

My name is Tony Caserta. My wife Patricia and I moved to The Retreat from West Palm Beach in 2020. After looking at homes in many neighborhoods, we chose The Retreat for the same reasons many of you did. A quiet, natural, well-maintained community with the amenities and activities we enjoy.

In 2021, I was asked to join The Retreat Board of Directors (BOD) as a Director at Large. At that time, I completed my State of Florida BOD Certification. I am currently the BOD Liaison to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). I assist the ACC in reviewing and conforming to our HOA documents that were recorded with the State of Florida and Martin County by the builder. This is not always an easy role as the ACC must decide which homeowner requests meet the standards and requirements of our State and County regulated HOA documents. But it is always interesting.

I had extensive careers in both the US Military and Law Enforcement. I spent 6 years in the US Marines, including a tour in Viet Nam. After my military service, I began my law enforcement career as a Police Officer in New Jersey. Then Pat and I moved to Florida where I worked for the Florida State Police for 28 years covering both Monroe and Palm Beach counties as a State Trooper. During this time, I was awarded the Medal of Valor for rescuing a passenger from a submerged car in a Florida canal.

My wife Pat had a long career as a Nurse. Most recently working in surgery in West Palm Beach. She is now retired. Many of you know her from Bocce and pool and clubhouse activities. I spend quite a bit of time with friends at the pool, playing tennis and pickleball, and attending various social functions and activities at our clubhouse. You may have seen us walking our Golden Retriever, Chloe.

My interest in continuing to serve on The Retreat BOD is motivated by my desire to continue to maintain a safe, well maintained, and friendly neighborhood. I realize that change is an ongoing necessity of life. But we must follow the defined guidelines and regulations required of us by the State of Florida and Martin County. While serving on The Retreat BOD, I have assisted in tackling some of our major needs here at The Retreat. Projects such as maintaining a beautiful area and landscaping, reducing our costs for cable and internet, cleaning and painting our homes, and adding Bocce Ball, an amenity requested by many homeowners. The current BOD did this while also maintaining the fiscal and fiduciary requirements of a successful HOA in Florida. While looking at other communities before moving to The Retreat, we realized The Retreat offered many services and activities when compared to other neighborhoods.

So, in closing, I would like to continue to serve another term here at The Retreat as a member of our Board of Directors.

Thank you,

Tony