

# COMRADE OF THE QUARTER



## ROBERT M. PARHAM

**I was born in Charlotte August 16, 1947, the oldest of three children. My brother William Nash Parham III, and my sister Deborah Parham live in the Charlotte area. My father, William Nash Parham Jr. and my mother, Doris Mayhew Parham are deceased.**

**In my immediate family I have one daughter, Jennifer Humlicek, a Technical Sargeant (E-6), U.S. Air Force, assigned to the pharmacy at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.**

**In April of 1968 I received a draft notice. At that time I was a in my senior year at Harding High School. I went to the draft board and requested a deferment until I graduated. I enlisted in the Air Force at four-thirty June 24, 1968. This was 7 ½ hours before I was to be inducted in the Army. I was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas for basic training and Security Police Technical School. My first assignment was Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota. My next duty station was at the Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, where I was assigned to night perimeter duty. When I returned stateside I was assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, N.C.. I was honorably discharged on April 16, 1976.**

**I have worked in many career areas since being discharged. A friend of mine advised me to check out the North Carolina Air National Guard, and I enlisted in the guard November 4, 1994. I retired from the Air Guard and the USAF on August 16, 2007 with 20 years and 3 months service. I still miss being in the NCANG, and the Air Force.**

**Since joining Post 9488 in 1994 I have served as Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Jr. Vice Commander and as a member of the House Committee. I can't think of another post that I would rather be a member of.**





### **Service Medals Received:**

- **Air Force Commendation Medal**
- **Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 2 Devices**
- **Air Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Devices**
- **National Defense Service Medal with 2 Devices**
- **Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Devices**
- **Air Force Longevity Medal with 2 Devices**
- **Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 Device**
- **USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon**
- **Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with 1 Device**
- **AF Training Ribbon**
- **Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal**

### **NC State Awards:**

- **NC NG State Service Ribbon**
- **NCNG State Active Duty Award**

