



Alfred J. (Al) Lipphardt

A VFW Gold Legacy Life Charter member of William Cobb – General Raymond G. Davis, Department of Georgia Post 12002, North Fulton, Georgia, Al is a candidate for the high office of Veterans of Foreign Wars Junior Vice Commander in Chief for the term 2022-2023.

Al is guided by the warrior ethos of always placing the mission first, of never accepting defeat, of never quitting and of never leaving a comrade behind. “Follow Me” remains his walk and the Army Values his currency. “Believe In What You Do – Do What You Believe In” is his mantra. Throughout his life, Al has diligently sought to fulfill the mission of the VFW which includes advocating for our service members and veterans in the halls of Congress. He has received VFW’s highest recognition of achievement in the form of All American Triple Crown Commander Award for successful leadership as an All-American Post Commander in 2006, District Commander in 2010 and Department Commander in 2015. He was appointed to serve on the VFW National Legislative Committee 2015-2018 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander in Chief and, at the VFW Department of Georgia Convention in 2018, was elected to the VFW National Council of Administration for the term 2018-2022. In addition, he has received numerous other National appointments. Documentation verifying his record of achievements and success are available.

Lipphardt was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School (OCS) on 16 December 1966, Class 2-67. Prior to commissioning he held the rank of E-5. Al was inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame on March 26, 2018 at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia. Lipphardt separated from the Army at the rank of Captain.

His command and staff assignments include Infantry Platoon Leader 1967-1968 with the 4/31 Inf. 196th Light Infantry Brigade, and 4/3 Inf. 11th Infantry Brigade, Vietnam; Headquarters United States Army Vietnam (USARV) Combined Intelligence Center, (CICV) Senior Staff Officer 1970 – 1971; National Photo Interpretation Center (NPIC), Washington DC; Counter Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Forces Command (FORSCOM); Company Commander, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

His military education includes: Infantry Officer Candidate School, Military Intelligence Aerial Surveillance Officer Course, Military Intelligence Officers Advanced Course, Foreign Service Institute Department of State; United States Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

Awards include: Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Bronze Star with V Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnamese Staff Service Medal 1st Class.