

Jim Brown Bio

I joined the Air Force in October 1994 for Basic Training at Lackland AFB San Antonio, TX and attended Tech School at Sheppard AFB Wichita Falls, TX as a Pavements & Construction Equipment Specialist (AFSC: 3E2X1). I served 8 years Active Duty, with 6 of those years being assigned to RED HORSE Combat Engineering Squadrons (RHS), earning the rank of SSGT (E5) and advanced to Pavements and Construction Equipment Journeyman (AFSC: 3E271). I was also hand selected for the RED HORSE Demolition/Explosives Team. During my Active Duty, I specialized in Heavy Construction Equipment and Explosives.

My Home Duty Stations included: Hurlburt Field, FL (823rd RHS), Osan AFB South Korea (554th RHS), and Dyess AFB Abilene, TX (7th CES). Some of the places I Deployed: Bosnia, Kosovo, Saudi Arabia, Albania, Turkey, and Egypt. I also spent time Temporary Duty (TDY) several locations in Germany and various locations around the United States.

In 2000, I joined the VFW as a Life Member in Korea, then transferring to my hometown VFW Post 5958 in 2001. I now hold a Gold Legacy Life Membership at VFW Post 5958.

At the Post level, I have held the following positions: Post 5958 Commander 3yrs (2yrs All-State with 1yr All-State Captain) & 2yrs All-American, Sr & Jr Vice, Quartermaster 2yrs (1yr All-State Captain & 1yr All-American), Trustee, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, and Service Officer.

At the District level, I held the following positions: District 28 Commander 2yrs (1yr All-State & 1yr All-American placing 2nd in the Division Nationally, Sr & Jr Vice, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, and Membership Chair.

I have held the following State/National Committee Appointments: National Legislative (6yrs), National Security and Foreign Affairs, National By-Laws, National Deputy Chief of Staff, and PA top recruiter.

June 2026 VFW Dept of PA Convention, I was voted in as the State Commander.