## City of Newton



## Commendation

## Chief Thomas Muttart

For service to America in the United States Coast Guard and the American Legion Post 440

Thomas Muttart was born in Brighton, Massachusetts and graduated from Watertown High School in 1986. He attended Northeastern University for a two-year program in electronics until completion in 1998. Tom worked at Massachusetts Institute of Technology working with massive magnets in their tech laboratory. During the production of these magnets, Tom learned extensive telecommunications skills that were developed in coordination with NASA and tested at the United States Navy Groton Submarine Program.

Tom enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in response to the Persian Gulf War in 1991. He trained in Petaluma, California at the eight-week telecom technician school. His first duty station was in Miami, Florida where he responded to his first, all-hands-on-deck, alarm aboard a 110-foot Cutter in response to Hurricane Andrew in 1992. He later served out of New Bedford aboard the U.S.S. Tahoma during Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

Tom was promoted to Chief while serving at Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts. As Chief, he managed the entire base telecommunications which was vital to all search and rescue missions from Provincetown, Massachusetts to Point Judith, Rhode Island. Tom recently retired after serving twenty-three years of active duty and is active at the American Legion Post 440.

In recognition of his service to the United States, 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 Thomas Muttart.

November 11, 2024

Ruthanne Fuller

Mayor, City of Newton