

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL

November 09, 2021

RESOLUTION HONORING DEAN D. LAWRENCE
2021 SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Dean D. Lawrence is a lifelong resident of the City of New Bedford; and

WHEREAS, Dean D. Lawrence has been a New Bedford Police Officer for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the New Bedford Police Department, Dean D. Lawrence worked Uniform Patrol, Port Security Team, Community Police, Background Investigations, the Special Reaction Team and since 2007, and served as a Canine Officer assigned to Port Security for the New Bedford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Dean D. Lawrence spent 15 years as a Canine Officer with dogs Dago and Loki, was the recipient of the New Bedford Police Department Life Saving Award and received many commendations during his career, for emergency service provided to Child and Family Services, from the Waltham Police Department for the K-9 drug sweep at Waltham Senior High School, from the Danvers Police Department for the K-9 drug sweep at Danvers High School, from the Arlington Police Department to the K-9 Unit for a safety check, from the New Bedford Police Department for the apprehension of a suspect, and from FEMA – a Certificate of Achievement for dedication to service in a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work as a Police Officer, Dean D. Lawrence was an enlisted member of the United States Army, both on Active Duty and the Reserves for 21 years, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class, serving in Operation Desert Shield in 1990-1991; a peace keeping mission in Bosnia in 2000-2001 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, Dean D. Lawrence, is the recipient of the Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievements Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Lapel Button, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon and the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Dean D. Lawrence, will be honored on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at the Veteran of the Year Ceremony in Dartmouth, Massachusetts for his dedication to the United States, the Veteran Community and our region as a whole:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby thanks, honors and commends **DEAN D. LAWRENCE, 2021 SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR** for his years of service to his Country, his dedication, good deeds and service to the Greater New Bedford Community and extends congratulations on this occasion of being named the **2021 SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR**.

Offered by:

Linda M. Morad, Councillor at Large

William Markey, Councillor Ward One

Joseph P. Lopes, City Council President

Scott J. Lima, Councillor Ward Five

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

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Hugh C. Dunn, Councillor Ward Three

Debora Coelho, Councillor at Large

Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large

Derek Baptiste, Councillor Ward Four

Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large