

**LONNIE GARZA**  
**OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY**  
**2021-2022**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**Department of Texas**



Lonnie Garza, a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Bulverde VFW Post 12205 in Bulverde, Texas, was appointed as Officer-of-the-Day by State Commander Norman Macey at the 101st State Convention in Durant, Oklahoma, in June 2021.

A VFW member since 1969, Comrade Garza served as Post Commander (4 times), District 5 Senior Vice Commander and Officer-of-the-Day and served as VA Volunteer Service Representative (5 times). He currently serves as VFW Post 3413 Senior Vice Commander.

He also served as Captain for the All-State Team (4 times) and Distinguished All-American Team Post Commander (4 times). He has also served as State Officer-of-the-Day, State Inspector, State Area IV Coordinator (2 times), and with the State Military Assistance Program. He was also a recipient of the distinguished J.T. Rutherford Award in 2004-2005.

Comrade Garza was appointed to the National Security Committee, National POW/MIA Committee, National Youth Scholarship Committee, National By-Laws Committee, National Challenge of the Future, National Special Aide-de-Camp, National Deputy Chief-of-Staff. He also served on the National Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Class (20 times), National Recruiter Century (20 times), and served as 104<sup>th</sup> National Transportation Officer. For ten years, he served as VFW National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Comrade Garza served in the United States Army for 22 years (1966-1988) when he retired as Army Specialist/6. He earned his eligibility for the VFW serving in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Purple Heart.

Garza is a Life Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science.