

Other Veteran Organizations

- American Legion, Life Member
- American Legion Riders – Charter Member Chapter 466
- American Veterans (AMVETS), Life Member
- Disabled American Veterans Life Member
- 193rd Special Operation Wing Veterans Association Life Member
- Pennsylvania National Guard (PNGAS) Association Life Member
- Palmyra Veterans Carnival Association
- Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans Life Member. Offices: Sr. Vice President and Camp Quartermaster

Other Organizations

- Brownstone Masonic Lodge, Hershey, PA Sojourners, Life Member, Harrisburg, PA Chapter # 76
- Hummelstown Fields and Streams (LM)
- Middletown Anglers and Hunters (LM)
- National Home for Children Life Member

Military Decorations

- Armed forces Expeditionary Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Army Commendation Medal w/1 Device
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service and Humanitarian Service Medal
- Air Force Overseas Short Tour
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
- Air Force Commodation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Combat Readiness Medal
- Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon

And Various State Awards

He is the proud father of two children and 2 grandchildren.

**Endorsements
Past State Commanders**

- PSC Thomas H. "Ace" Hanzes
- PSC Thomas A. Brown
- PSC Wayne D. Perry
- PSC Allen Q. Jones



VFW Post 9639
&
District 18

Proudly Endorses

David W. "Spike" Gyger

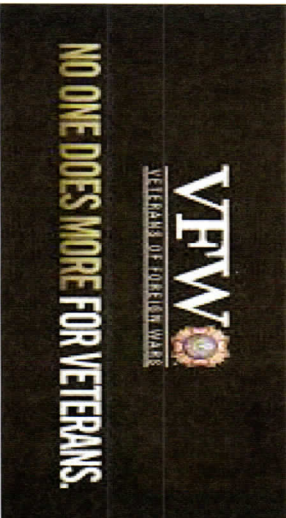
"Encourage, Expand and Educate"

Candidate for

Junior Vice Commander

Department of Pennsylvania
Veterans of Foreign Wars

2021 - 2022



Biography

David W. Gyger enlisted in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in August 1979 and graduated from Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in October 1979. Following basic military training he attended Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Specialist technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas where he graduated in March 1980. Upon completion of technical school, he returned to the 193rd Tactical Electronic Warfare Group Civil Engineering Squadron section for duty. In April 1980 he accepted an air technician position as a carpenter within the 193rd Civil Engineer Squadron where he performed maintenance on all aspects of base support. In August 1980 he was awarded Airman of the 2nd Quarter for outstanding performance. In 1981 he accepted a position within the Traffic Management Office as a Freight Traffic Assistant. In 1993 he was selected as the Traffic Manager NCOIC. Part of his responsibilities included: budgeting and coordinating movement of personnel and commodities utilizing civilian and military airlift, ensuring proper labeling and marking of all hazardous materials. He travelled to various states instructing classes to other Air National Guard Units, where he served as a technical advisor and certifier of originating hazardous material/waste. On numerous occasions he was identified as a "Superior Performer" by the Inspector General while serving as the NCOIC of the Cargo Deployment function. On several occasions, he was assigned to the Air Force Inspectors Generals Team for the Inspection of various units. During his military service of 31 years SMSgt Gyger (Ret) participated in at least 20 deployments

to include worldwide and classified missions. While deployed in Jamaica he was the liaison with the United States Embassy to ensure all port of entry permits and taxes were documented and processed. He was the single point of contact for local vendors ensuring all equipment and supplies from both ships and barges were delivered to the deployed work site. Several deployments included Korea, Wake Island, Azores, Japan, Germany, England, Panama, Qatar, Southern Watch 1998, Allied Force 1999, Operation Enduring Freedom 2002, and in support Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-2005 plus numerous classified deployments. Throughout his career he also answered the call to Federal and State Emergency Management. In May of 1996 he was assigned to a Presidential Detail in State College, PA for the visit of President Clinton. When tragedy struck on September 11, 2001, he directly supported the agencies deploying to ground zero, of New York City.

VFW Positions

Post
All State Post Commander (2)
Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
All State Quartermaster (1)
Adjutant
Trustee
Service Officer *
Honor Guard

District 18

All American Commander (2)
All State Commander (2)
Chief of Staff *
Quartermaster

Internal Affairs *
Homeless Veterans Chairman *
Loyalty Day Chairman *
Inspector *
Community Service Chairman *
Webmaster *
VAWS Representative *

Department

Patriot Pen Chairman
Membership Assistant Chairman
Homeless Veterans Chairman *
Internal Affairs and Court Martial Team Member and Co-Chairman
By-Law Legislative State Convention

National

National Aide-De-Camp
Special Aide-De-Camp
VAWS Representative *
National Convention Registration Committee
Assistant Inspector General
National Recruiter *
National Recruiter Century Award

Military Order of the Cooties

Pup Tent
Seam Squirrel (Commander) *
CCDB (Quartermaster)
Hospital Chairman *
Grand District 4
Jr. Vice, Surgeon, Trustee
Guard
Blood Chairman *

Grand of PA

All Star Quartermaster,
Jr. Vice Commander *
Council Member

* = Serving current position