



# David Ginapp

## International Commander



**This year starts a lot of milestones for the Shrine and my personal life. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shriners, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shriners Hospitals and celebrating my and lady Jan's 40<sup>th</sup> year wedding Anniversary.**

**My moto this year is "Pride Runs Deep." Even though it is a submarine term, it is also fitting for the Legion of Honor. We all have pride in our Country, our Military Service, Lodges, Temples, and our families.**

**I graduated from a small town in northern Iowa in 1974. I had enlisted early in the Navy, when graduation was over I was headed to boot camp in San Diego. I was fortunate to serve on an aircraft carrier (USS America) and 2 Submarines (USS Sargo & USS Indianapolis). After I was Honorably Discharged from the Navy, I started working as a Mechanic.**

**I soon met my love Jan and were married in 1982. Jan & I adopted two wonderful kids from Korea. My son had physical needs that the Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis and Za Ga zig Shrine (Des Moines) helped with. In the meantime, Jan & I put each other through college while working full time. Jan received her nursing degree, and I received a business degree. I then moved into management, holding distinct positions from Maintenance Manager, Region Fleet Manager, Director of Fleet and Corporate Maintenance Manager. Between the responsibilities of work, travel, raising kids and moving from Iowa to Nebraska; I was not able to do something I had always wanted to do..to become a Mason and join the Shriners until 2009.**

**In 2009, I had the opportunity to make this happen and it has been extremely rewarding ever since. We since then moved from Nebraska to Colorado and then to Florida. We have been blessed with the temples that we have been part of (Tangiers, El Jebel, Morocco, Ocala Shrine Club & Egypt) and have made many of friends along the way in this great adventure to the International Legions of Honor.**

**I retired in 2021 to spend more time with Jan (if she likes or not) and to travel this coming year. We live in Spring Hill, Florida a few miles from our daughter and Grandson. Our son and his wife live in Omaha, Nebraska.**