

Roger Barton

Roger joined the Army in September of 1968. He completed his basic training at Ft. Campbell Kentucky and advanced training at Ft. Lee Virginia. In March of 1969 he was deployed to Vietnam and assigned to II Field Forces, 5th Battalion, 2nd Artillery, Charlie Battery. The battery consisted of 16 M42A1 Dusters equipped with twin 40 mm cannons conducting perimeter security at remote firebases and convoy escorts. After completing his first year he voluntarily extended for an additional six months, eventually returning stateside in October of 1970. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1971.

Roger joined VFW Post 2791 in 1977 and became active in 1984. He was elected Post Commander in 1986 and was honored as an All-State Post Commander four times and All-State Quartermaster three times.

After the military, Roger served on the Tinley Park Police Department for 31 years until his retirement on Memorial Day 2002.

Roger continues to serve as our Judge Advocate and is currently the longest running active member of our Post.