinez Ybor Jr., known as Salvin, was born in 1910 in Ybor City, Florida which was founded by his grandfather, Vincente Martinez, in 1885. His family returned to Cuban during Prohibition.

In 1942, Mr. Martinez Ybor, 32 years old, returned to Ybor City to enlist in World War II in the Army Infantry Division. The 43rd Infantry led the invasion of Philippines Islands against the Japanese. In January of 1945, Ybor was fatally wounded during the amphibious landing of Battle of Luzon and was buried at sea off the coast of San Fabian.

Shortly after 1945, recognizing Salvin Martinez Ybor's sacrifice in battle, the Purple Heart was awarded to the Martinez Ybor Family. Salvador Martinez Ybor is memorialized on the Wall of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery.

In 2023, the Purple Heart was donated by Salvin Martinez Ybor's nephew, Ignacio Martinez Ybor, to the Ybor City State Museum. The Purple Heart will be featured on display in the Museum's *Made in the USA* Exhibit.



Mobility Department recommends the installation of a doubled-sided Salvador Martinez Ybor street naming sign (SNS) consisting of a black legend and border on a white background below the existing legal SNS. Honorary SNS to be installed at the southwest corner of E. 9th Avenue at N. 19th Street above the stop sign.

The installation is adjacent to the Ybor City Museum at 1818 E. 9th Avenue.