



William Erickson named Hometown Hero for the Second Quarter

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KENOSHA – The Kenosha Hometown Heroes Commission is pleased to announce William Erickson is the Kenosha Hometown Hero for the Second Quarter of 2021. Erickson was honored during the July 7, 2021 Common Council meeting.

The Second Quarter award winner was nominated for his service in the Marine Corps (1964-1967) achieving the rank of Corporal, while serving as the Communications Chief of the Radio Relay Platoon. His various training includes Advanced Infantry Training at Camp Pendleton, Electronics School in San Diego and then he was assigned to the Headquarters Battalion at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Erickson's awards include a Meritorious Advancement, a Good Conduct Award, Sharpshooter Badge Rifle, and National Defense Service Medal. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin State Association for County Veterans Service Commission; member of the First Congressional District of Wisconsin Veterans Advisory Council; the Vice President of the Kenosha County Veterans Council; Chairperson for American Legion Post 21 and the Commissioner for Kenosha County Veterans Service Commission.

The Second Quarter winner also volunteers over 20 hours per week at the Kenosha County Veterans Services Office; was the former Secretary-Treasurer of the Kenosha County Jail Chaplaincy from 1983-2018; was a member of the Kenosha Racine Community Action Agency Committee; and volunteers his time to assist a non-profit organization, *The Garden of*

Eatin, in Kenosha. This organization, which donates its harvest to local soup kitchens and pantries, is run by and was created by a veteran.

Erickson also has been involved as the Chairperson of the Kenosha County Courthouse Bailiff and the United Way of Kenosha County Committee. He was the 2019 Runner-up and the 2020 winner of the Wisconsin Veterans Advocacy Award.

Erickson's selfless dedication was instrumental in transforming the Wisconsin State Association for County Veterans Service Commission into a highly effective veterans organization. He is purpose driven and his initiatives have resulted in the improved lives of veterans and their families. His proactive approach to educate, train, and engage commissioners (approximately 249 people) have improved the overall effectiveness and working relationships with CVSO's and their commissioners.

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. Honorees must be born in, currently reside in, or have previously resided for ten years or more at any time, in the City of Kenosha.