# Daniel Lloyd West

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## SYNOPSIS

Daniel Lloyd West served in the US Marine Corps from 1983 to 1994 as a Rifleman, Drill Instructor and water survival instructor. Dan West separated from the USMC, at the pay grade of Sgt/E-5, with an honorable discharge and was authorized to wear (from highest to lowest) ten (10) ribbons; 1. Navy Commendation Medal, 2. Navy Achievement Medal with 2 bronze star devices, 3. Combat Action Ribbon, 4. Navy Unit Commendation Medal, 5. Good Conduct Medal with 2 bronze star devices, 6. National Defense Service Ribbon, 7. Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze star devices, 8. Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with 4 bronze star devices, 9. Arctic Service Ribbon and 10. Kuwait Liberation Medal. No DD Form 215 was on file or available for review.

Since Dan West's discharge, three (3) decorations where established retroactively that may be illegible for wear if added to his military records; 1. Korean Defense Medal, 2. Drill Instructor Ribbon and 3. Kuwait Liberation Medal Saudi Arabia.

Dan West joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1996 and has served in several positions and levels within the organization to include salaried positions. West was hired by the VFW Department of Texas as the Assistant Adjuctant in 2006.

In 2016, West was witnessed wearing a nineteen (19) ribbon rack to include displaying; 1. Navy Commendation Medal with 1 bronze star device and a Valor device. 2. Navy Achievement Medal with 3 bronze star devices, 3. Combat Action Ribbon with 1 bronze star device, 4. Meritorious Unit Commendation, 5. Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, 6. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 7. Humanitarian Medal, 8. Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon and 9. The Korean Defense Service Medal. Dan Wests military records do not reflect the issuing of these decorations. Two decorations, the 1. Drill Instructor Ribbon and the 2. Kuwait Liberation Medal Saudi Arabia would be authorized for wear but are not included on Dan Wests military records.

VFW Department of Texas Commander Peyton Lumpkin discovered that Dan West was in violation of the VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures during his term (2016-2017). Dan West had been convicted of a criminal act of moral turpitude, as defined on page 45 in VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures Section 902(5). Dan West was sentenced on 10-31-2008 and served six months for violating *Texas State Penal Code 37.10 Tampering with Government Record/ Defraud/Harm*. This criminal record is Prima facie and only needs to be presented at a disciplinary hearing, as illustrated on page 108 in the VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures Section 906. Specifically, the Section states; "*Under this section of a Prima Facie case, it would not be necessary for the prosecutor to prove again what the civil authorities have already established in the criminal trial. To establish guilt at this disciplinary Hearing, all the prosecutor needs to do is to present a certified copy of the court record of conviction. The burden then shifts to the accused or their counsel to show that the record of conviction is not true and correct record.*" Although National VFW organization was notified of

these facts in 2016 by Department Commander Lumpkin, no disciplinary action was ever initiated against Dan West.

A subsequent VFW Department of Texas Commander, Eddie Torres, was also made aware of these criminal facts during his tenure as Department Commander and Dan Wests continued unlawful decision to violate the Stolen Valor Act of 2013 by wearing decorations he did not earn. "*On October 5, 2017 Department received a request from National to investigate allegations made by District 14 Commander Lora Land*" concerning the wear of decorations he was not authorized. Department Commander Torres immediately formed an investigative committee to look into the Stolen Valor allegations. A letter generated on 3-12-2018, submitted to the National VFW organization, expressed serious concerns regarding these revelations and best illustrates the great lengths Dan West went to, in order to prevent the investigative committee from viewing his DD Form 214, that was on file with the VFW Department of Texas. In compliance with the VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures Section 518(5)(e)3 on page 91, The VFW Department of Texas Adjutant/ Quartermaster Roy Grona is responsible for maintaining a "*file containing a copy of the proof of eligibility submitted by officers pursuant Section 516.*" The VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures Section 516 on page 88 states; "*The Commander, on the date of election or as soon thereafter as possible, shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Service Officer and such other officers, chairman and committees as may be required by Department of National. The Commander may appoint such other officers, chairman and committees as deemed appropriate to properly conduct the affairs of the Department. With respect to salaried officers, the appointment shall be made subject to the approval of the majority of the Department Council of Administration. The Department Commander retains authority to remove these officers, committee chairman and committees at any time; provided, however that salaried officers appointed by the Commander may only be removed by the Commander as prescribed in Section 520.*", "*Department officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the Department Adjutant. Additionally, Department Commanders, Department Senior Vice Commanders, Department Junior Vice Commanders, Department Adjutant and Department Quartermasters shall submit proof of eligibility to the Adjutant General. Department officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the Department Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster prior to installation to office.*"

On 07-11-2017, Dan West was assigned to assist with the formation of Pleasanton VFW Post 12162, on 07-14-2017, Dan West met with Steve Mueller to review Post documents that would be submitted to VFW National in accordance with VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures Section 201.

In 2018, with Roy Grona's announcing his retirement, Dan West was appointed/hired as the VFW Department of Texas Adjutant. Dan West resigned his position as the Department of Texas Adjutant after two and half years in 2021.

In 2021, Dan West was again was witnessed wearing decorations he did not earn nor was authorized to wear, including two (2) awards of the Combat Action Ribbon, when he only earned one award. A violation of the 2013 Stolen Valor Act.

In late 2021, Dan West was appointed/hired as the VFW National Assistant Adjutant General. A position he currently holds. It is unknown if the VFW is aware or Dan West's behavior or criminal convictions of moral turpitude or has simply decided to ignore them.

In January of 2022, it was discovered that Dan West is being investigated by federal agents assigned to the National Archives Records Administration (NARA) in Washington DC for violating the 2013 Stolen Valor Act.

To date, the National VFW, having full knowledge of these facts and who's hiring practices are obviously questionable at best, have taken no action to initiate Disciplinary action against Dan West.

# OFFICIAL MILITARY RECORD

DANIEL LLOYD WEST

10-21-1983 TO 11-08-1994 (11 YEARS 18 DAYS)

PRIMARY MILITARY SPECIALITY

0311- RIFLEMAN (10 YEARS- 10 MONTHS)
0511- DRILL INSTRUCTOR (3 YEARS- 2 MONTHS)
8563- MCIWS (2 YEARS- 4 MONTHS)

PRIMARY DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED

BADGES

ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST BADGE
ENLISTED AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST BADGE
RIFLE EXPERT BADGE (6TH AWARD)
PISTOL EXPERT BADGE (2ND AWARD)

CITATION

MERITORIOUS MAST (11TH AWARD)
CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION (3RD AWARD)
LETTER OF APPRECIATION (8TH AWARD)

MEDALS

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL
NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (WITH 2 ★)
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION MEDAL
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (WITH 2 ★)
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
SOUTHWEST ASIA MEDAL (WITH 2 ★)
KUWAIT LIBERATION MEDAL

RIBBONS

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON
SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON (WITH 4 ★)
ARCTIC SERVICE RIBBON

***NOTHING FOLLOWS***

# EVIDENCE

## EXAMPLE- 1 Dan West Military Service 1983-1991

**Fig. 1**- Daniel Lloyd West while serving in USMC assigned to the USS Nimitz.
Seen here wearing three (3) ribbons not authorized in military records.
Photo published on Daniel Lloyd West's personal Facebook Page.

Ribbons worn **ARE NOT REFLECTIVE** of decorations authorized in Dan Wests Military Records.

**MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Meritorious Unit Commendation was NEVER awarded.

Meritorious Unit Commendation is NOT Authorized.

**NAVY "E" RIBBON**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Navy "E" Ribbon was NEVER awarded.

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal is NOT Authorized.

**MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal was NEVER awarded.

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal is NOT Authorized.

**EXAMPLE- 2**
**Dan West Military Service 1991-1994**

**Fig. 2**- Daniel Lloyd West while serving in USMC as a Drill Instructor.
All ribbons worn are authorized for wear.
Photo published on Daniel Lloyd West's personal Facebook Page.

All Ribbons worn **ARE REFLECTIVE** of decorations authorized in Dan Wests Military Records.

**EXAMPLE- 3**
**Dan West 2008 Marine Ball**

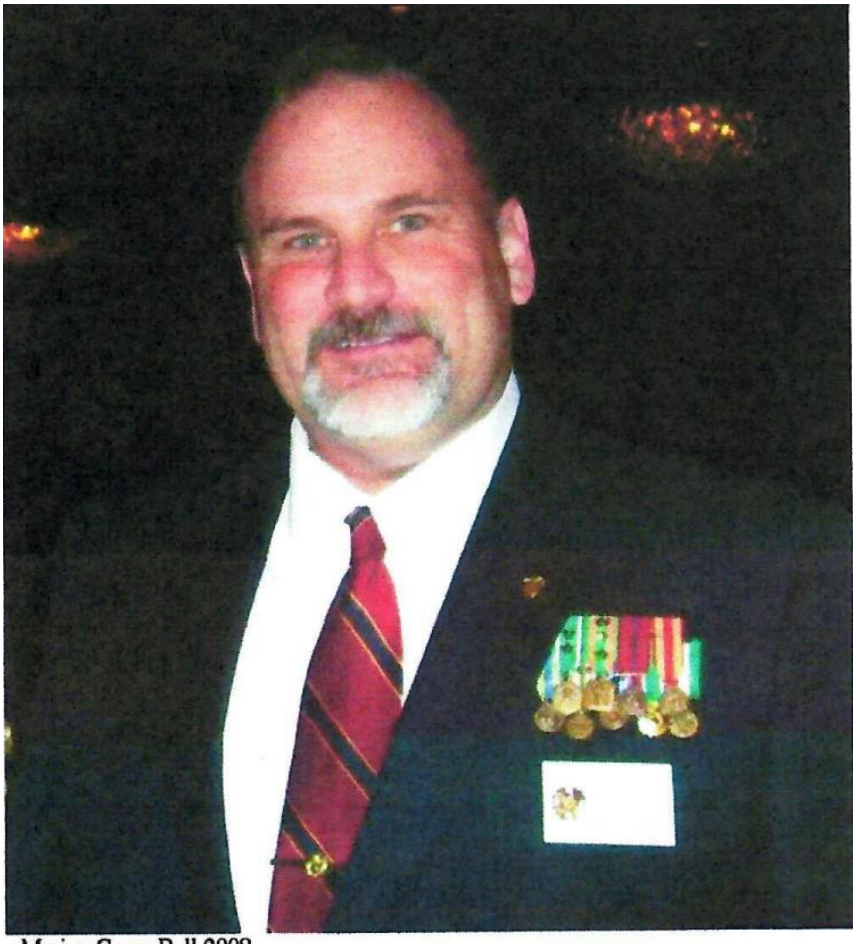


**Fig. 3**- Daniel Lloyd West at the Marine Corps Ball in 2008.
Seen here wearing medals and devices not authorized in military records.
Photo published on Daniel Lloyd West's personal Facebook Page.

Medals worn **ARE NOT REFLECTIVE** of decorations authorized in Dan Wests Military Records.

**NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (1) Award of the Navy Commendation Medal. The medal was not awarded for heroism or Valor consistent with the wear of a "V" Device.

A "V" Device is NOT authorized.

A Bronze Star Device is NOT Authorized.

**NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (3) Awards of the Navy Achievement Medal. Only (2) bronze stars are authorized for wear.

Third (3rd) Bronze Star Device is NOT Authorized.

**Marine Corps Expeditionary MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal was NEVER awarded.

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal is NOT Authorized.

**EXAMPLE- 4**
**Dan West VFW-TX 2016**

**Fig. 4**- Daniel Lloyd West at the 2016 VFW Department of Texas Convention.
Seen here wearing eleven (11) ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.

Ribbons worn **ARE NOT REFLECTIVE** of decorations authorized in Dan Wests Military Records.

**NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (1) Award of the Navy Commendation Medal. The medal was not awarded for heroism or Valor consistent with the wear of a "V" Device.

A "V" Device is NOT authorized.

A Bronze Star Device is NOT Authorized.

**NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (3) Awards of the Navy Achievement Medal. Only (2) bronze stars are authorized for wear.

Third (3rd) Bronze Star Device is NOT Authorized.

**COMBAT ACTION RIBBON**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (1) Award of the Combat Action Ribbon for Operation Desert Storm.

A Bronze Star Device is NOT Authorized.

*Wearing two (2) Awards of the /combat Action Ribbon is UNLAWFUL and a Violation of the Federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013.*

**MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Meritorious Unit Commendation was NEVER awarded.

Meritorious Unit Commendation is NOT Authorized.

**MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal was NEVER awarded.

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal is NOT Authorized.

**ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal was NEVER awarded.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is NOT Authorized.

**HUMANITARIAN MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Humanitarian Medal was NEVER awarded.

Humanitarian Medal is NOT Authorized.

**NAVY AND MARINE CORPS OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon was NEVER awarded.

Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon is NOT Authorized.

**KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Korean Defense Service Medal was NEVER awarded.

Korean Defense Service Medal is NOT Authorized.

**NOTE: Medal was Awarded after Service member separated (February 2004), but is retroactive to 7/28/1954.**

**DRILL INSTRUCTOR RIBBON**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Drill Instructor Ribbon was NEVER awarded at time of service.

**NOTE: Ribbon was Awarded after Service member separated (7/15/1997), but is retroactive to 10/6/1952.**

**KUWAIT LIBERATION MEDAL (Saudi Arabia)**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA) was NEVER awarded at time of service.

**NOTE: Service Member served in Operation Desert Storm. Service Member is authorized wear if they served in AOR between 01/17/1991 to 2/28/1991.**

**Fig. 5**- Daniel Lloyd West at the 2016 VFW Department of Texas Convention.
Seen here wearing eleven (11) ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.
Photo submitted by concerned VFW member.

**Fig. 6**- Daniel Lloyd West at the 2016 VFW Department of Texas Convention.
Seen here wearing eleven (11) ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.
Photo submitted by concerned VFW member.

**EXAMPLE- 5**
**Dan West 2021**

**Fig. 7**- Daniel Lloyd West in 2021.
Seen here wearing Medals, ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.
Photo published on Daniel Lloyd West's personal Facebook Page.

Medals worn **ARE NOT REFLECTIVE** of decorations authorized in Dan Wests Military Records.

**NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (6) Awards of the Navy Commendation Medal.

A Silver Star Device is NOT Authorized.

**NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (16) Awards of the Navy Achievement Medal. Only (2) bronze stars are authorized for wear.

Three (3) Silver Star Devices are NOT Authorized.

**KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Korean Defense Service Medal was NEVER awarded.

Korean Defense Service Medal is NOT Authorized.

**NOTE: Medal was Awarded after Service member separated (February 2004), but is retroactive to 7/28/1954.**

**HUMANITARIAN MEDAL**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Humanitarian Medal was NEVER awarded.

Humanitarian Medal is NOT Authorized.

Ribbons worn **ARE NOT REFLECTIVE** of decorations authorized in Dan Wests Military Records.

**COMBAT ACTION RIBBON**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate (1) Award of the Combat Action Ribbon for Operation Desert Storm.

A Bronze Star Device is NOT Authorized.

*Wearing two (2) Awards of the /combat Action Ribbon is UNLAWFUL and a Violation of the Federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013.*

**MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Meritorious Unit Commendation was NEVER awarded.

Meritorious Unit Commendation is NOT Authorized.

**NAVY "E" RIBBON**

Daniel Lloyd West Military Records indicate the Navy "E" Ribbon was NEVER awarded.

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal is NOT Authorized.

**Fig. 8**- Daniel Lloyd West in 2021.
Seen here wearing Medals, ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.

Photo published on Daniel Lloyd West's personal Facebook Page.

**Fig. 9**- Daniel Lloyd West in 2021.
Seen here wearing Medals, ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.

**Fig. 10**- Daniel Lloyd West in 2021.
Seen here wearing Medals, ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.

**Fig. 11**- Daniel Lloyd West in 2021.
Seen here wearing Medals, ribbons and devices not authorized in military records.
Photo published on Daniel Lloyd West's personal Facebook Page.

## EXAMPLE- 6
## Publication- US Concealed Carry Association (USCCA)

Publications- US Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) Statements and quotes not consistent with Daniel Lloyd Wests actual military service record.

1. Dan West states; "*I served just over 11 years of active duty service in the United States Marine Corps Special Operations units.*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
2. Dan West states; "*I've 8 deployments"* This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
3. Dan West states he spent; "*8 years on Navy ships or deployed overseas"* This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
4. Dan West states; "*I also help found and served for eight years as the President and chairman of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association, a non-profit association."* No records were found to substantiate this claim.
5. Dan West states he has; "*earned Black belts in the martial art styles of Judo, Jujitsu and Tae Kwon Do."* No black belt certificate numbers were issued for Daniel Lloyd West from any of the Judo, Jiujitsu or Tae Kwon Do associations or world federations.
6. Dan West states he had a; "*hard time finding work as a special operations infantry leader."* This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record, Dan West never served as a special operations infantry leader.
7. Dan West states; "*I have testified numerous times as a resource witness at the Texas legislature on, for or against many good firearm laws and some really terrible ones.*" No records were found to substantiate this claim.
8. Dan West states he was; "*assigned to the DEA from the Marines in Central America*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.

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*...I served just over 11 years of active duty service in United States Marine Corps Special Operations u*

My name is Dan West and I served just over 11 years of active duty service in United States Marine Corps Special Operations units. I joined the Marines mainly because I had no idea I wanted to do; but, I knew that being in the Marines would be something I could always us my résumé when I did figure out what I wanted to do. Once I got in, I loved it and re-enliste several times before my body gave out and it could not pass the physical. I am still a Marir today, I am just working undercover as a civilian.

Prior to leaving the Marines, I worked with the U.S. Secret Service augmenting protection assignments for presidential cabinet level officials in Europe and the Middle East. I also wo with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in Central America as a team leader locatin neutralizing narcotic manufacturing facilities. I had the opportunity to work as part of the m special security operations in hostage rescue and recovery at the 1984 Los Angeles Summ Olympics and the 1988 Seoul, South Korea Summer Olympics. Prior to Desert Storm, I was assigned as military advisor on small unit combat tactics in Thailand during their operation against the Khmer Rouge in 1990.

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*Training is one of those items you can never have enough of. While in the Marine Infantry, we had a saying, "The more you sweat in peacetime the less you bleed in wartime."*

I served as a member of "Task Force Papa Bear" in "Opera Desert Storm" as a Marine infantry squad leader. During thi time, I led my squad into combat in the Al Buquan Oil Field ones that were set on fire. Truly a scene from purgatory if t could ever be one. Out of the 11+ years in the Marines, I've 8 deployments spending 8 years on Navy ships or deploye overseas. I did get to visit 54 different countries during tho years. Some I would like to go back to, others, I still have a time erasing from my memory.

*I created my own instructional video, "Gun Safety by Dan West", which was produced as a non-biased way to educa children in schools about firearm safety. I also helped foun and served for eight years as the President and chairman the Texas Concealed Handgun Association, a non-profit association.*

I have always been a student of defensive tactics and have earned Black belts in the marti arts styles of Judo, Jujitsu and Tae Kwon Do. I have also served as a Hand-to-Hand Comba Instructor for the U.S. Marine Corps as well as a Drill Instructor and Combat Swim Instructo have over 18 years as an instructor in combative arts teaching to the Military, Law Enforcer Security, Corrections and citizens like you and me.

I am the author of "Defense Against Personal Assault", my first attempt at writing a book th did not do so well. I am the inventor and owner of U.S. Patent 5,676,378, a three-dimensio firearms target, or "Bad Bob"®, as the target is referred to. Bad Bob is the only three dimensional target that is adjustable in height and can be set to fall from a single shot or multiple hits. Bad Bob is in use by over a dozen federal agencies to include the Departme Homeland Security, the FBI and the U.S. Army and is also used by hundreds of state and l police agencies nationwide.

I created my own instructional video, "Gun Safety by Dan West", which was produced as a

biased way to educate children in schools about firearm safety. I also helped found and se
for eight years as the President and chairman of the Texas Concealed Handgun Associatic
non-profit association. Myself and several others founded this organization just after Texas
passed the concealed carry law. At first, it was a daunting task and I would like to mention
hard work of Bill Slater and Bruce McMahon, both who put in long hours for many years to
organization.

After getting out of the Marines, I founded Security Strategies of Texas, Inc. (SST) in 1995,
incorporated in 1999, with a focus on providing operational tactical firearms training to law
enforcement and the private sector. I did this because I was having a hard time finding wo
a special operations infantry leader. I did get a job offer inspecting some metal doo-hickey
thing, but this was based on my listing Marine Corps Drill Instructor as a previous job title.

With a little luck and a lot of hard work along with my good friend and business partner Ma
Billingsley, SST, Inc. has grown into a multi-departmental company with capabilities in CCT
Investigations, Uniformed Security, Personal Protection Officers, Security Consulting, Train
and Manufacturing of three different products. SST, Inc. has a reputation as a specialized h
risk threat management company focusing on high profile assignments when there is a
significant risk of a dedicated threat.

*The 2nd Amendment is not about hunting ducks; it's about protecting our civil and natural rights.*

I have testified numerous times as a resource witness at the Texas legislature on, for or ag
many good firearm laws and some really terrible ones. I worked closely with several key
legislators and yelled back at a few whom had more of a communist slant to their views of
right to self-protection. I am considered an expert witness on firearms and use of force/de
force and have testified numerous times in courtroom proceedings assisting honest citizer
and against known criminals. I am also one of the co-authors for the State of Texas,
Commissioned Security Officer training program used statewide by all armed security
professionals. I've developed a security training program for the U.S. Department of Labor
which is used at its job training locations nationwide.

I recently finished almost two years with a regional healthcare network here in central Texa the Director of Security. During this time, I provided the day to day oversight and long term strategy for the security at 8 acute care hospitals including the regional trauma center and clinics and support buildings with a staff of 46 security professionals and 43 police officers one thing I learned was just how violent hospitals really are. If you know a nurse or are a n my hat is off to you as nurses live constantly under the threat of violence everyday they go work.

I believe that community service should not be a punishment and that instead it should be way of life. As such, I volunteer my time to the Boys Scouts of America where I served as Cubmaster for 9 years and to the Boy Scouts as an assistant Scoutmaster. I also find great pleasure in volunteering my time as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and serve Post Commander and District Commander. I am married and have three children, two boys a girl.

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## CCM: Was there a specific incident that caused you to carry a gun?

**Dan:** Not really, the type of work I did in the Marines started me carrying one. Since then, carrying a handgun has been like carrying my wallet, I feel naked without one.

## CCM: Have you ever had to use your firearm in a defensive situatio

**Dan:** Several times. I have used the presence of my handgun to stop a thief who was tryin steal my truck. I also used the presence to warn off a really strange individual on the beac who was menacing my fiancé and one of her girlfriends. I have used the gun to shoot a wi dog that was attacking me. It turned out that the dog had rabies.

I pretended to have a gun once and was threatening to pull it and shoot the guy as he wa threatening to beat me up. The threat of the gun and my hand behind my back acting like going to pull it, combined with not letting him get any closer to me, scared him off. I am gl ran, as my finger was all I could point at him. I was out of state in a non-concealed carry st and haven't been back since.

While I was assigned to the DEA from the Marines in Central America, I had to use my han to stop what I thought was a carjacking, but I found out later that it had been an assassinat attempt. This resulted not because of my work, but because I was an American.

## CCM: What training methods do you employ? Do you have any recommendations?

**Dan:** Training is one of those items you can never have enough of. While in the Marine Inf we had a saying, "The more you sweat in peacetime the less you bleed in wartime." Traini a valuable tool for building confidence in the use of your handgun as well as the technique variety of training gives you an all around education as no one system or techniques will w 100% of the time all the time. Any instructor who says that their technique is the one techn that you'll ever need, you need to ask them for a refund and spend both your time and mo doing something else. A good cross training in other defensive tactics and tools as well is highly recommended. All the training in the world will not do you any good if you do not h the means, intent or opportunity.

## CCM: How long have you carried a concealed weapon?

**Dan:** I have carried on and off for about 20 years, continuously since getting my CHL licen 1996. Going anywhere without my handgun is never an option, I have had too many times where having it was a comfort.

## CCM: What weapons do you carry?

**Dan:** I have a Browning Hi-Power in .40 S&W that is my gun of choice. I have carried it sinc bought it back in 1997. I have not made any modifications to it except to put on Hogue Gri also carry a little composite Kel-Tec in a .32 caliber, but only when it gets hot outside and w the understanding that it gets me back to my Hi-Power.

## CCM: What type of ammunition do you carry?

**Dan:** In all of my firearms, I carry Federal Hydra-Shoks due to their rapid expansion and tra of force/energy to the target.

## CCM: What concealment holsters do you use?

**Dan:** I have a five position carry holster from Don Hume leather custom fitted to my Hi-Pov and a small wallet holster made by KW Leather.

## CCM: What do you do for a living?

**Dan:** I am the president of SST, Inc., a security company that specializes in high-risk threat management. I work with a group of extremely talented professionals providing threat management and protective services for clients who have persons or assets vulnerable to criminal activity, or who are in a high profile setting and require professionals not intent on writing a tell-all book.

## CCM: do you have any advice for our readers?

**Dan:** Become involved in the process. To me, any person who has or is intent on restrictin legitimate use of firearms, is a person who is intent on taking away your civil rights not to mention your natural right to self-protection for self-preservation. These people take on m shapes and forms and claim to be only protecting the innocent. My advice is that all peopl who hold their liberties and freedoms near, to become involved in the legislative process. 2nd Amendment is not about hunting ducks; it's about protecting our civil and natural righ Freedom of speech does you no good if you cannot protect it. It is easy to become involve One simply has to write to their elected officials, testify as a grass-roots lobbyist or join an donate to the pro-gun groups. It actually works, as I have experienced it first hand.

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**EXAMPLE- 7**
**Publication- Togetherweserved.com (TWS) 2011**

Publications- Togetherweserved.com (TWS) 2011 Statements and quotes not consistent with Daniel Lloyd Wests actual military service record.

1. Dan West, under the Previously Held MOS, states; "*5711- Nuclear, Biological & Chemical Defense Specialist.*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
2. Dan West, under the Previously Held MOS, states; "*8513- Marine Combat Instructor*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
3. Dan West, under the Ribbon Bar, communicates that he has earned a Navy Commendation Medal with (1) one Gold Star and a Valor Device. This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
4. Dan West, under the Ribbon Bar, communicates that he has earned a Navy Achievement Medal with three (3) Gold Star Devices. This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
5. Dan West, under the Ribbon Bar, communicates that he has earned a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal. This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
6. Dan West, under the Ribbon Bar, communicates that he has earned a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with (3) three bronze Star devices and (1) one Silver star Device. This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.

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## Infantry

**TWS Ribbon Bar**

**Service Photo**

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Timeline

**Service Details**

**Current Service Status**
USMC Veteran

**Current/Last Rank**
Sergeant

**Current/Last Primary MOS**
0311-Rifleman

**Current/Last MOSGroup**
Infantry

**Previously Held MOS**
0300-Basic Infantryman
5711-Nuclear, Biological & Chemical Defense Specialist
0911-Drill Instructor
8563-Water Safety/Survival Instructor
8513-Marine Combat Instructor

**Primary Unit**
1994-1994, 0311, 1st Marine Division/HQ Bn, 1st Marine Division

**Service Years**
1983 - 1994

**Official/Unofficial USMC Certificates**
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Neptune Subpoena
Shellback Certificate
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1987-1991, 0311, 1st Marine Regiment/1st Bn, 1st Marine Regiment (1/1)
1989-1989, 5711, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense Specialist

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**WHICH INDIVIDUAL(S) FROM YOUR TIME IN THE MILITARY STAND OUT AS HAVING THE MOST POSITIVE IMPACT ON YOU**

**AND WHY?**
I would have to say Colonel M.O. Fallon. He stood up for me on several occasions and gave me the opportunity to prove myself just as if not more capable then others he could have chosen or backed. Just one example was that I was the only NCO to stand as Combat Watch Officer during Desert Storm for the Battalion, on his word alone. There are several more but this one meant the most.

**CAN YOU RECOUNT A PARTICULAR INCIDENT FROM YOUR SERVICE WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FUNNY AT THE TIME, BUT STILL MAKES YOU LAUGH?**
E Tool Qualifications and Physiological set ups. During one deployment I was put in charge of the Brig for Marines on board the Pelilliu and I had a 2nd Lt who was being a disrespectful ass to me. So since the officers where having their clothes picked up by the prisoners and taken to the laundry room I would cut his belt so that when he put it on he would think he was gaining weight, I even had other Marines telling him he was getting fat, of course he would starve himself and work out and then several days later I would replace his belt and mark his name onit but make it bigger and then have the Marines tell him he was losing too much weight, of course then he would pig out and stop working out. Managed to get away with it for just over 4 months till he found out.

I had a 2ndlt as Platoon leader that was, well a 2ndlt, anyway on my final fitrep he wrote me this glowing one talking about how awesome I was. Signed it, had me sign it and then gave it to a runner to run over to the CP and then turns to me and says. Sgt. West we are all done here and there is no way I can dig on your fitrep. I want you to give me your honest opinion of me. What a loaded question. For the last 8 months I had become very proficient in humming the wizard of OZ song every time he wanted to make a decision that was not in keeping with just plain ole common sense. So i told him he would do good and that he should continue to listen to his NCO's and he should not have any problems. He sighed and said to me, I am so relieved to hear you say that, every time I got into a serious situation I would always turn and look at you and you where humming that wizard of Oz song and I knew I was gonna be OK. I said sir, the part I was humming was the part about "If you only had a Brain" His slack jawed open mouth was priceless as I turned and walked out of the barracks.

**WHAT PROFESSION DID YOU FOLLOW AFTER YOUR MILITARY SERVICE AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW? IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY SERVING, WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY?**

I was really lost after getting out, I had planned on staying

for 30 or more and my body gave out and I could not pass my reenlistment physical. I went into business with my brother fixing and delivering home health equipment, that lasted a year and then I started my own firearms training company that evolved into a security company, then a 30 acre gun range and training complex. Had an opportunity to work as the Security Director of the 4th largest Healthcare network in the world and after several years was asked to work as the Chief Operations Officer for the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars and I took a serious pay cut but love that I can be a Marine again and not have to be Politically Correct around all the Doctors and Nurses. I get to work with my hero's everyday.

**WHAT MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS ARE YOU A MEMBER OF, IF ANY? WHAT SPECIFIC BENEFITS DO YOU DERIVE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIPS?**
Veterans of Foreign Wars, I get the benefit of being in a unit where I know they have my six. Marine Corps League and the Disabled American Veterans.

**IN WHAT WAYS HAS SERVING IN THE MILITARY INFLUENCED THE WAY YOU HAVE APPROACHED YOUR LIFE AND YOUR CAREER?**
It has taught me to develop a plan and then attack once you believe you have a 70% chance of being successful.

**BASED ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED THE MARINE CORPS?**

Document all of your medical issues and insist that it is documented and then make sure you get a copy of it. Join a Veterans Service Organization and participate you will not regret it, you may hate it but your gonna love it even more.

**IN WHAT WAYS HAS TOGETHERWESERVED.COM HELPED YOU REMEMBER YOUR MILITARY SERVICE AND THE FRIENDS YOU SERVED WITH.**

It has actually helped me become more organized about my service years and helped me to educate my own children about my service. I understand my service was unique even by Marine standards. 12 years in and 6 years, 3 months and 26 days at sea time with another 1 year and 4 months overseas duty. 9 deployments and 54 countries.

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**EXAMPLE- 8 Publication- Togetherweserved.com (TWS) 2022**

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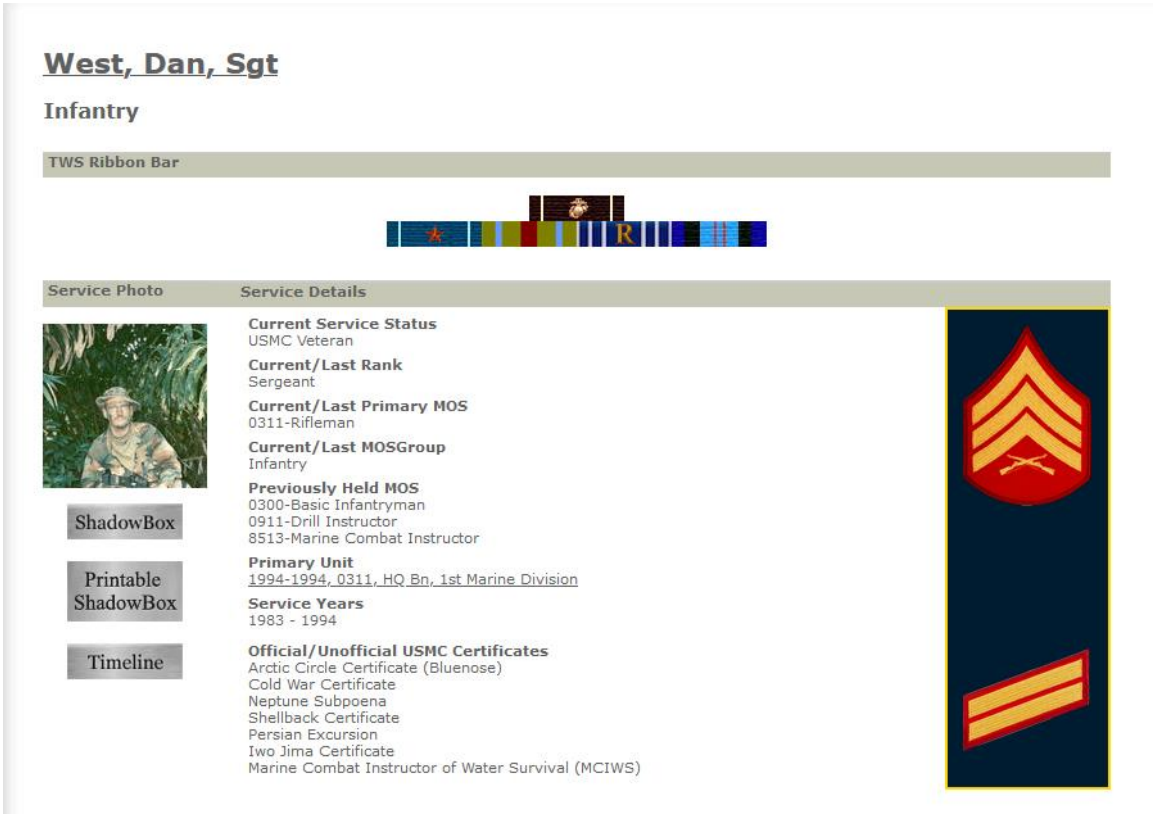
1. Dan West, under the Ribbon Bar, communicates that he has earned a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with (1) one bronze Star devices and (1) one Silver star Device or that he had seven (7) sea deployments. This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.



**West, Dan, Sgt**

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**TWS Ribbon Bar**

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**EXAMPLE- 9**
**Publication- LINKIN 2022**

Publications- LINKIN 2022 Statements and quotes not consistent with Daniel Lloyd Wests actual military service record.

1. Dan West states; "*As a platoon sergeant and later as acting platoon commander.*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.

## About

Experienced Director Of Operations with a demonstrated history of working in the civic & social organization industry. Strong operations professional skilled in Emergency Management, Intelligence, Operational Planning, Tactics, and Command.

## Experience

### National Assistant Adjutant General

National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America

Sep 2021 - Present · 6 months

Kansas City, Missouri, United States

Serve as advisor and assistant to the Adjutant General on matters concerning Administrative Operations, Membership, Programs, Member Service Center, Information Technology, Development and General Service to ensure proper response and resolution of matters pertaining to the Congressional Charter, National By-Laws, policies, and rulings effecting all subordinate units and the operations of the National Headquarters.

Serve upon assignment as a representative of the National Organization at state, regional conferences, or as directed by the Adjutant General and Commander-in-Chief on administrative policies and program objectives mandated by convention action and precedent decisions.

Oversees and coordinates the offices of Administrative Operations, VFW Programs, Membership, Member Service Center, Information Technology, Development, and General Services to assure the processing, programming, maintenance, and implementation of all functions of these departments.

Review, update and maintain organizational By-Laws, corporation documents, interpret their application, research, and prepare rulings, opinions, and policy statements for the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General.

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**National Council Member (Board of Directors) & State Adjutant/Quartermaster**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Jul 2018 - Present · 3 years 8 months

Kansas City, Missouri and Austin, Texas

Act as a fiduciary with other Board members who help direct the National VFW towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the nonprofit has adequate resources to advance its mission. This is done through;

(1) Administer the affairs of the VFW in between National Conventions but must do so in accordance with the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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(6) Handle Appeals from members of the VFW.

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**Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars**

12 years 3 months

**Director of Headquarters Operations**

Jun 2016 - Dec 2018 · 2 years 7 months

Austin, Texas Area

Maintain continuity of operations and knowledge of implementing and executing existing National VFW programs for both the Texas VFW and Texas VFW Foundation on a day to day basis for all VFW Posts in Texas. Established functional activities and organizational relationships necessary to achieve VFW and Texas VFW goals and objectives in membership and core programs, share resources, provide innovative and effective training. Develop and present recruiter training programs and curriculum for Post and District recruiters. As the Assistant Editor of the Department magazine responsible for collection of content and magazine layout promoting VFW Post activities and news relevant to veterans, solicit and manage advertiser's contracts. Supervise five employees and two contract service officers at remote locations and coordinate activities of several volunteers at Department events. Develop marketing and Texas VFW branding opportunities in traditional and electronic markets including the Department magazine, Website, Facebook page and online discussion groups. RESULTS: Increased membership recruiting efforts statewide that have Texas VFW recruiting more new members than any other Department on an annual basis. The Texas VFW News Magazine and Website was awarded 1st Place in National competition. Organized and help install the first online VFW Post with National VFW approval. Doubled the revenue of direct commission to Department from Texas VFW branded products sold through National VFW Emblem & Supply store. Assisted several thousand veterans with direct financial assistance and dozens of military units with National VFW and Texas VFW Foundation grants. Obtained over $1.5 million in private and public-sector grants for the Texas VFW Foundation Veterans Assistance Program.

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### State Commander

Jun 2015 - Jun 2016 · 1 year 1 month

Austin, Texas Area

State Commander of the Texas VFW consisting of 321 VFW Posts in 24 Districts in 2015-16 with a membership of 74,137. Initiated non-traditional special incentive programs and recognition items that revitalized recruiting efforts across the state. Organized and installed a new VFW Post and started the ground work for new Posts in several other locations. Developed and produced a training video on Mentorship for VFW members. RESULTS: Increased overall membership in Texas by 1,288 members to 101.73%. Of the 321 VFW Posts in Texas 236 (73%) finished at 100% in membership or better and 55 finished at 90% or better. Of the 24 Districts, 14 finished at 100% or better with 9 finishing at 92% or better. During this year Texas added 214 new legacy Life members (average is 42) and 1,699 new life members (average is 450) VFW Posts reported 27,516 Community Service Projects donating 853,000+ hours and $7,455,362.00 to local communities.

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### Chief Operation Officer (State Assistant Adjutant)

Oct 2006 - Jun 2016 · 9 years 9 months

Austin, Texas

Oversees the day to day performance of 341 VFW locations and 79,660+/- members and seven paid staff members on community service and veteran programs, to include financial, promotional and project delivery for both the Texas VFW and the Texas VFW Foundation. Assists CEO and Board with special programs and projects with planning and execution of special projects sponsored by both VFW National and State Headquarters and other VFW Departments directly related to projects, and other support programs. Works with elected officials and their staff from city, state and federal government as well as the leadership of other non governmental agencies in promoting, maintaining and securing benifits for service members and veterans and their families.

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**Director of Security**

Seton Network of Hospitals

Mar 2003 - Nov 2004 · 1 year 9 months

Central Texas

Seton is the 4th largest Healthcare Network in the nation, with seven acute care hospitals, regional trauma center and children's hospital with 22 clinics, 15 parking garages and 17 support locations spread throughout 54 counties in Central Texas. Worked closely and coordinated planning and emergency response with members of the U.S. Secret Service Presidential protection team and Governor's protective details. Managed a staff of 87 full time police, security and parking enforcement officers. Evaluated existing procedures and trained personnel. Initiated performance incentives, prepared schedules, coordinated activities and prepared monthly budgets totaling over 1.8 million dollars, monitored personnel performance, headed staff meetings, improved communications, negotiated with department heads, contractors and vendors. Implemented network wide initiatives to address workplace violence issues and security access controls for a work force of 8,000+. RESULTS: Initiated over 4.5 million dollars in savings and new revenues. Increased officer morale that reduced turnover by 37%.

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**Chief Executive Officer**

Security Strategies of Texas, Inc.

Nov 1995 - Mar 2003 · 7 years 5 months

San Marcos, Texas

as CEO I developed a strategic plan to advance the company's mission and objectives and to promote revenue, profitability, and growth as an organization. On a daily basis supervised company operations to insure production efficiency, quality, service, and cost-effective management of resources.

Planed, developed, and implemented strategies for generating resources and/or revenues for the company. Approved company operational procedures, policies, and standards. Reviewed activity reports and financial statements to determine progress and status in attaining objectives and revise objectives and plans in accordance with current conditions.

Evaluated performance of executives and a staff of 38 for compliance with established policies and objectives of the company and contributions in attaining objectives.
Promoted the company through written articles and personal appearances at conferences and on radio and TV.

Represented the company at legislative sessions, committee meetings, and at formal functions. Promoted the company to local, regional, national, and international constituencies.

Presented company report at Annual Stockholder and Board of Director meetings. Directed company planning and policy-making committees.

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### Chief Operations Officer

Promedical

Nov 1994 - Nov 1995 · 1 year 1 month

San Marcos, Texas

Day to day operations of a home health biomedical products repair and servicing company specializing in oxygen concentrators, pulse oximiters and IV drip machines for home health companies and small hospitals/clinics.

### Platoon Sergeant

United States Marine Corps

Oct 1983 - Nov 1994 · 11 years 2 months

Camp Pendelton, California

Assisted commanders and operations officers in the training, deployment and tactical employment of rifle, weapons, and antitank platoons, proficient in all infantry weapons systems. Day to day supervision and coordination in the preparation of personnel, weapons and equipment for overseas deployment and combat. Establishment and operation of unit command posts, the fire and movement between tactical units, the fire of supporting arms, and unit resupply and casualty evacuation efforts. As a platoon sergeant and later as acting platoon commander advised the platoon commander & company commander on all issues of discipline, morale and welfare.

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## Education

### Capella University

Business · Management

2006 - 2019

### The University of Texas at Austin

Certificate of Completion · Non-Profit/Public/Organizational Management · Pass

2010 - 2010

Strategic Management for Non-Profits

## Volunteer Experience

**Mentor and volunteer**
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
Sep 1996 - Present · 25 years 6 months

## Licenses & Certifications

**Veteran Service Officer**
Texas Veterans Commission
Issued Aug 2010

**Advanced Course on the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation**
John E. Reid & Associates, Inc.
Issued May 2004

**The REID technique of Interviewing and Interrogation**
John E. Reid & Associates, Inc.
Issued May 2004

## Publications

### A Guide to Determining VFW Eligibility

Texas VFW · 2013

A guidebook on the documents needed for membership in the VFW.

See publication

### Campaigning for a State VFW Office

Texas VFW · 2013

Information needed when planning to run for an elected position at the state level of the VFW.

### District Commanders How to Book

Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars · 2006

A guide on serving as a District Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

See publication

## Patents

### Improved Firearm Target Apparatus

Issued October 14, 1997 · United States · 5,676,378

Three dimensional firearms target.

## Honors & Awards

### Congressional Veteran Commendation

U.S. Congressman John Carter - Texas Congressional District 31

Nov 2020

ROUND ROCK, TEXAS, November 10, 2020 — Dan West, Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars State Adjutant/Quartermaster, was presented the Congressional Veterans Commendation award by US Representative John Carter at his Round Rock District office Tuesday.

The Congressional Veterans Commendation (CVC) is awarded to Veterans for exemplary community service after their active duty military service. US Rep. John Carter has participated in the CVC program for several years and awards the CVC to residents of his 31st Congressional District which encompasses Williamson and Bell Counties.

The CVC Board's responsibility is for each individual Board member to nominate two individuals for the CVC each year and collectively the Board makes recommendations on recipients of the CVC among the nominees. The CVC is ultimately awarded at the discretion of Congressman Carter

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### Pioneer Spirit Award

City of San Marcos, Texas

Jan 2012

For outstanding contribution to the veterans of the San Marcos community and surrounding area.

### J. T. Rutherford Award

Texas VFW

Jul 2003

Established in 1951 by Past State Commander J.T. Rutherford the J.T. Rutherford Award has become one of the most prestigious awards a member of the Texas Veterans of Foreign in Texas can be recognized with and there have been 192 recipients of the J.T. Rutherford Award for exceptional service above and beyond to the Texas VFW.

## Organizations

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**
State Commander
Jun 2015 - Present

## Groups

**Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**
-

**NVBDC MVO Task Force**
-

**Combat to Corporate**
-

## Recommendations received

**Dr. Jim Rodgers**
"I recommend Dan because of his military back ground. "

**Doc Howard**
"Dan is a no-nonsense, "get the job done", "by the book" leader who expects full cooperation from his elected and appointed officers. He is, however, open to engagement and compromise on issues of importance to the organization, when reasonable and justified and presented in the proper manner."

# SECURITY STRATEGIES OF TEXAS, INC.

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|---|---|
| **Company Number** | 0153775200 |
| **Status** | Forfeited Existence |
| **Incorporation Date** | 3 June 1999 (over 22 years ago) |
| **Dissolution Date** | 27 July 2012 |
| **Company Type** | Domestic For-Profit Corporation |
| **Jurisdiction** | Texas (US) |
| **Registered Address** | PO BOX 1261<br>SAN MARCOS<br>78667-1261<br>TX<br>USA |
| **Alternative Names** | SECURITY STRATEGIES OF TEXAS, INC. (trading name, 1999-06-03 - 2012-07-27) |
| **Inactive Directors / Officers** | BETH CREASEY, treasurer<br>BETH CREASEY, director<br>DAN WEST, president<br>DAN WEST, director<br>Daniel L West, agent |
| **Registry Page** | https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/ |

## Recent filings for SECURITY STRATEGIES OF TEXAS, INC.

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|---|---|
| *31 Dec 2012* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |
| *27 Jul 2012* | TAX FORFEITURE |
| *31 Dec 2009* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |
| *31 Dec 2008* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |
| *31 Dec 2007* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |
| *31 Dec 2006* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |
| *31 Dec 2005* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |
| *31 Dec 2004* | PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (PIR) |

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## Company network

Not yet available for this company. Click to find out more

## Latest Events

- **2021-03-01 - 2021-05-31** Addition of officer BETH CREASEY, director
- **2021-03-01 - 2021-05-31** Addition of officer DAN WEST, director
- **2021-03-01 - 2021-05-31** Addition of officer DAN WEST, president

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## Corporate Grouping USER CONTRIBUTED

None known. **Add one now?**

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**EXAMPLE- 10**
**Publication- VFW 2020/2021 Bio Statements**

Publications- VFW 2020/ 2021 Bio Statements and quotes not consistent with Daniel Lloyd Wests actual military service record.

1. Dan West states he served as a; "*Platoon Sergeant.*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.
2. Dan West states; "*Overseas service and his eligibility comes from service in Lebanon during the TWA Hijacking, the Korean Peninsula*" This statement is not consistent with Dan Wests official military record.

# DAN WEST

## State Adjutant/Quartermaster

## 2020-2021

### National Council Member 2018-2022

### Past State Commander 2015-2016

### Veterans of Foreign Wars

### Department of Texas

Dan West was elected as State Quartermaster at the 100th Annual State Convention in Georgetown, Texas, in June 2020. He was appointed as State Adjutant by State Commander Richard "Dick" Shawver in June 2020. Dan was also elected as National Council Member for the 2018-2022 term at the 98th Annual State Convention in Dallas, Texas, on June 15, 2018.

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A Veterans of Foreign Wars member since 1996, Dan has served and continues to serve in various positions within his Post and District. At the State level, he served as the State Chief of Staff and had served as the State Assistant Adjutant from 2006 to December 2018. At the National VFW level, he served as the Vice Chairman for the National Military Services Committee and as the Vice Chair for the National Iraq/Afghanistan Committee and is a "Certified National Recruiter" and has earned the "Century" recruiter award thirteen times. He has also been recognized several times as a National Aide-De-Camp, National Deputy Chief of Staff and National Special Aide-De-Camp.

Dan is a recipient of the renowned National VFW "Triple Crown" award, an honor bestowed upon those individuals who have, received during their term of leadership, All-American recognition at the Post, District and Department levels thus achieving one of the highest levels of leadership excellence and one of the rarest awards that the VFW issues.

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**Past State Commander 2015-2016**

**State Quartermaster/Adjutant**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

**Department of Texas**

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The rumors were that Dan had falsified his DD-214. It is rumored that he did not earn all of the awards he was wearing and that he may be committing acts of "Stolen Valor". He wears a total of 19 ribbons that were ostensibly earned during Desert Storm. According to his records, Dan West served in the Marine from1983-1994 and was deployed during Desert Storm. He left the Marine Corp at the rank of Sergeant.

While at Texas VFW Headquarters, I made a request to Roy Grona to let me see Dan West's DD-214. Roy said, "Not a problem" and volunteered to make me a copy of Comrade West's sanitized DD-214 with no social security number. Everyone I know in the VFW is proud of their service and will gladly show their DD-214 to duly authorized persons in our organization. Commander West going to such lengths to not allow anyone to look at his DD-214 raises red flags.

As the Texas State VFW Commander, I am allowed to see the DD-214 of any person in the VFW in the state of Texas. I have been duly elected by a majority of my comrades in the state of Texas and am not here steal someone's identity; I am also not here to "get someone". I am carrying out my duties according to the by-laws of this great organization and as appropriate to my station.

After looking at his DD-214, it appeared that there were anomalies in font and font size in certain areas of the document. This is suspect. Even if a member has been approved at Post, District and Department level, that does not mean the DD-214 is correct. Reviewers at these levels could have been fooled. In actuality, since Comrade West is a Texas VFW Department employee, he was the reviewer of his own DD-214 at all levels. The only way to ensure an accurate review of Comrade West's DD-214 is for National to obtain an original from the archives without going through Dan West.

A cursory background check of Public Records show that Dan West was convicted of *tampering with a government record, 05/03/2004* and subsequently served six months for the offense starting on 10/31/2008. Please see *Texas Department of Criminal Justice*-- attached.

**EXAMPLE- 12 State Commander Torres 2017 Letter to VFW**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Department of Texas**
**Edward C. Torres, Commander**
**663 Moursund Blvd**
**San Antonio, Texas 78221**
**210-279-8058**

March 12, 2018
Certified Mail, Return Receipt

Dear Mr. Prohaska:

In response to your certified letter dated February 16, 2018, I, Edward C. Torres, Texas State Commander am responding to the appeal where Dan West, from Department is accusing me of illegally obtaining his DD214.

On October 5, 2017 Department received a request from National to investigate allegations made by District 14 Commander Lora Land. The allegations were made by Lora Land against Dan West and Allen Freeman.

I immediately initiated an Investigative Committee and appointed Tashawnya McCollough as lead investigator.

On February 7, 2018, I, as Department State Commander, received a request from the Investigative Committee to obtain a copy of Dan West's and Allen Freeman's DD214s.

On February 7, 2018, I was at Department headquarters conducting State Commander business directly with the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster Roy Grona. On this date I requested Roy Grona provide me a copy of Dan West's and Allen Freeman's DD 214s in compliance with the request from the Investigative Committee.

On this date (Feb 7 2018), Roy Grona, in his official capacity as the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster complied without advising

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or informing me that my request was not authorized nor not in-compliance with the National By-Laws. At the time Roy Grona, without hesitation provided me a copy of Dan West's and Allen Freeman's DD214s. If Roy Grona, as the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster knew that the Investigative Committee's request for Dan West's and Allen Freeman's DD214s were not authorized or not in-compliance with the National By-Laws it was his duty to properly inform me at that moment. If Roy Grona had given me with reasons not to provide these DD214s in accordance with the By-laws to the Investigative Committee, I would not have accepted them from him at the time.

At the time of my request for these DD214s, Roy Grona also asked me if I needed his DD214. I responded no since the Investigative Committee had not requested a copy of his DD214.

After Roy Grona provided me Dan West's and Allen Freeman's DD214 I in-turn provided them to the Investigative Committee. I do not have a copy of these DD214s in my person or in my files as I do not have a need to have them. The Investigative Committee's investigation is still on going.

When I requested these two DD214's I can respectfully and honestly attest that I was only complying with the Department Investigative Committee that was initiated at the request from National to look into the allegations made by Lora Land. I have a clear conscience because I have never made the statement or have intended any wrong doing or acted with malice against Dan West nor Allen Freeman. As the State Commander I was only complying with a National request to investigate allegations made by Lora Land and the Investigative Committee.

For the record, when Roy Grona provided the two DD214's he explicitly informed me that the SSNs had been marked over in black. Dan West's complaint that his DD214 has his SSN which, can be used for identity theft. This is a false statement because both DD214's has the SSNs blacked out.

I was also not aware Dan West had left the building nor did I see Dan West pass by Roy Grona's office, Dan West also did not go into Roy Grona's office while I was there to let Roy know that he was leaving for lunch.

I don't discuss issues or concerns with Dan West. I know Dan travels throughout the state campaigning for National Council on the weekends with his ambassadors. He has also stated during his campaigning that he doesn't work for the state commander, that he works directly for Roy Grona.

Earlier in the year I was discussing membership with Roy Grona and asked if he would help me with recruiting members at large. Roy stated "that is Dan's job" and he said there he is, ask him. So when I asked Dan West in front of Roy Grona, his response was "you have a membership chairman." I replied he's not as knowledgeable as you nor does he have access to this type of Department data. He walked away and left me standing without a response to my reqest for help. Dan West is someone who has experience managing an international company, therefore I would expect him act professionally. This type of attitude and behavior is unprofessional in a VFW Department office environment and unbecoming of an employee, and a Triple Crown Past State Commander. That is why, I have never felt confident nor comfortable to ask for his help or advice because he has shown he is not willing to assist me in successfully carrying my State Commander responsibilities. He is about self and not what's best for the Department of Texas in achieving our program goals.

As far as the committee chosen to investigate the complaints made by Lora Land, it does not matter who I choose for committees. Dan West will criticize any selected 2017-2018 team members. I depend on my team of officers to conduct factual and fair investigations.

I don't go to headquarters without a witness to plan or discuss any business when meeting with Roy Grona. I don't roam freely throughout the Department offices or access computer data files or

hard copy files in their offices. My time there is strictly business with Roy Grona or any other employee that needs required information from me. Larry Sanders Department Chief of Staff attended the meeting in reference to this allegation and can attest to all actions that occurred.

Dan West encouraged me to run for Jr. Vice Commander and stated that he believes that no one should run unopposed. He asked me to run against his friend Allen Freeman. He was coaching us both how to campaign against each other. When I succeeded and was not receptive to his ideas or his advice, I experienced how he can be conniving and vindictive.

I will continue to serve this organization with respect. I am an Infantry Vietnam Veteran and served with the 173rd Airborne Division. I have served the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all levels for 40 years. I stand by my oath that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof, nor permit any wrong be done to either.

Respectfully,

Edward C. Torres, Commander

**EXAMPLE- 13**
**Dan West Criminal Record**

From: LSan0612[redacted]
Subject: dw
Date: August 24, 2017 at 3:24 PM
To: plumpkin[redacted]

see attached

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole and Probation Detail

*Record Details*

| SID No. | TDCJ ID | Name | Date of Birth |
|---|---|---|---|
| 07407086 | | WEST,DANIEL LLOYD | Nov 30 1964 |

*Probation Data*

| SID No. | TDCJ ID | Arrest Date | Offence Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 07407086 | | 2004-11-03 | 2004-05-03 |
| NCIC | DCIC Desc. | Sentence Date | Sentence Length |
| 73990623 | TAMPER W/GOVERMENT RECORD | 2008-10-31 | 000600 mo |

*Parole Data*

none found

*1 'Look-up' has been deducted from your account 005716726-UID total on July 16, 2017 at 22:01:41.*

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Texas Dept of Criminal Justice
Parole & Probation

## REPORT CONCLUSION

Daniel Lloyd West has along history of pretending to be someone he is not. As pictured in Figure 1, while West was serving on the USS Nimitz, he can be seen wearing three (3) decorations he never earned. It is unknown if West was disciplined for this behavior or not while serving in the USMC, but it is behavior that has continued for the better part of his life extending from 1985 to 2021 consistently. Daniel Lloyd West has more than thirty-six (36) years of engaging in fraudulent representation of his military record and using these false claims to receive monetary gain and enhance his tangible benefits in the Veterans of foreign Wars of the United States.

On 05/03/2004, Daniel Lloyd West, with his business (Security Strategies of Texas Inc.) failing, attempted to obtain a Government contract with the Department of Defense, but was caught falsifying government records in the process and was duly arrested. Later to be convicted of Texas Penal Code 37.10 *Tampering with a government record Defraud/Harm* (NCIC Code-73990376)/ SID Number 07407086 by the Texas Department of Justice and sentenced to six (6) months on 10/31/2008 for his crime of Moral Turpitude.

Despite this criminal fraud behavior, he continued his VFW membership and in 2008, Daniel Lloyd West can be seen once again wearing decorations he did not earn at the 2008 Marine Corps Ball as pictured in Figure 3. One (1) medal and three (3) devices are seen in the picture of figure 3, that are NOT authorized, earned or reflective of Daniel Lloyd Wests official military records include the following;

1. "V- Valor Device" attached to the Navy Commendation Medal
2. "1 Gold Star Device" attached to the Navy Commendation Medal.
3. "1 Gold Star Device" attached to the Navy Achievement Medal.
4. "Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal"

**Fig. 12**- Daniel Lloyd West.

Daniel Lloyd West was last pictured (Pictured above left) serving on active duty with the USMC. The decorations being worn in this picture are consistent with West's military records. There are seven (7) ribbons being displayed. Daniel West separated from the USMC with an honorable discharge a few years after this picture was taken.

Daniel Lloyd West (Pictured above Right) while attending the 2016 VFW Department of Texas Convention is wearing nineteen (19) total ribbons. Military Records indicate Daniel Lloyd West received his Navy Commendation Medal at his separation from active duty with the USMC. Medals earned for service in Operation Desert Storm include; the Kuwait Liberation Medal (established in 1994) and the Kuwait Liberation Medal Saudi Arabia (established in 1995). Both decorations where awarded after Wests service had concluded and would be considered earned and illegible for wear. Additionally, the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon (established in 1997), was also awarded after Wests separation from the USMC, and is retroactive to October 6, 1952. This also would be considered earned and illegible for wear.

However, six (6) ribbons and four (4) devices are seen in the right picture of figure 12, and are NOT authorized, earned or reflective of Daniel Lloyd Wests official military records include the following;

5. "V- Valor Device" attached to the Navy Commendation Medal
6. "1 Gold Star Device" attached to the Navy Commendation Medal.
7. "1 Gold Star Device" attached to the Navy Achievement Medal.
8. "1 Gold Star Device" attached to the Combat Action Ribbon.
9. "Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon"
10. "Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal"
11. "Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal"
12. "Humanitarian Medal"
13. "Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon"
14. "Korean Defense Service Medal"

The wear of two (2) awards of the Combat Action Ribbon is NOT authorized and a direct violation of the 2013 Stolen Valor Act.

Once Again in 2021, Daniel Lloyd West can be seen wearing a USMC Dress Blue uniform. However, two (2) Medals, five (5) devices and two (2) Ribbons are seen in figure 7, are NOT authorized, earned or reflective of Daniel Lloyd Wests official military records include the following;

15. "1 Silver Star Device" attached to the Navy Commendation Medal.
16. "3 Silver Star Device" attached to the Navy Achievement Medal.
17. "1 Gold Star Device" attached to the Combat Action Ribbon.
18. "Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon"
19. "Navy "E" Ribbon"
20. "Humanitarian Medal"
21. "Korean Defense Service Medal"

Again, the wear of two (2) awards of the Combat Action Ribbon is NOT authorized and a direct violation of the 2013 Stolen Valor Act.

At this time, enough preliminary evidence exists to substantiate a formal criminal investigation into Daniel Lloyd Wests numerous and on-going violations concerning the 2013 Stolen Valor Act and the wear and written communication of having received two (2) Combat Action Ribbons. A consistent act, despite being called out by VFW members in 2016 and again in 2017, that has been on going for at least ten (10) years.

END OF REPORT