

Jack Turner
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Commander, State of California, 2009-2010

Jack Turner was elected Commander at the 89th State Convention in Ontario, California.

Jack is from West Point, Iowa. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduation from St. Mary's High School and served 39 consecutive years of active naval service. He served 12 years as enlisted (E-1 to E-7) and 27 years as a commissioned officer, from W-1 to the rank of Captain, as a Limited Duty Officer (LDO 6410). He retired in September 1993. While on active duty, he held many leadership positions, including Commanding Officer, Personnel Support Activity, Puget Sound, Washington and Deputy Director, Military Postal Service Agency, Alexandria, Virginia. His military awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with 2 Gold Stars, Navy Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal with Silver and two Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Surface Warfare Insignia, and Command Ashore Insignia.

Captain Jack joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1992 as a Life Member of O. K. Ingram Ship 1774 in La Mesa, California. From 1993 to 1998 he served as the Captain of O .K. Ingram Ship. He served again as Captain from 2000 through 2002 and also through the 1st District chairs in 2001 through 2003. As 1st District Commander in 2004-2005, 25 of the 36 Posts in 1st District earned All-State honors and 11 Posts earned All-American honors. Captain Jack personally earned honors as Captain of the All-State District Commanders and All-American District Commander. Jack has also served on various Committees at the Department and National level.

In addition to being a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jack also belongs to the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 40, the American Legion Post 1000, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks San Diego Lodge 168, USS KITTY HAWK Veterans Association, and the Navy Mustang Association.

Jack married his wife Renate in 1957 and they reside in San Diego, California. They have one daughter, Ramona, four sons, Lance, Mark, Scott, and Eric, and fourteen grandchildren.