



Milt Dean named Hometown Hero for the Second Quarter

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KENOSHA – The Kenosha Hometown Heroes Commission is pleased to announce Milt Dean is the Kenosha Hometown Hero for the Second Quarter of 2022. Dean was honored during the June 20, 2022 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 who were born in, currently reside in, or have previously resided in ten years or more at any time, in the City of Kenosha, for their outstanding personal achievements and the positive contributions they make to the Kenosha community.

The Second Quarter award winner was nominated with two years of experience serving with the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of E-5 Company Clerk/Personal Specialist. He was eventually assigned to the 93rd Construction Battalion for deployment to Vietnam where he served in 1967-1968. While there he worked on construction sites, building revetments for helicopter protection from mortar attacks as well as serving as a personnel specialist.

Dean's awards include: the 93rd Engineers Soldier of the Month (while he was stationed in Vietnam), the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam TET Offensive Commemorative Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar, the Army Achievement Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

He is involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1865, the American Legion Post 21, the Navy Ship 40 and has placed flags on Veteran's graves at St. James Cemetery for Memorial Day dedication.

He has volunteered as a youth basketball and baseball coach, an intramural instructor at Prairie Lane Elementary School and cheerfully shown up as a Salvation Army bell ringer for over 20 years. He is still an active member of the Little Leagues of Kenosha Board of Directors.

Dean's many accomplishments include being named the Kenosha Unified Schools Elementary

Teacher of the Year, the Pleasant Prairie Teacher of the Year, the 2019 Kenosha Person of the Year, the 2004 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. He also received the Community Recognition Spirit Award given by the Greater Kenosha Community Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Awareness Committee.

Dean personally developed a Veteran's Day program to be held each year at Prairie Lane Elementary School. This has been a multi-year ongoing program disrupted the past two years by COVID. He worked with others to create a caravan of veterans on Veteran's Day and travel to four elementary schools. This was very touching and meaningful for the Veterans, the children and the Staff at each school. Dean continues with plans to either resume the Prairie Lane Veteran's Program or create an even larger caravan Veteran's Tour next fall.