

# State Headquarters News Update



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### *SALUTE OUR VETERANS – ALL GAVE SOME – SOME GAVE ALL*



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 retired in September 1993 from the Staff of Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, California. Jack 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). While on active duty, he held numerous 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.

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, 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.

### 2009/2010 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Jack Turner, Commander (US Navy)  
Denis Wells, Sr. Vice Cmdr (US Air Force)

Bobby Price, Jr. Vice Cmdr  
(US Navy)

Jim Rowoldt, Q/M-Adjutant (US Army)  
Ralph Duncan, Chaplain (US Marine Corps)

Doug Carrington, Surgeon (US Army)  
Walter Swanson, Judge Advocate  
(US Army)

Nick Guest, Jr. Past Cmdr (US Army)  
John P. Wolfe, Nat'l Council Member  
District G (US Navy)

### FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING AND STATE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

October 2-4, 2009 the Department of California will hold its second Council of Administration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. All room reservations must be made through Dept. Headquarters. There are a limited amount of rooms. Please go to [www.vfwca.org](http://www.vfwca.org) and click on Events. From there you can download the form to make reservations. Deadline to make hotel reservations is September 3, 2009.

State Commander Jack Turner will celebrate his Homecoming at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Meal is \$40/person. Please go to our website ([www.vfwca.org](http://www.vfwca.org)) to download the banquet information. All reservations are to be made with

Tootsie Dougherty, District 1. Deadline for reservations is September 25, 2009.

## 110<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**August 15 – 20, 2009**

Visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for more information

**NO BANQUET THIS YEAR**

## POW/MIA PROGRAM

Department POW/MIA Program will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery, 24495 Van Buren, Riverside, CA. Following the program will be a lunch at VFW Post 8547 beginning at 1:00 p.m. (\$7.00 donation) (22616 Alessandro Blvd., Moreno Valley). Hotel reservations can be made at Best Western Moreno Valley (951) 924-4546 Rooms are \$79-83/night. Any questions please contact Chairman Larry Stroud (951) 925-7009.

## UPCOMING OFFICIAL VISIT INFO

### DISTRICT 3 -July 30-Aug. 2

Hotel Extended Studio  
14786 Monarch Street  
Victorville, Ca. 92395  
(760) 843-3800

\$79.00 + tax. Mention VFW to get special rate

**Thursday** – VA Hospital (Loma Linda) Visit, Post Hopping, Dinner VFW Post 6476-Colton

**Friday** – Post Hopping, Dinner VFW Post 9415 – Phelan.

**Saturday** - Boat Trip Around Lake Arrowhead, Dinner at VFW Post 9624 (Crestline)

**Sunday** – Dist. Mtg., VFW Post 6563, Fontana, 10 am

For more information contact OV Chairman Steve Jacobs at 243-0656 or cell \*(760) 887-4706

### DISTRICT 17 Aug 7 – 9

No Hotel Information.

Contact Dist. 17 Cmdr. Eldon Monday at (916) 689-3242

**Friday** – VA Hospital (Mather) visit, Lunch at Fair Oaks VFW, Dinner at VFW Post 8762

**Saturday** – Banquet at Post 4647

**Sunday** – District Meeting, VW 5591, 9:30 am

## CALIFORNIA VETERAN

For those who do not have access to a computer or do not attend Post or District meetings, please contact the Department Office, 1510 "J" Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, CA 95814 and request that you be added to the hard copy mailing list.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

**November 6-8, 2009**

**Bismarck, North Dakota**

For more information visit [www.vfwca.org](http://www.vfwca.org)  
(Upcoming Events)

## COMMANDER'S ITINERARY 2009-2010 (Tentative)

### JULY 2009

- 3-5 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Coronado, CA.
- 10-12 District 19 Official Visit
- 16 Steak BBQ – MCAS Miramar
- 17-19 Dept. Headquarters
- 24-26 Yountville Picnic
- 30-2 District 3 OV

### AUGUST 2009

- 31-2 District 3 Official Visit
- 7-9 District 17 Official Visit
- 15-20 Nat'l Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- 21-23 Open
- 28-30 District 10 Official Visit

### SEPTEMBER 2009

- 4-6 Open
- 7 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 11-13 Nat'l Cmdr. Homecoming  
Milwaukee, WI
- 17-20 Nat'l Pres. Homecoming  
Myrtle Beach, SC
- 19 Dept POW/MIA, Riv4erside  
Nat'l Cemetery, 10 am
- 25-27 District 18 Official Visit

### OCTOBER 2009

- 2-4 Council of Administration  
Meeting/Homecoming San Diego
- 9-11 Double 10 San Francisco
- 12 Columbus Day – Office Closed
- 16-18 District 12 Official Visit
- 23-25 District 24 Official Visit
- 30-1 Open

### NOVEMBER 2009

- 6-8 Western Conference,  
Bismarck, North Dakota
- 11 Veterans Day – Office Closed
- 11 Veterans Day Parade, San Diego
- 13-15 District 13 Official Visit
- 20-22 District 7 Official Visit
- 26-29 Thanksgiving Weekend  
Office Closed

### DECEMBER 2009

- 30-1 Nat'l President Visit to CA
- 4-6 District 11 Official Visit
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 11-13 Open
- 19-21 Open
- 25-27 Christmas – Office Closed

### JANUARY 2010

- 1-3 New Year's Weekend, Office  
Closed
- 8-10 District 4 Official Visit
- 15-17 District 2 Official Visit
- 18 Martin Luther King Day,  
Office Closed
- 22-24 C of A / VOD Banquet  
Sacramento, CA
- 29-31 Open

### FEBRUARY 2010 ----- CIC Visit ??????

- 5-7 District 1 Official Visit
- 12-14 District 5 Official Visit
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day, Office Closed
- 18-20 District 22 Official Visit
- 26-28 District 16 Official Visit

### MARCH 2010

- 5-9 Nat'l VOD/Leg. Conf.  
Washington DC
- 12-14 Dept. President's Homecoming &  
LAVFW C of A, Merced
- 19-21 District 21 Official Visit
- 19-21 LAVFW Mid Winter Conf  
Las Vegas, NV
- 26-28 District 14 Official Visit

### APRIL 2010

- 2-4 Easter Weekend – No Events
- 9-11 Open
- 16-18 District 6 Official Visit
- 23-25 District 23 Official Visit
- 30-2 District 9 Official Visit

### MAY 2010

- 7-9 District 20 Official Visit
- 14-16 District 8 Official Visit
- 21-23 District 25 Official Visit
- 28-29 South Gate (District 4) Memorial
- 31 Memorial Day – Office Closed  
Day Ceremony

### JUNE 2010

- 4-6 District 4 Mass Installation
- 6 District 1 Convention
- 11-13 Open
- 18-23 State Convention  
Sacramento, CA

# **CALIFORNIA FORTUNE RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

**Drawing was held on**

**\$1,000 Prize Winner**

***Donald W. Long***

Ticket #323737

**\$1,000 Prize Winner**

***JR Mason***

Ticket #355087

**\$1,000 Prize Winner**

***Richard Caine***

Ticket #209904

**\$1,000 Prize Winner**

***James Crabtree***

Ticket #198059

**\$1,000 Prize Winner**

***James Williams***

Ticket #45252

**\$5,000 2nd Prize Winner**

***Dale Harper***

Ticket #430610

**\$20,000 Grand Prize Winner**

***Donald Goodwin***

Ticket #367607

**\$1,000 Purple Heart Prize Winner**

***Otto Bohnstehn***

Ticket #57862

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## **2008/2009 AWARDS**

**BUDDY POPPY, Chairman Howard Hagen**

***Outstanding District***

1<sup>st</sup> Place      District 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      District 17

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      District 2

***Outstanding District Buddy Poppy Chairmen***

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Harold Sams,  
District 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Roger Clouse,  
District 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Carl Miller,  
District 9

***Best All Around Buddy Poppy Program –***

District 1

***Posts Distributing The Most Poppy's***

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Post 10125, District 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Post 3787, District 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Post 9454, District 13

**CITIZENSHIP / EDUCATION, Chairman Bobby Price**

***Outstanding District***

1<sup>st</sup> Place      District 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place      District 12  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      District 13

***Outstanding Post***

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Post 2967, District 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Post 6298, District 14  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Post 3552, District 7

**Thomas Jefferson Award:**

Post 2111, District 1

**LAW ENFORCEMENT / FIREFIGHTER / EMT, Chairman Bill Pollard**

**EMT**

***Outstanding District Chairman***

Charles Peterson, District 17

***Outstanding Post Chairman***

Bill Barnes, Post 85, District 17

**FIREFIGHTER**

***Outstanding District Chairman***

Louis Chidoda, District 1

***Outstanding Post Chairman***

Louis Chidoda, Post 2111, District 1

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

***Outstanding District Chairman***

Henry Black, District 5

***Outstanding Post Chairman***

John Rodriguez, Post 1013, District 5

**LEGISLATION, Chairman Bill Manes**

***Legislator of the Year:***

Assemblyman Paul Cook

**POW/MIA, Chairman Larry Shroud**

***Outstanding Post POW/MIA***

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Post 10049, District 7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Post 4647, District 17  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Post 97, District 9  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Post 2111, District 1

**ALL STATE COMMANDERS & QUARTERMASTERS – 2008/2009**

<b>District</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Commander</b>	<b>Quartermaster</b>
1	1512	George Reuss	Michael Foster
1	1513	Harvey Benne	Ivan Pyle, Jr.
1	7766	William Kuhn, Jr.	Joseph Brown
1	7907	Donald Stonecipher	Robert Cronin
1	9327	Renae Morin	Hubert Perry
1	11044	John Porath	Alvin Weaver
1	11388	Jerry Bouck	Afred Mitchell
2	9934	Franklin Tucker	William Manes
3	12039	Phillip Grace	Alan Clark
4	1622	Michael Callis	Leland Burkett
4	2830	John Rivas	Jesus Zuniga
11	1981	Johnnie Richard	David Valdivia
12	2421	Haskell Stillman	Patrick Spencer
13	9454	Leigh Williams	--
13	10293	Ben Tapia, Jr.	Ronald Moren
14	2727	Troy Gilder, Sr.	Lester Mitchell
16	1900	Phillip Dow	Robert Parker
16	8151	Robert McMahon	William Lower
17	8762	Gary Reason *	John Cox
17	9869	Gary Murawski	Robert Miller
17	10125	Billie Hovey *	Paul Whetzel, Jr
17	11294	Stephen Cannizzaro	Vincent Robinson
18	4218	Ronald Sanders	Michael Taylor
18	10135	Vaughn Webb	Gregory Colunio
20	1934	Jethro Salva, Jr.	Palmer Spurlin
23	10267	William Seifert	Ronald Bochy
23	12023	Larry Stroud	Aaron Hyson
		<b>* CO-Captain</b>	

All State District Commander for 2008/2009

Robert Hansen, Post 2001, District 24

***CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL***