



## **James Vinsonhaler State Commander 2004-2005**



Jim is a Life Member of Clifford E. Galbraith Post 7127 VFW in Moravia, New York since 1977. He served as All-State Post Commander in 1979-80 and has remained a Post Quartermaster since that time.

Jim also served as All-State Commander of Central New York Counties Council in 1984-1985.

Jim has been employed by the Department of New York VFW as a Department Service Officer located at the Syracuse VA office since 1988.

He also serves on the Community Advisory Board at the Syracuse VA Medical Center and the Upstate Behavioral Health Committee for VA Network 2. Jim further serves as a member of the VFW National Veterans Service eight-man task force for nationwide long range planning for VFW service work.

Jim joined the U.S. Army in August of 1963 and was sent to Viet Nam in December of 1965 serving with the 502 Airborne Inf., 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division until he was discharged in July of 1966. Among his decorations while serving in the military are the parachutist badge...national Defense Service Medal...Viet Nam Campaign Medal w/ device...Viet Nam Service Medal w/2 bronze stars...Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry w/ device... New York State Conspicuous Service Cross..... Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart.

Jim has been married to his wife Kay for 35 years and they have two children and two grandchildren.

Jim has served on nearly all State Committees and appointed offices and was elected to the high office of Commander, Department of New York VFW at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Rochester, New York.