

Mayor Pro Tem Royal has been a property owner at Holden Beach for 21 years. Upon his retirement in 2014, he and his wife, Beth, became full-time residents. They have been married for 39 years, have two married daughters and three grandchildren.

Mayor Pro Tem Royal holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and completed professional studies at the Ohio State University and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Mayor Pro Tem Royal's professional experience includes 36 years in the commercial nuclear power industry, 20 years of which he served in leadership positions in radiological protection, nuclear training, quality assurance and emergency planning. He served at the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations where he provided national and international technical support to the industry. Mayor Pro Tem Royal managed a nuclear training center in Virginia and later was responsible for the operation of nuclear training centers in Virginia, Connecticut and Wisconsin. His professional affiliations include memberships in the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists, American Nuclear Society, Health Physics Society and Chair of the Nuclear Uniform Curriculum Program for Community Colleges. Mayor Pro Tem Royal is owner and president of Royal Performance Solutions LLC, a consulting services company for the nuclear power industry.

On a personal level, Mayor Pro Tem Royal is a member of the Holden Beach Chapel and the Holden Beach Chapel Choir. He is also a member and sponsor of the Sea Notes Choral Society. Holden Beach affiliations include the Turtle Watch Program, Property Owners Association and Evacuation Team. He enjoys travel, camping, boating, fishing, kayaking, biking, and spending time with family, friends, and their cocker spaniel.