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# STATE COMMANDER



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Congratulations to all the elected leaders of Districts, County Council, and Posts that have been chosen by the membership to serve this great organization. We, as elected leaders, have a large responsibility in continuing the success of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the state of Illinois. Working together as a team, we can achieve the goals of providing service to all our Veterans in this great state. The Veterans' Programs not only benefit the less fortunate, they are taking care of those Veterans and their families who are defending our country today. We must continue to make our voices heard to our federal and state legislators to insure the entitlement of benefits for our present Veterans and those of the future. This can only happen with strength in numbers and the dedication of this team to achieve those goals. Membership is the key to making all this happen and it is not the responsibility of one person, it takes the commitment of every member working as a team.

This Commanders leadership manual is a source of information concerning all of our programs. District Commanders and Post Commanders familiarize yourself with the programs and awards in this manual. Keep copies on hand to answer any questions or provide help concerning the programs to your Program Directors. You have the resources of the State Officers, Headquarters Staff, our Veterans Service Office and other appointed State Officers available to you so please take advantage of their knowledge and assistance.

Our Commander-in-Chief Richard DeNoyer's theme this year is "**Service With Pride**". I ask each of you to continue providing the effort and dedication that you have demonstrated in the past for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Our State motto is an extension of the Commander-in-Chief's theme as "**We Continue To Serve**" all Veterans, their families, our members, and the people in the community in which we live.

