

City of Newton



Commendation

Major Raymond Roberts

For service to America in the United States Army and the sons of the American Legion.

Raymond Roberts grew up in Upper Falls and attended school in Newton. After graduating Rivers Country Day School, Raymond attended the University of Maine and graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Raymond went on to earn his Juris Doctor at the University of Kentucky Law School, graduating in 1964.

Returning to Newton after graduation from Law School, Raymond was offered a job in the City of Newton Treasury Department where he worked until he was scheduled for training at the Infantry Officer Basic Course (IOBC) at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant for over four years. Raymond was a First Lieutenant when he was deployed to active duty in Vietnam where he served until April 6, 1972.

Raymond returned home and was stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts from 1972 to 1977. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Security Agency Training Center and School (USASATC&S) as the Judge Advocate and Military Justice Instructor providing legal advice to commanders. While at Fort Devens, Raymond enrolled in the graduate tax program at Boston University School of Law, attending evening classes earning his master's degree in taxation when he graduated in 1974.

Raymond was assigned as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) in Fort Monmouth, NJ from 1978 to 1981. During that time, Raymond's wife was expecting their third child and he requested compassionate reassignment back to Fort Devens in 1981 in time to welcome their precious newborn on April 1, 1981. Raymond remained at Fort Devens assigned to the Staff Judge Advocates Office as the Claims Officer until he was honorably discharged in 1984.

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 Raymond Roberts.

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*Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor, City of Newton*