

THE BIOGRAPHY OF MAYOR GLEN D. GILMORE

Mayor Gilmore was characterized as a “national hero” in a *New York Times* article for his “quick response” to our Nation’s anthrax crisis in October of 2001. All four anthrax-laden letters were found to have passed through the Hamilton Township regional postal facility. He garnered worldwide attention for his leadership of a municipality in time of crisis. He was a guest on *Good Morning America* and was featured in a *Time* magazine article where he was described as “a man of action” – *The Washington Post* described him as “a high-energy suburban mayor.” Mayor Gilmore moderated the New Jersey League of Municipalities’ first seminar on *Managing Your Municipality in Times of Crisis*. As mayor of New Jersey’s eighth-largest municipality, Glen Gilmore is recognized for his leadership of one of the State’s most dynamic communities.



Mayor Gilmore presents briefing on anthrax crisis

The youngest of four children, Glen was born in the small blue-collar town of Manville, New Jersey. Showing an early interest in public service, he became, at age sixteen, a legislative aide to former Assemblyman Joseph D. Patero, who was known as a “champion of working families.” Glen graduated from high school as the student “Most Likely to Succeed” and the student who “Did Most for the School.”

Following a family tradition of military service, Glen entered U.S. Army Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, immediately upon graduation from high school. He enlisted as part of an officer commissioning program with the Army.



Mayor awarded “silver wings” at Fort Benning

The first in his family to graduate from college, Gilmore worked his way through Rutgers University. The summer between his freshman and sophomore year, Glen **graduated from the US Army Airborne School** at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he learned the skills of a paratrooper, earning his “silver wings.” After graduating from Airborne School, he served as an acting platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division, making a parachute jump with that elite unit, as part of a summer officer training program. Volunteering to serve with the Infantry, Glen was commissioned an Infantry Lieutenant during his sophomore year of college, serving with the Army Reserves and National Guard while at Rutgers University.

Awarded the distinction of *Distinguished Military Graduate* for “displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, noteworthy academic achievement, and exceptional aptitude for military service,” Lieutenant Gilmore was later awarded the US Army Commendation Medal for “exceptionally meritorious service.”

Critically injured during a war-training exercise with the New Jersey Army National Guard at Fort Drum, New York, two days before his graduation ceremonies at Rutgers, Glen was medivaced by helicopter to an on-post hospital where he was given his last rites. Spending nearly two months in a hospital in Watertown, New York, Glen was then transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He spent nearly a year recuperating from his injuries.



*Mayor Gilmore cuts ribbon at
Patriotic Walkway*

During his convalescence, Glen studied in Spain and with the Institute for British & Irish Studies at Oxford University, in England

After his convalescence, Glen went on to law school, at Widener University School of Law, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. At law school, he was elected president of the student government. He was selected by the American Bar Association as its national student representative to the Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice. As the national student representative, Glen served on an executive board with now-US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. As a member of the school’s Moot Court Honor Society, Glen competed nationally with his school’s moot court team in the Wagner Labor Law Competition (New York) and the Craven Constitutional Law Competition (North Carolina). He was awarded the school’s Distinguished Service Award, the American Bar Association’s Bronze Award, and elected by his peers as the “Best Appellate Advocate,” as well as the student “Most Likely to Attain Highest Political Office.”

Upon graduation from law school, Glen was selected for the prestigious position of a judicial law clerk to the New Jersey Superior Court, serving with the Chancery and Family Law Divisions of the Court. He also served as a municipal prosecutor, fighting to protect a community at its core.

Glen Gilmore was elected Mayor of Hamilton Township in November of 1999, in his first bid for public office. The strength of victory was such that it was noted in *The New York Times*.



Mayor Gilmore receives “Friendly Son” award from Senator Franny McManimon

Mayor Gilmore’s honors include the “Good Guy Award” from the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and “Man of the Year” by the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton Foundation. He received the honorary title of “Lord High Admiral” from the Delaware-Raritan Greenway Association for his commitment to environmental preservation. He also received the “Minuteman” award from the New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans’ Affairs in recognition of his advocacy for veterans and members of the Guard and Reserves. Mayor Gilmore has served as The Friendly Sons and Daughters of St. Patrick of Mercer County “Friendly Son of the Year”, has been a recipient of the “New Jersey Irish Northern Aid Patriot of Ireland Award (Tirghra na hEirean)”, and was an honoree of the Puerto Rican Parade of Trenton and Honorary Grand Marshall of the Hamilton Columbus Day Parade. Mayor Gilmore is also the recipient of the 2006 Humanitarian Award from the Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey and the Patrick Henry Award, awarded by the New Jersey National Guard and the National Guard Association of the United States in honor of “outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States.”

Mayor Gilmore is a member of the Disabled American Veterans Association, honorary member of VFW 491 (their first honorary member), the Hamilton Kiwanis, an honorary member of the Hamilton Rotary (their first honorary member), a member of the Order Sons of Italy, Lodge No. 2799, an honorary member of the Hungarian-American Association, an honorary member of Camp Olden Civil War Round Table, an honorary Life member of the West Jersey Scottish American Society , a Foundation member of the Hibernians, a member of the Sierra Club, a member of the Board of Directors for the Hamilton YMCA, an honorary member of the Mercer County Central Labor Council

(Mercer County Building Trades), and a member of the Board of Directors for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

Mayor Gilmore serves as an inaugural member of New Jersey League of Municipalities' Hometown Defense Task Force, as the first chair of the League's newly-created Economic Development Task Force, the League's Gang and Youth Violence Task Force and as President of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Brownfield Association. Mayor Gilmore is a member of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. He is also a member of the US Conference of Mayors.



*Mayor Gilmore with his bride
and mother at Sayen Gardens*



Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Gilmore

Married in May of 2002, to the former Katie Johnson of Princeton, Mayor Gilmore and his wife enjoy walking their dog "Simba" in Veterans Park, working in their garden, reading, movies, mountain biking, and kayaking on local waterways.