

## **2019 Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony Bio**

### **Troop 5, Bob Carey, Teen Challenge Executive Director**

Rev. Bob Carey

"I grew up in an upper-middle class home along the 16th fairway of the Newark Country Club in Newark, Delaware. I was a Boy Scout, played Little League Baseball, and attended Sanford Preparatory School. I did well in my classes and participated on the high school wrestling, track, and football teams. After graduating high school, I attended Del Tech & hired in to the Dupont Chemical Company in Glasgow, Delaware.

All the ingredients for worldly success were in place but *God had other plans for Bob. In 1993, he had the most significant encounter of his life, a personal relationship with Christ. Twenty- five years later he serves as Executive Director at Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge.*

I felt the 'call' to pioneer a Teen Challenge residential center for men struggling with drug & alcohol addictions. We planted the center in Seaford, Delaware on 'Third & North Street' known as 'Crack Alley'. Over the last 10-years, 225 – men have graduated our 12-month residential program & have continued to live a life of purpose, freedom & joy. We have a documented 93% success rate to those who complete our program.

In addition, we have opened a 90-acre Teen Challenge center for single women, pregnant women & women with young children in Bridgeville, Delaware as well as a Teen Challenge Crisis Referral office in Hockessin, Delaware.

We look forward to making a significant difference in Delaware for those whose lives are on a ruinous course due to drug addiction.