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Jeff Melton jeffmeltonusn@gmail

Dear Jeff,

It is a pleasure to confirm that the Board of Selectmen has approved your appointment to the Veterans Council with a term expiration date of 1/31/18. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office to take the oath of office.

Thank you very much for volunteering to serve on the Veterans Council for the Town of Arlington. Best wishes for much success and enjoyment. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Adam W. Chapdelaine

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Town Manager

CC:

Board of Selectmen-

Town Clerk

Christine Bongiorno,

My name is Jeff Melton and I am reaching out to share with you a little about my background for your consideration to join the Arlington Veterans' Council. I have been an Arlington resident since January of 2014 and work at Ottoson Middle School as an 8th grade math teacher. As Jeff told you, I met him through our mutual service in the Navy Reserve at the Navy Reserve Center in Manchester, NH. I have served in the Navy in some capacity for the last 15 years; 6 years most recently as a reservist and 9 years active duty prior to that.

I currently serve as a Chief Electronics Technician and am the Senior Enlisted Leader for my unit, MTOC Manchester. Our unit travels to Jacksonville, FL to support training and real world operations of the Navy's newest reconnaissance aircraft. Prior to joining this unit I was stationed in San Diego with a Mobile Expeditionary Security Detachment which the Navy utilizes to protect high value assets and provide security in foreign ports.

While on active duty I served aboard the USS Dextrous, a minesweeper stationed in Bahrain, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After that I had follow on tours in San Diego, CA on the USNS Sioux, an ocean-going tug, then the Center for Surface Combat Systems where I was an instructor and curriculum manager for the Navy's primary message handling system.

Having been born and raised in Alaska, I am constantly impressed with the amount of history that surrounds me that I grew up learning about in school. I am particularly proud of the variety of plaques, markers and memorials we have in Arlington for our veterans and supporters of the Revolution. I am excited to learn more about how the Arlington Veterans' Council will not only benefit Arlington's veterans but increase the awareness to our citizens of both the actions of Arlington's veterans and the military actions that took place here during the Revolution.

Regards,

Jeff Melton

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