

# Thomas McMahon for Vice President

Let me start off by introducing myself to those who do not know me. My name is Thomas McMahon and I married my loving wife Helen in 1980. Together we have raised four children: Thomas John, 35, Michael, 33, Katie, 30 and Bernadette 25. We live in City Island in “The Bronx “ in New York City. (My army nickname, therefore, is Bronx!) I began my career with the New York City Department of Sanitation in 1979. In 1980, I worked with the newly formed NYC Environmental Police Unit. I worked my way up from detective to sergeant and then lieutenant in charge of the entire unit. I also was a laboratory director for the City of New York.

While I worked hard to achieve all that I accomplished in my career, I never lost sight of what is really important in life, and to me that is my family. I coached every baseball and basketball team my children played on and was very involved in our local boy and girl scouting programs. For over 10 years, I headed a volunteer organization: The Council of Leaders of Neighborhood Youth, for which I wrote a grant for that tax-exempt organization

which provided over \$500,000.00 for the children of City Island.

I would also like to share my story as a soldier with you. I served in the 173d Airborne Brigade A/3/503 70-71. I proudly marched (Airborne Shuffle) with the 173d Airborne Brigade in New York City ‘s Welcome Home Viet Nam Veterans Parade which led me to begin my involvement with Chapter 2. I have held many positions within the Chapter including Event Coordinator, Chaplain, 2nd vice president, vice president and President. I have served on the National Board of Directors for the past four years. I was appointed vice president at the Oklahoma Reunion in May by the Board. Last year I served as Committee Chairman working with an outstanding group of members to completely rewrite our bylaws. Our hard work was rewarded at the May reunion when the Board of Directors and the general membership voted to accept the Bylaws we submitted.

I now find myself, however, between a rock and a hard place. Everyone who knows me will agree I am in full agreement and hopeful that we can involve more second-generation sky soldiers into our

Association as they are our future! But I must also say that as much as I would like to see a second-generation sky soldier be involved in the association as vice president, I have not finished what I set out to do as your vice president. Since my appointment as vice president, along with our Board of Directors, we have set up the following committees: Bylaws, election, reunion, membership, 173d Airborne Medal Committee and I are currently working on a historian committee. I have conducted a survey to gather information from every President in our association on how the association can better serve its membership. I also forwarded a survey to each and every sky soldier in our association asking how to better understand their needs.

I have built a reputation as a guy who gets things done. We have a great team of officers working along with the Board and the membership and I am dedicated and prepared to continue the work which I have started to insure a solid future for our Association. I am asking, therefore, for your vote to continue my work as your vice president.

-Tommy McMahon