

## **THOMAS R. WASKOVICH**

### **BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE**

Tom Waskovich (pronounced Wass - KO - vich) was a Department director with Ocean County Government and was previously employed as the Township Administrator of Howell Township

Tom was appointed Director of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Administrative Services on May 16, 1988. He had been serving as Deputy Director of the Division of Veterans' Programs and Special Services before his appt.

Tom enlisted in the Army right after graduating from Trenton's St. Anthony's High School (now McCorristin) in 1966. Following his training as a paratrooper and completion of the Officer Candidate Course, he was sent to Kontum, Vietnam, where he served as an infantry officer and green beret leading a long-range reconnaissance team for special operations. He later led a reaction force platoon which was involved in all areas of Southeast Asia.

Upon his separation from the service, Tom earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from Mercer County Community College, where he received an Excellence in Acting Award and was president of a veterans' fraternity, Alpha Sigma Mu. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Monmouth College in West Long Branch where he graduated cum laude (with honors).

The Lanoka Harbor resident also served as Asst. County Road Supervisor and as Clerk of the Board of Ocean County Board of Freeholders. He also served as mayor of Lacey Township and had worked as a television program host on Cable channel 8 in Bayville.

Tom is married and has four children, enjoys jogging and backpacking, was a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, and is active in many veterans' organizations.

#### **Service Awards**

Air Medal  
Bronze Star  
Vietnamese Service  
Vietnamese Campaign  
Vietnamese & American Jump Wings  
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
Army Commendation Medal for Heroism  
Combat Infantryman's Badge