



Thomas Howard State Commander 2020-2021



Tom Howard was born January 29, 1951, in Utica, New York. He lived in Waterville, New York until 1968 moving to Floyd, New York where he graduated from Holland Patent School in 1970.

After graduating he joined the Navy. He served twenty-one years and six months retiring in 1992. During his career in the Navy, he received two Navy Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, four Sea Service awards, a Humanitarian Service award, two awards for Battle E (best combat ship), M-14 Marksmanship Badge, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and hold NEC for Minesweeper and Craft Master.

Tom earned his eligibility to the VFW from his service in Desert Storm/ Desert Shield. He joined the VFW in 1991 and went up through the chairs at his Post 8259. He progressed through the chairs at the Adirondack Mohawk County Council and District 4 achieving the office in Commander in both.

Tom has held many positions in the Department of New York to include State Inspector, Vice Chairperson for Membership, Chief-of-Staff (2017-2018), Jr. Vice Commander (2018-2019) and Sr. Vice Commander (2019-2020).

Tom was elected as State Commander at the Department of New York VFW State Convention in Albany, NY.