



Kevin J. Murphy
City Manager

November 8, 2017

Mayor Edward J. Kennedy
And
Members of the City Council

RE: Veterans Commission; Appointment Thereto

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the authority specified in the Code of the City of Lowell Chapter 9, Article X, it is with pleasure that I am appointing Michael L. Peaslee, 72 Florence Road, Lowell, MA 01851 to the Veterans Commission to fill the unexpired term of Francisco L. Ramos which term expires July 28, 2019, or such time thereafter until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Confirmation by the City Council is required for this appointment and is hereby requested.

I would be happy to answer any inquiry you may have concerning this appointment. I have attached his letter of intent and biography for your review.

Very truly yours,

Kevin J. Murphy
City Manager

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cc:	City Auditor	City Solicitor
	Human Relations Manager	City Clerk
	Veterans Commission	MIS

72 Florence Road
Lowell, MA 01851

Mr Normand Giguere
Lowell Veterans Commission, Chair
c/o Lowell City Hall
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

November 4, 2017

Mr Giguere,

As Veterans Day approaches, I'm certain that we are all reaffirming our responsibility to advocate on behalf of our fellow veterans in need, to honor the service of all those who choose to serve, and to always remember our fellow servicemen and women who have made great sacrifices to keep this country free.

Those are the tenets that guide me in my commitment to continuing to serve my community and country, especially within the city where I grew up and continue to call home.

It is my understanding that the potential vacancies on the Commission have been filled with reappointments and I commend those Commission Members for their continued civic duty. I wish them much success.

I intend to remain actively engaged in the matters of the City of Lowell's Veterans Commission and make a promise to participate in your meetings to the maximum extent possible.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration for any vacancies that do occur in the future and welcome any continued dialogue.

Attached please find my biography as a manner of introduction.

Respectfully,

Michael L Peaslee

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Biography: MICHAEL L. PEASLEE

Michael Peaslee currently serves a professional corporate pilot based in Boston Metropolitan hub and is the Program Director for his own Aviation Safety Systems consortium. He is past member of the National Business Aviation Association's (NBAA) Safety Committee which provides strategic guidance and advice on matters relating to the safe operation of business aircraft and previously served as the Assistant Director of Safety at a fractional ownership program in NH operating the Pilatus PC12 Turboprop Aircraft.

Mike's background and experience is wide ranging, flying as an Aircraft Commander in governmental flight operations to a Captain in Part 135 business aviation. In 2013, he completed a distinguished 20+ year career with the Massachusetts State Police where he spent more than a decade with the Air Wing as an Aircraft Commander, Mission and Instructor Pilot. During that time, Mike also served as the Flight Safety Officer for New England's largest governmental flight department and has been an active member of the FAA's Safety Team since 2005.

He is FAA Certificated Flight Instructor – Instrument (CFII) & Advanced Ground Instructor who has extensive experience conducting both flight and ground instruction. He led program development of individual and group training and has developed specialized course material to meet the clients' professional training requirements such as CRM training, Emergency Response Planning, and organizational SMS implementation .

Mike has participated in certificate programs and regular training with the FAA, Air Charter Safety Foundation, NTSB, FlightSafety International, SimCom CAE, Embry Riddle University, Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association, New England Helicopter Council, and AOPA Safety Foundation.

Mike is a decorated US Veteran with more than 26 years of service in various components of the United States Air Force attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel last with the New York Air National Guard. His service includes multiple deployments in support of Operations Desert Storm, Iraqi & Enduring Freedom. Servicing first as a combat crewmember onboard the Boeing B52 during strike operations in Iraq during Desert Storm and later as the Senior Offensive Duty Officer, Dynamic Targeting Chief, and Master Air Attack Planner at the Air Operations Center in support of numerous "real world" operations and exercises. In 2010-11, Mike deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan for his fourth & final time as an Air Liaison Officer (ALO) attached to the US Army ground forces.

He is dual rated in both Rotorcraft & Fixed Wing, and has accumulated thousands of hours of flight experience as a civilian flight instructor, commercially rated pilot, and B52 navigator.