## Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

## Commendation

- WHEREAS, Harold Kummer enlisted in the Army when he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1944; and
- WHEREAS, after basic training, Harold was assigned to the 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Philippine Islands where he carried a sixty-five-pound base plate for an eighty-one-millimeter mortar; and
- WHEREAS, Harold was in combat for six months in the Philippines, and fortunately, Japan surrendered before being invaded by the United States; and
- WHEREAS, upon returning to Manitowoc in 1946, Harold joined the Otto Oas VFW Post 659 where he has served as the Captain of the Post's Honor Guard since 1996; and
- WHEREAS, the Honor Guard traditionally honors a veteran's service at the veteran's funeral by presenting the United States Flag to the nearest next of kin, followed by three rifle volleys and a playing of Taps; and
- WHEREAS, in the 25 years since Harold has been Captain of the Honor Guard, he has honored over six hundred service members.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, present this commendation in special commemoration and grateful recognition of Harold Kummer, 95, who will celebrate his seventy-fourth anniversary as a member of the Otto Oas Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 659 in the City of Manitowoc.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, Twenty Twenty-Ope.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor