



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**

**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

April 5, 2023

City Council President Linda M. Morad and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **ALICIA DUFF** of 306 Austin Street, New Bedford, MA to the **VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD**. Ms. Duff will be replacing the late Luiz Ferreira, whose term expired in December 2019. This term will expire in December 2025

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds  
Attachments

cc: Alicia Duff

Alicia Duff  
306 Austin St  
New Bedford, MA 02740

20 January 2023

Veterans Advisory Board  
New Bedford City Hall; Ashley Room  
133 William St  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
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#### Letter of Interest

To Veterans Advisory Board:

This letter is to provide information about myself, and express an interest in attending future board meetings at the New Bedford Veterans Advisory Board. I was born December 29, 1984 in the city of New Bedford. I attended Dartmouth High concentrating in advanced placement art. I'm also a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Secondary Art Education 2007. Shortly after graduation I enlisted in the U.S Army and attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and then AIT at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. I served honorably in the U.S Army Reserves from 2007- 2015 performing Military Intelligence activities. I have also completed a few periods of active duty to include training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Fort Lewis, Washington and later a year long assignment stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland 2010-2011. I also have completed the Warrior Leadership Course (WLC). In addition to serving in the military, I worked as a civilian contractor in a technical writer position OCONUS on a TAC-DOMEX team in Bagram Air Force Base, Afghanistan for 13 months 2011-2012. I am a resident of New Bedford. I am also a new member on the Board of Directors at Veterans Association of Bristol County in Fall River.

As you can see, I have a diverse background and experience having a range of careers. As a female veteran I bring a unique perspective, and a list of skills and strategic vision to improve the quality and growth for veterans projects and programs throughout New Bedford. I am an experienced professional with a strong work ethic. I possess a range of essential skills, including leadership, teamwork, values, and the ability to handle stressful situations. I am highly self-motivated, well-versed in diversity, and experienced in technology. I am confident that my expertise and experience will be of benefit to the New Bedford military community at large. I strive to participate in an environment that values initiative and encourages collaboration. I am committed to continuing to develop my skill set to best serve the needs of any organization I am a part of.

My motivation for getting involved in operational proceedings at the Veterans Advisory Board is to contribute to future progression and give back to my hometown. I want to effectively collaborate with staff to help reinforce the mission of the Veterans Advisory Board. I am looking forward to sharing my ideas!

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a commitment to excellence, a willingness to learn, and a determination to succeed. I am confident that my past experiences and successes have positioned me well to be a valuable asset. I have developed a strong work ethic, and have consistently demonstrated my ability to stay focused and motivated even in the face of adversity. I am capable of working both independently and collaboratively. I am confident that I can excel in any role I am presented with. My strength is in my drive to succeed and achieve goals. I am confident that I will be an exceptional contributing member of the team.

Respectfully,

*Alicia R. Duff*

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and email to [Silvia.DaSilva@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Silvia.DaSilva@newbedford-ma.gov). The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Appointments may be subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for (see attached list):

**Veterans Advisory Board**

Name:

**Alicia Duff**

Email:

Home telephone:

Work telephone:

Residence address:

**306 Austin St, New Bedford**

Zip code: **02740**

Present occupation & place of employment:

**Bridge Operator, Cora Operations**

Educational background:

**B.F.A Art Education, UMass Dartmouth 2007**

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups:

**Veterans Association of Bristol County (VABC)**

**National Alliance on Mental Illness, Bristol County (NAMI)**

City Board and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

**Connect to local community, serve fellow veterans**

**Help tackle issues, Grow professional network and skills**

Reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

**I am proficient, posses excellent analytical skills, technical writing, grantwriting, and teamwork allowing me to produce quality work efficiently in a collaborative setting.**

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

**Memorial Scholarship, War on Terrorism Memorial,**

**Exercise Tiger, Memorial Day Service, Veteran grave ID**

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Availability for meetings: daytime ☐ evenings ☒ both ☐ (check one)

Resident of the City since: 2022 (please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: Lauren Nasson Relationship: Former Platoon leader

Phone number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Name: Kim Wagner Relationship: Advocate

Phone number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The Statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Mayor's Office, 133 William Street, Room 311, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant:



Date:

Jan 26, 2023