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Vincent James "Jim" Scali grew up in the Hudson Valley and graduated from Middletown High School in 1966. Shortly after graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the 1st Armored Division for three years, including a 14-month tour in the Republic of Korea. He left the service with the rank of Sergeant.

Jim Scali is the First Vice Commander of the Town of Wallkill American Legion Post 1181 and started the Town of Wallkill American Legion Patriotism Program in Fall 2015. Having reached 19,000 students from 47 schools across Orange County alone, the Program has received plaudits and praise from local officials and media outlets for its message. The Program recognizes veterans from different branches of the military who discuss their experiences with students and provide educational programming, including a discussion of American history, the founding fathers, the Declaration of Independence, and proper care of the United States Flag. Another important component is the Program's positive message about the harmful effects of bullying.

Jim Scali resides with his wife, Susan, in Circleville, New York. He is also a member of VFW Post 692 and the Orange County Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 202. Mr. Scali was named "Veteran of the Year" for 2016 by the Orange County Veterans Coalition and "Citizen of the Month" by the Orange County Executive.