



# ST. JOHNS COUNTY **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

DAVID B. SHOAR, SHERIFF

## Bio - David B. Shoar, Sheriff

### Personal

- Born October 28, 1961 in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- Married on May 2, 1987 to the former Laura Giannotta.
- Father of Emily Elizabeth and Matthew Lawrence.
- Member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church, St. Augustine, Florida.

### Professional

- President and Valedictorian of Police Academy Class, 1981.
- Patrol Officer, St. Augustine Police Department, 1981-1991.
- Sergeant, St. Augustine Police Department, 1991-1997 (road patrol & records/information management).
- Administrative Services Commander, St. Augustine Police Department, 1997-1998.
- Operations Commander, St. Augustine Police Department, 1998-2000.
- Chief of Police, St. Augustine Police Department, 2000-2004.
- Elected Sheriff of St. Johns County Florida, 2004.
- Re-elected Sheriff in 2008 (unopposed).
- Re-elected Sheriff in 2012 (unopposed).
- Graduate of the 193rd session of the prestigious FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, 1998.
- Graduate of the 46th session of the prestigious FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) at Quantico, Virginia, 2003.
- Graduate of the 35th session of the Chief Executive Seminar (CES) sponsored by the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, 2004.
- Attended numerous professional/police related schools since 1980/1981.

### Civilian Education

- Graduated Cathedral High School, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1979.
- Graduated Cum Laude (with honors), St. Johns River Community College (Associate of Arts Degree), 1987.
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors), University of North Florida (Bachelor of Arts Degree, Criminal Justice), 1996.

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors), University of North Florida (Master's Degree, Public Administration), 2001.
- Scholastic Memberships – Gold Key National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Student Criminal Justice Association, and the Pre-Law Society.
- Adjunct Professor, St. Johns River Community College and Flagler College, 2002-Present.
- Awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Flagler College, 2005.

### **Military Education**

- Twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Florida Army National Guard.
- Graduate of Basic Recruit Training, 1979.
- Graduate of Air Force Security Police Specialist School; Lackland AFB, TX, 1979.
- Graduate of Florida National Guard Military Academy Officer Candidate School, Camp Blanding, FL, 1988.
- Graduate of Engineer Officer Basic Course, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, 1990.
- Graduate of the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, 1999.
- Graduate of the Combined Arms, Services and Staff Course, Jacksonville, FL, 2001.
- Graduate of Warrior 2000 Leadership Seminar.

### **Military Awards (Not all listed)**

- Good Conduct Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Liberation of Kuwait Medal (awarded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- Army Commendation Medal (two times)
- Overseas Training Ribbon
- The Florida Commendation Medal
- The Meritorious Service Medal

### **Military Assignments and Leadership Experience**

- Enlisted soldier from 1980 through 1987
- Unit Commander, 221st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, 1988
- Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 269th Engineer Company, 1988 – 1992
- Platoon Leader, 269th Engineer Company, in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield/Storm
- Executive Officer, 269th Engineer Company, during Operation Andrew relief operations
- Staff Officer, Directorate of Engineering and Housing, Camp Blanding, FL, 1992-1995
- Unit Commander, 653rd Engineer Detachment, 1995 – 1997
- Unit Commander, 653rd Engineer Detachment, during Operation Opal relief operations
- Staff Officer, Florida Army National Guard Facility Management Office, 1997 – 1999

- Operations Officer, Florida Army National Guard Office of Plans, Operations and Military Support to Civilian Authorities, 1999 – 2001
- Law Enforcement Liaison for the Assistant Adjutant General for Army (FLANG) Joint Task Force, 1999 - 2005
- Public Information/Affairs Advisor to the Command Section of the Florida National Guard, 2001-2002
- Provost Marshall, 53rd Infantry Brigade, Tampa, FL 2002-2003
- Public Information/Affairs Advisor to the Command Section of the Florida National Guard, 2003-2005
- Retired in 2005 from the Florida Army National Guard after 24 years of service

### **Civilian Awards**

- University of North Florida In-Service Academic Excellence Award, 2002
- Juvenile Justice Award, 2002
- Criminal Justice Award from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD), 2005
- Establishment of the “David B. Shoar Award for Academic Achievement” at Flagler College
- Recipient of the National “America’s Most Wanted First Responder All Star” award, 2006
- Recipient of the “Top Law Enforcement of the year 2007” from the Florida statewide American Legion
- 2008 received the two most prestigious awards in St. Johns County for civic involvement, the Catholic Charities, "Good Samaritan" Award and the Salvation Army's, "Gus Craig" award

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Florida Sheriff’s Association (served as Chairman in 2011 and elected Treasurer for 2011/2012)
- St. Johns County Juvenile Justice Council
- St. Johns County Task Force on Domestic Violence (former co-chairperson)
- University of North Florida's advisory council for the Institute of Local Government
- Northeast Florida Law Enforcement Executive's Association (past vice president and president)
- St. Augustine/St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
- Member, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Florida FBI National Academy Associates
- Member, Florida Police Chief’s Association
- Member, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency
- Life member, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Member, Epic Board of Directors
- Member, St. Johns County's Law Enforcement and Private Security Council
- Member, Rotary Club of St. Augustine
- Board of Directors for the North Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- Member, National Guard Officers Association
- Member, Knights of Columbus
- Member, Masonic Lodge

- Board Member, elected to serve on the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2006)

### **Miscellaneous**

- Appointed in 2003 by Commissioner Tom Gallagher (State of Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services) to a 4-year term on the Division of Licensing Advisory Council for Private Security.
- Served on the St. Augustine Beach Police Chief selection committee, 2003
- Appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve as a Commissioner on the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (2009-2010)