



Dennis Sullivan
State Commander
2016-2017



Dennis served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1973 and earned his VFW eligibility while serving with HHC Co Division Headquarters 191st Airborne Division in Viet Nam as an alcohol and drug counselor. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Dennis joined the VFW in 1984 at Post 4927 in Centereach where he is a Life Member. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, County, District, Department and National level. He served as his Post Commander from 2007 to 2009 and Suffolk County Council Commander from 2009-2010. As County Commander he worked to make his post an All-American Post and he made Suffolk County an All-American County.

For the Department, Dennis has served as State Surgeon from 2012-2014, State Inspector from 2010-2012, State Youth Education & Community Service Chairman from 2007-2010, Aide to the State Commander and National Special Aide De Camp from 2006 to 2007. He also served on the Legislative and Membership committees. Dennis was elected Jr. Vice Commander in 2014, Sr. Vice Commander in 2015 and State Commander in 2016.

Dennis served on the National Veterans Care Committee, National Youth Education & Community Service Committee, National VFW Programs Committee and has also been assigned to the National By-Laws and Resolutions Committee.

Dennis became involved in many rewarding programs such as the State Commander's Special Project, Parsons House, Fischer House, Suffolk County Stand Down, Gold Star Family Monument, Honor Flight, Operation Uplink and was appointed board member for the Town of Brookhaven for a monument on Global War on Terror. He serves on the veterans' review board giving away homes to veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Currently Dennis' proudest achievement is his special project, the Recycled Car Program. He has given away 67 cars to needy veterans. He is also involved with our VFW National Organization, with a goal of giving away 500 cars throughout the United States.

Dennis is a member of many outstanding and noble organizations including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, American Legion Post, Amvets Post 48, Disabled American Veterans 190, Catholic War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans and the Military Order of the Cooties.

Dennis and his wife Terry moved from Brooklyn to Selden in 1983. They have four children and five grandchildren.