



Tommar Franklin named Hometown Hero for the Third Quarter

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KENOSHA – The Kenosha Hometown Heroes Commission is pleased to announce Tommar Franklin as the Kenosha Hometown Hero for the third quarter of 2023. Franklin was honored during the October 2, 2023 Common Council meeting.

The Kenosha Hometown Heroes Commission created this program to identify and recognize as Hometown Heroes worthy men and women, who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, for their outstanding personal achievements and the positive contributions they make to the Kenosha community. Candidates must be born in, currently reside in, or have previously resided 10 years or more at any time, in the City of Kenosha,

Franklin served in the United States Coast Guard from June 20, 2000 until his retirement as Chief Petty Officer on March 1, 2022. He spent a significant portion of his enlistment at the Kenosha Coast Guard Station, keeping the City of Kenosha safe. He also served the people of Milwaukee while enlisted.

His military education includes Radiation Detection LVL2 Oper., Leadership & Management Roadshow, TCT Unit, CR/HRA Basic Human Awareness, Sexual Harassment Prevention, Substance Abuse Free Environment Awareness, Rape & Sexual Assault Prevention, Stress Management, and Suicide Prevention Training.

He was awarded numerous medals, badges, ribbons, and awards including the CG Meritorious Team Commendation with One Gold Star, CG Meritorious Unit Commendation, CG Pistol shot Marksman Ribbon, CG Presidential Unit Citation; CG Rifleman Marksman Ribbon; Commandant's Letter of Commendation, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, 9-11 Ribbon, Second CG Good Conduct Award for Period ending 06/06/19, Major Richard I. Bong Award, and the USO Heroes of Wisconsin Award.

Franklin was hired by the City of Kenosha as a Police Officer in 2008. He excelled in that role and

served as a role model for his coworkers, particularly in terms of community outreach and engagement. In 2019 he was promoted to Detective and assigned to the Sensitive Crimes Division, where he provides a voice for our most vulnerable crime victims.

Franklin is a member of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Association, the Kenosha Professional Police Association, the Mayor's Youth Commission, and volunteers to assist athletes with Special Olympics of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Kenosha Police Department's Community Engagement Team, is strongly involved in community service and engagement, actively working on creating ties in the community and bridging the gap between the police department and the community. He has been a pioneer in training department personnel to practice bias-free policing. In addition, he has spearheaded the initiative to establish a Citizen Academy to the department, which will aid in the development of partnerships between the police and the community.

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