

Lisle Baker's remarks at Newton Veteran's Day, November 11, 2009

It is an honor to represent the Board of Aldermen on this occasion.

Some of you may know that I served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and spent the Autumn of 1964 in a place called Parris Island, South Carolina. (Marines undergo Recruit Training, commonly known as "Boot Camp," there.)

It was good preparation for the Board of Aldermen, because I got used to being, shall we say, "advised" by experts. I would like to draw on that tradition today. So as we gather from the Halls of Chestnut Hill to the shores of Auburndale, let us be always faithful to the memory of those valiant men and women of all the armed forces who proudly stood in harm's way against the forces of tyranny and oppression. They gave of their lives, or their lives themselves, so that we might be free. Thank you.