

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

### **Troop 7, Diaz Bonville, Kent/Sussex Co. Outreach Coordinator for U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester**

Diaz, the fifth eldest of two brothers and three sisters was born December 24, 1955 to the late Roland Harrison Bonville, Sr. and the late Sara Bell Shockley Bonville. He grew up in Slaughter Neck, Delaware and attended public schools in Slaughter Neck and the Cape Henlopen School District graduating in 1973. He went on to attend College at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, Delaware, where he received an Associate's Degree in Human Services with a strong concentration in program management and administration. Diaz lives in Rehoboth with his wife of thirty seven years, the former Linda Elizabeth Duffy. Together, they have three daughters, Dilinda, 1999 graduate of Cape Henlopen High School and a Paraprofessional for the Cape Henlopen School District; Latoya, 2006 graduate of Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana, and Jalisa, a 2012 graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Diaz is Co-Founder/Volunteer OF the West Rehoboth Children & Youth Program, a community based after-school and summer enrichment program for at-risk, low-income, disadvantaged youth.

In addition to his school work duties, Diaz is quite busy in his church as well. He is a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Rehoboth, Delaware where he serves on several ministries to include administrative council assistant, care team, finance, health education/wellness, lay leader, pastor parish relations, trustees, worship, text message ministry, and vision team. Diaz is a volunteer on several community organizations. He has over thirty years' experience in mobilizing and organizing at-risk communities, children, youth and their families, church and after school and summer enrichment programs.

He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college. As an African American, he has many first. He was the first African American Community Prevention Coordinator for the cities of Rehoboth Beach and Lewes, the first to receive the Delaware Technical and Community College Alumni Walk of Success, first Community Home-Liaison for the Indian River School District TOTS Program, first to serve as president of the Coalition for West Rehoboth, first African American to serve as Safety Educator for Sussex County, first African American School / Community Home Liaison for the Indian River School District A.P.E.L.L. (Accelerating Preliterate English Language Learners ) Program, first African American to serve as Kent/Sussex Outreach Coordinator for U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (Delaware At-Large).

Diaz's church, school and community involvement has brought him several honors and rewards. His volunteerism has gained local, state, and national media attention to include two televisions commercial to educate the community about prostate cancer and cauterization. In his spare time, Diaz enjoys reading, traveling, writing, public speaking, mentoring, volunteering and the

Spanish culture. His favorite quote is “To whom much is given much is expected” and “Moving On – Moving Forward.”