

City of Newton



Commendation

Elaine Maxwell Lacoste

For service to veterans and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 440

Elaine Maxwell Lacoste was born and raised in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Elaine, along with her mother, Aurore, established and signed the Charter creating the American Legion Aldenville Auxiliary Unit #337. The Post grew rapidly to hundreds of members. Elaine became the first Junior President of the Post #337 Auxiliary.

In 1957 Elaine married Staff Sargent Adrien "Slim" Lacoste, a Korean War Veteran. Slim also grew up in Chicopee. They raised their daughter April in Aldenville and their family was active in their support for Veterans.

Elaine became the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) District #3 Chair. She sold t-shirts and sweatshirts out of their home and supported volunteers who gathered 1,000 signatures to have the U.S. Postal Service commemorate the first POW/MIA postage stamp in 1970.

After Elaine's husband, Adrien, passed in 1994, Elaine moved to Newton to be "Nana" to her loving grandchildren. Elaine remained committed to Auxiliary #337 prior to the dissolving of the charter in 2012. Committed to veterans, she joined the American Legion Nonantum Auxiliary Unit Post 440 where they embrace and appreciate her.

Elaine is engaged with all the Auxiliary Fundraisers, events, programs and community causes. She currently serves on the Auxiliary E-Board. She is known to say, "Basically, I show up, support what I can, donate some time, or other resources."

She is an extraordinarily generous, kind and caring person with great wit and a wonderful sense of humor. The Auxiliary Legionnaires are fortunate to have a committed friend in Elaine.

In recognition of her service to veterans, it is only fitting and proper that, on behalf of all the residents of Newton, I, Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, express my gratitude and pay tribute to Elaine Maxwell Lacoste.

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*Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor, City of Newton*