

Alderman Tom Leonard, Town of North Topsail Beach, NC

Alderman Leonard spent thirty years as a United States Marine Corps Officer. His service included participation in Operation Desert Storm and the initial push into Iraq in 2003. He later returned to Iraq and served a second, one-year long tour, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Alderman Leonard began his service in North Topsail Beach as a volunteer in 2008, as a member the Beach Erosion Study Team (BEST). This citizen committee studied options and provided recommendations to the town's Board of Aldermen regarding how to address shoreline protection issues.

He was first elected to the Board of Aldermen in 2011, and is currently serving in his 107th month as a board member.

Alderman Leonard has also served as a member of the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission (TISPC), from 2011-2015, and again from 2019-2021.

He is a current member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Beach Inlet and Waterway Association (NCBIWA), since 2018.