

DENNIS HALVORSEN

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1966

Dennis Halvorsen received his draft notice during his senior year in high school. After graduating in 1966, he entered the United States Army. He fought in the Vietnam War, assigned to the 17th Cavalry Division, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, as an M60 Machine Gunner on a Military Personal Carrier that supported Infantry maneuvers near Ben Hoa Saigon. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received during his tour in Vietnam and returned home in August of 1968.

Dennis has worked residential construction his entire life in the Central Wisconsin area, road crew supervisor for Wausau Homes and jobsite foreman for Ken Bauer Construction.

Dennis has been a Charter member of Edgar Memorial VFW Post 10187 since it was founded in 1970, and also a member of the Edgar American Legion Post 393 for over 39 years. He has held all of the Officer positions in both organizations and is instrumental in fundraising to support the community. Dennis plans and assists all fundraisers for the VFW Post and American Legion Post, both donating each year to Edgar High School scholarships as well as local youth and community organizations such as Edgar Area Circle of Joy, Edgar Boy Scouts, Edgar Girls Scouts, Edgar Cub Scouts, Edgar Fine Arts Association, Honor Flight and other local and veteran support organizations. He leads Memorial Day ceremonies and is the primary coordinator for Veteran gravesite honors in local cemeteries.

The Edgar VFW donated the flag pole at the Edgar Football field in 1971 and Dennis has raised the flag at Edgar High School football games since then, only missing a few games in almost 45 years. He is instrumental in planning and organizing Veteran and community events such as parades, youth education and Veteran's Day programs, and has marched in the Edgar Parade since 1969. Dennis has always been dedicated to the Veteran organizations and has a life long history of giving back to his home town of Edgar, Wisconsin.

Dennis resides in Edgar with his wife Connie. They have raised five sons: James, Brian, Chad, Todd and Dennis Leo.