



Jack T. Smith
State Commander
1998-1999



Entered military service in January 1957 and served with the U.S. Air Force as an explosive ordnance disposal technician. Served with the 355th Combat Support Group, Southeast Asia from October 1965 to October 1966.

Military decorations include the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal with 2 knots, U.S. Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 campaign stars, Presidential Unit Citation, New York Conspicuous Service Medal and the New York State Conspicuous Service Star with 3 devices. Retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1977 with 20 years of service.

Joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in September 1976, served 2 years as Post Commander in Lowville, New York from 1982 to 1984, as Commander of the Mohawk-Adirondack Counties Council 1986-1987 and Command of District 4 from 1992 to 1993. Advanced through the State Chair positions and served as the State Commander Department of New York Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1998 to 1999.

Jack and his wife Lorraine have been married 42 years and they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.