



**William J. “Doc” Schmitz**  
**Commander-in-Chief**

William J. “Doc” Schmitz was elected Commander-in-Chief Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 24, 2019, at the National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970. He served in corpsman attached to the United States Marine Corps artillery. In recognition of his service, he received the Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.



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Doc served  
Vietnam as a  
infantry and  
National  
Republic of

He joined the VFW in 1971 at Post 524 in Corning, N.Y., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served as Department Commander, Post Commander, Southern Tier County Council Commander and District 5 Commander. He was also editor of the New York State Overseas Veteran publication for nine years. In 2007, he was elected Department Surgeon for the Department of New York where he served for five consecutive years. He served at the national level as the Surgeon General from 2010 to 2011, and as the Inspector General from 2015 to 2016.

Doc worked for the Department of Corrections as a registered nurse and acting nurse administrator for 30 years before retiring. He currently is employed as the Director of Veterans Issues for Congressman Tom Reed of the 23rd Congressional District in New York. He is also a 32nd degree Mason.

Doc and his wife, Deborah, reside in Corning, N.Y.

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