Guest Speaker

Tom Palladino

Executive Director, Texas Veterans Commission

Tom Palladino has served as Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission since 2010, leading the agency's mission to advocate for Texas veterans, their families, and survivors. He has also served as President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

A retired U.S. Army Colonel, Palladino served 27 years in the active-duty Army and Texas Army National Guard. His military career included service along the East-West German border during the Cold War, command of an Armored Cavalry Troop at Fort Bliss, and leadership roles supporting Texas National Guard members and their families.

Palladino also has an extensive background in education, having taught at The University of Texas at Austin, Austin Community College, and Texas public schools. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Providence College and a master's degree in Political Science from Texas State University.

Coming from a family with military service spanning three generations, Palladino has dedicated his career to serving those who have served our nation.