

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Leonard, Town of North Topsail Beach, NC

Mr. Tom Leonard has served as the Mayor Pro Tem of the Town of North Topsail Beach, North Carolina, since November of 2023. He was first elected to the North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen in 2011 and is currently in his eleventh year on the board.

Mayor Pro Tem Leonard began his service in North Topsail Beach as a volunteer in 2008 as a member of the Beach Erosion Study Team (BEST), a citizen committee that provided recommendations to the Town's Board of Aldermen regarding how to address shoreline protection issues.

Prior to his service for North Topsail Beach, Mayor Pro Tem Leonard spent 30 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 for a second year-long tour in Iraq, during which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

In addition to his role as Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Leonard is currently in his seventh year as a member of the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission and has served on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Beach Inlet and Waterway Association since 2018.