



## Harold "Mick" Leavor State Commander 2014-2015



Harold "Mick" Leavor was born, raised, and attended school in Buffalo, NY. He enlisted in the United States Army on September 27, 1963, taking basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and then serving in Germany with a Hawk Missile Unit from February 19, 1964 until December 10, 1966. Following that, in 1967 he received additional training as a TAB Equipment Repairman at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

From November 16, 1967 until November 15, 1968, Mick served in Chu Lai, Vietnam with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry of the Americal Division, receiving the Basic Missile Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal with Device 60, and the Army Accommodation Medal with two Overseas Bars, and attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Following that, he returned to Fort Monmouth from January 1969 until February 1970, before returning to Germany with the Army Security Agency. Mick was honorably discharged on August 24, 1970.

He attended Bryant & Stratton Business Institute, earning an associate's degree in accounting and business management.

In 1978, Mick joined VFW Post 9487 in Franklinville, NY, becoming a life member in 1985. He served as Quartermaster for several years. He worked his way through the chairs of Cattaraugus-Allegany County Council, becoming Commander in 1992-1993. Mick achieved the status of All-American County Commander and was Captain of the All-State County Council Commanders.

In 1996 he became Commander of the Sixth District, and 2002-2003 found Mick becoming All-State County Council Commander for the second time.

Mick has served on several State Committees as either Chairman or Vice Chairman: including Membership, Drug Abuse, Veterans' Service, and State Citizenship Education and Community Service. In addition, he has held several National Committee appointments.

Mick served as State Commander in 2011-2012.

In addition to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mick is a Life Member of the Americal Division Veterans Association, Life Member of the Franklinville Conservation Club, as well as a member of the American Legion, and the Franklinville Aristocrats.

He and his wife, Chris, live in Franklinville, NY and have three children; Michael who resides in Wesley Chapel, Florida; Catharyn, in Olean, NY; and Suzanne in Greece, NY, and four grandchildren.