

# **DAN WEST**

## **State Adjutant/Quartermaster 2020-2021**

**National Council Member 2018-2022**

**Past State Commander 2015-2016**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

**Department of Texas**



Dan West was elected as State Quartermaster at the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Georgetown, Texas, in June 2020. He was appointed as State Adjutant by State Commander Richard “Dick” Shawver in June 2020. Dan was also elected as National Council Member for the 2018-2022 term at the 98th Annual State Convention in Dallas, Texas, on June 15, 2018.

He is a Past State Commander of the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars serving in 2015-2016. Dan served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1994 as an Infantryman, Platoon Sergeant and Marine Drill Instructor. His overseas service and his eligibility comes from service in Lebanon during the TWA Hijacking, the Korean Peninsula, and in Southwest Asia in Operation Desert Shield/Storm where he served with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines as a member of “Task Force Papa Bear” in the Al Buquan & Al Wafra oil fields during the ground invasion.

A Veterans of Foreign Wars member since 1996, Dan has served and continues to serve in various positions within his Post and District. At the State level, he served as the State Chief of Staff and had served as the State Assistant Adjutant from 2006 to December 2018. At the National VFW level, he served as the Vice Chairman for the National Military Services Committee and as the Vice Chair for the National Iraq/Afghanistan Committee and is a “Certified National Recruiter” and has earned the “Century” recruiter award thirteen times. He has also been recognized several times as a National Aide-De-Camp, National Deputy Chief of Staff and National Special Aide-De-Camp.

Dan is a recipient of the renowned National VFW “Triple Crown” award, an honor bestowed upon those individuals who have, received during their term of leadership, All-American recognition at the Post, District and Department levels thus achieving one of the highest levels of leadership excellence and one of the rarest awards that the VFW issues.

Dan is also a recipient of the prestigious Department of Texas “J. T. Rutherford” Award for his work as a Post Commander and is the author of the “District Commanders, How To” book and “Campaigning for a VFW State Office” book that are used by Departments all across the nation.

Dan is a Gold Legacy Life member of Maurice T. Suttles Post 3413 in San Marcos, Texas, and is a Life member of the Military Order of the Cootie, Marine Corps League and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He has three grown children, John, Louis and Katie with Louis serving overseas on active duty as a member of the United States Air Force.