

Allen “Al” K. Lowe

VFW Texas State Chaplain 2017 - Present

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Texas

Al Lowe, a Gold Legacy Life Member of Henry T. Waskow VFW Post 4008 in Belton, Texas, was elected as the State Chaplain for the Department of Texas VFW at the 98th Convention in Dallas in June 2018. Chaplain Lowe, a VFW member since 2011, has served in many capacities at the Post, District and Department levels. He also was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, National Chaplain of the Year for 2018 by the VFW National Headquarters and was presented the award at the Department of Texas State Convention in Dallas in June 2018.



Chaplain Lowe joined the U.S. Army in 1966 serving one year as an Infantry Squad Leader in Vietnam and two years as a Drill Sergeant. He separated from Active Duty in 1969. Following graduation from college and seminary, and with the endorsement of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1985 he reentered Active Duty in the Army as a Chaplain. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2005 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He earned his eligibility for the VFW while serving with the 10th US Cavalry in Vietnam 1967-1968 and as the 13th COSCOM Command Chaplain in Iraq, 2004.

His assignments included Battalion Chaplain: Air Defense Artillery; Lance Missile; Armor Regiment (Berlin Brigade); Brigade Chaplain: Division Artillery; Armor; III Corps Chaplain Operations Officer; Resident at Command and General Staff Officer College; Senior Instructor Chaplain Advance Course, Chaplain School; Command Chaplain 13th Coscom Chaplain. Iraq.

Chaplain Lowe's awards include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star medal; Meritorious Service medal (2nd Award); Army Commendation medal (2nd award); Army Achievement medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service medal; Army of Occupation medal; National Defense Service medal (2nd award); Army Service ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm; Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal and Combat Infantryman Badge.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of General Studies, University of Kentucky, 1982; Master of Divinity, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1985; Doctor of Ministry, Westminster Theological Seminary, 1997; Master of Arts – History, Texas A&M University Central Texas, 2010. He was ordained by Flatwoods Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Kentucky in 1979 and endorsed as a military chaplain by the Southern Baptist Convention, 1985.

Chaplain Lowe was born in Huntington West Virginia in 1946. He is married for fifty-three years to Linda and they reside in Belton Texas. They have three children Angela Kristine Lowe-Ward, Allen Lowe, Andrea Kaye Lowe-Parr and eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter to be born this spring.