



## *International Commander*

### *David "Dave" Hobbs*

Dave was born in Syracuse, New York where he spent most of his childhood before moving to Rochester, New York. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and went to Basic Training at U.S. Naval Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois 2 days after high school graduation. He then was transferred to U.S. Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia where he attended Radioman School. Following his training, he was sent to Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale, California. He was part of the Polaris/Poseidon Missile Program.

After the stint in California, he was sent to Midway Island where he continued work on the Missile Program. He eventually went Temporary Duty to Midway's own KMTN Radio/Television where he finished his tour. While at the station, he received the Thomas Jefferson Award for a Radio Production, "The Battle of Midway." He also served as weatherman and engineer at the TV station. He was released from active duty at Treasure Island Naval Station.

Shortly after returning home to Rochester following his service, he landed in Zephyrhills, FL to help care for his mother who was battling Cancer. That is where he met his wife, Lady Lisa. The story around town was that Lisa "fired" him from Walmart so they could date. Married after a short courting, they welcomed two sons Brian and Nicholas. They made Plant City their forever home and saw their sons grow, get married, and welcomed their grand daughter Alyson.

He became a Master Mason in July of 2014 and then joined Egypt Shrine in Tampa, Florida. He is a two time Commander of the Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor. He was a tour guide for both the Shriners Hospital as well as Shriners Headquarters. He is also a member of the Bahia Shrine Legion of Honor in Orlando, Florida and was given an Honorary Membership in the Ismailia Shrine in Buffalo, New York. In 2018 he became the IALOH Historian and in 2019 was elected onto the line of Officers.

He loves traveling, meeting new faces and reacquainting with old friends around the country. He relishes in being with other Legion Brothers and Sisters and looks forward to the year ahead as he visits Associations and Unit meetings,