

Bicentennial 200 Orland Park Honorees

Steve Blinn US Navy 1990 -1995 Desert Storm Veteran

Steve left the military in 1995 and has continually devoted time from his daily life to help veterans and his community through support of the following organizations:

- **Chicago Stands Down** who helps provide housing for homeless vets, stabilize their medical conditions, and helps vets establish a source of income.
- **Merciful Mini's** which uses miniature horses for veterans therapy.
- **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** – which promotes patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.
- **National Society Children of the American Revolution** which is devoted to developing our future leaders

Kevin Smith US Coast Guard

Co-Chair Illinois Joining Forces an organization that strives to improve the quality of life of every Service Member, Veteran, or Family in the State of Illinois and oversees more than 400 military-connected students that attend Governors State University

Kevin is an active member of the following:

- Member of the Veterans Higher Educational Affinity Group a charitable organization dedicated to veterans
- Veterans Higher Educational Affinity Group that works toward improving Veteran retention in the workplace

Tom Dubelbeis US Army 1970 – 1972 Vietnam Veteran

Tom's lifetime of service to the United States, the Village of Orland Park and to Veterans is reflected by the following.

As an Orland Park Trustee:

- Tom donated his \$600 monthly stipend to local veterans' organizations, a domestic violence shelter, and various other non-profit organizations
- Supporter of Open Lands – to date Orland Park has preserved over 250 acres of open lands. Supported a program that recycled electronics to support computer training for Veterans
- Chairman Orland park Veterans Commission 2002 -2010

Tom was asked to be village liaison to Veterans Commission 2015 to present and chair the Orland Park Veterans Golf Classic raise over \$31,000 and supported several organizations that provide support and comfort to our veterans.