



**Thomas Tradewell**  
**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**



Thomas Tradewell was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on August 23, 2007, at the VFW 108th national convention, held in Kansas City, Mo.

Tradewell served in the U. S. Army from 1966-1968 in Vietnam as a demolition specialist. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal.

Tradewell joined the VFW in 1968 at Post 6498 in Milwaukee where he is a Life Member. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department (state) levels culminating with his election as Department Commander 1999-2000. He served as national inspector general in 2001-2002. He also served as the District 11 National Council representative for members from the Departments of Wisconsin and Iowa in 2003-2005.

Tradewell earned an associate's degree in industrial safety and is now employed by G&V Machining Company as a quality technician.

He is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Military Order of the Cootie, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

The Tradewell family makes their home in Sussex, Wis.

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