

2018 Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony Bio

Troop 6: Thomas Laymon

Rev. Tom Laymon is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary, with Graduate Work in Christian Social Ethics at Emory University. He has 30 years in ministry with 23 years in Rescue Mission Ministry, starting at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries in 1989 as Church Relations Director. He then became the Executive Director at Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids, MI and oversaw the expansion of the ministry from 50 men to 350 men, women, and children in shelter and Program. Since May 2003, Tom has been President/CEO/Sr. Pastor of Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington, DE during which he has seen the Mission's expansion to be the largest fully privately supported non-profit in the Delmarva region with a budget of more than \$5 million and serving 55 men and 70 women and children in program, as well as, 120-180 overnight shelter guests together with many other services. Annually, the Sunday Breakfast Mission provides over 300,000 meals and over 75,000 nights lodging. The Mission's free 14-20 month Rehabilitation Program for men and women has seen over 210 graduates with over 75% not returning to a lifestyle of drugs, alcohol, jail or homelessness. The Mission's Annual Back to School Rally and Alazar's Basketball Camp reaches thousands of innercity youth with character and spirit building to resist drugs and gangs.