



## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

*Steve Melians, US Army First Sergeant (ret)*

Steve Melians is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Elk Institute. He retired as a First Sergeant in the Army after a distinguished 25 year career. He served in 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, Joint Base Lewis McCord (JBLM), WA, and deployed with them for Operation Just Cause. After leaving the Ranger Regiment he served as a Drill Sergeant for the Infantry Training Brigade, as a platoon sergeant in the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) in Vicenza, Italy, a Ranger Instructor in the Florida Phase of the US Army's Ranger School, and served on their Dive Team Eglin Air Force Base, FL, as the Protocol Noncommissioned Officer In Charge for the Commander of the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, as a First Sergeant for 1st Battalion 23rd Infantry (Stryker), JBLM, WA, where he deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, as the Deputy Commandant for the I Corp NCO Academy, JBLM, and as a First Sergeant for 1st Battalion 17th Infantry (Stryker), JBLM, where he deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

He is currently a full-time student at Saint Leo University, finishing his BA in Business Management and has been selected to attend their MBA program in Project Management starting in May of 2016. He is also a paid consultant and he speaks in the Tampa Bay Area to city, state, and private employees on behalf of insurance companies about ways to improve and manage their lives through better health, fitness, diet, nutrition, and coping with life's issues and stress.