

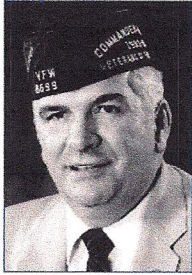
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Past Commander-in-Chief Olson to Represent National at Convention



Clifford G. Olson, Jr.
Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Eubank has designated Past Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr. to represent the national organization at your Department Convention, June 9-12, 2011, in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Clifford G. Olson, Jr., of Bryantville, Massachusetts was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the 84th Annual National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 19, 1983. The organization surpassed the two million member mark for the first time during his term.

Olson was born in the Dorchester section of Boston and graduated from Hyde Park High School.

Entering in the U.S. Navy at age 17, he became an air crewman and hydraulic specialist and served from 1951-1959. During the Korean War, he was assigned to Patrol Squadron 7, a P2V aircraft unit, which provided air cover for the 7th Fleet and worked extensively carrying out anti-submarine patrols, weather reconnaissance and intelligence missions.

He initially became involved with the VFW through the athletic and community activity programs sponsored by Lower Mills Memorial Post 8699 in the Boston suburb of Mattapan. Becoming active in the administration of the Post, he was elected Post Commander in 1964 and 1965 and was accorded All-State honors in those years. Olson was an All-American District Commander in 1971 and 1972 and an All-American Department Commander for the State of Massachusetts in 1978-79. He was primarily responsible for the establishment of many new programs in the Department including the Cancer Sticker Program, various cancer research programs and assistance projects for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

State Commander



George D. Murray
State Commander

All good things on earth come to an end, even my term as your Commander. Thank you, thank you for all you have done for me and for veterans. The effort of the VFW members, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Men's Auxiliary made this a very successful year.

Our state newspaper took first place for the 2010-2011 year. It has been a significant number of years since this has occurred. Thanks for the time and devotion from our editor who made this award possible.

Project Unmet Needs was successful, membership is outstanding and we still have until the end of June to continue to increase our membership.

To the chairpersons, I thank all of you for your dedication and zeal which shows by the accomplishments of your committees.

My cap is off to the Posts and Districts for inviting me to their various functions and District meetings. It meant a lot to me just to hear concerns and suggestions to improve the VFW and make it a more meaningful organization.

To my Ladies Auxiliary President, Patricia Paul, I can't say enough for her outstanding work in leading the Ladies Auxiliary. I know it was difficult this past year for her patience in putting up with me. Without her dedication, our year wouldn't be the success it is. The Ladies Auxiliary Color Guard was always there for us and I praise them for their professionalism.

To my line officers and office staff who worked so hard and dedicated their efforts to the state and the VFW and its members, I wish you success in the future. Also, thank you to the Veterans Service Officer and staff who did a fantastic job for our needy veterans. I am proud of each and every one of you.

I wish all of the incoming officers the best of 2011-2012 and am hopeful and confident that they will have as much success as I have. Anything I can do to help in the ensuing year, just pick up the phone and call.

Finally, thanks again for all your cards and prayers when I hit that speed bump in April. You all helped smooth it out.

George D. Murray
State Commander

Past President Jan Owens to Represent National Ladies Auxiliary at Convention



Jan Owens
Past President

President Cortina Barnes has designated Past President Jan Owens to represent the National Ladies Auxiliary Organization at your Department Convention, June 9-12, 2011 in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Jan Owens was elected National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at its 96th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona on August 20, 2009.

In her acceptance speech she introduced her 2009-2010 theme, "It's Time for America's Military Heroes." Jan focused her attention on the Auxiliary's core programs for veterans and their families.

Her goals were to increase membership and continue to raise millions of dollars for the Cancer Aid & Research Fund.

A Life Member of TSgt. Walter C. Fulda Auxiliary 3433 in Ladsen, South Carolina, she is eligible through her father, Arlen Owens, a WWII Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

She has served as Auxiliary and District President, and when she was Department President, she earned Outstanding Runner-up President of the Year.

On the national level, she has served as Publicity Director, Patriotic Instructor, and as National Chairman for the Southern Conference on the Americanism and Hospital & VAVS programs.

She is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children, a charter Member of the Dixie Dogs Pup Tent 11 of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary, and a member of the Highland Park Baptist Church.

She is recently retired as Office Manager for Kia Country of Savannah and Kia Country of Charleston car dealerships, and is also a licensed realtor. She and her husband, Daniel, have two children and one grandchild.

State Quartermaster



Stanley (Stan) T. King, PSC
State Quartermaster

I would like to take some time to point out some very important issues that will be required, and/or needed to be done, before this year can come to a close.

1) Happy to announce that we have received a notice from National that the Life Membership payout for 2011-2012 will go up to \$3.34 from \$3.02 per Life Member.

2) Election Reports need to be filled out and mailed as soon as the elections are over during the month of April. Post Quartermasters can go online to vfw.org and log onto the new site. Once you are into MY VFW, go to the bottom and click on the wording "Former Membership." Then on the left side, click on the words, "Post Election Reports." From there, and you can print a blank election report or you can fill it out online. Once you are finished filling it out online, you can send it to our Kansas City headquarters with a click of the mouse. Be sure to print two copies, one for your Post records and one to be mailed to the Dept. of Mass, VFW office. Late election reports will cause delays in mailings that are needed to be done for next year's programs.

3) BONDS: A reminder to all Post Commanders and Quartermasters: The applications for bonds will be mailed to those Commanders and Quartermasters recorded before July 1, 2011. If we have not received an election report, we cannot send you mail. All bonds with the Department expire on August 31, 2011.

Great News for Posts Without an Owned Building!

If your Post does not own a building and you've gone without post insurance due to financial limitations, this information is for you. Lockton Risk Services, administrators of the VFW Insurance Program, has a new affordable insurance product made just for Posts without an owned building. Coverage includes:

1. PROPERTY COVERAGE: Business Personal Property, Valuable Papers, Coverage for Flags, Banners and uniforms...and more.
2. LIABILITY COVERAGE: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$2,000,000.00 aggregate limits. Hired and non-owned auto, coverage for damage to premises rented to you...and more.
3. AFFORDABLE & EASY TO BUY: Best of all, this insurance is affordable (approximately \$500.00 per year for most Posts) and can be purchased securely online within a few minutes with a credit card or electronic check. Your policy is

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