



Dear AMVETS family & friends,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Department Commander.

I joined the Navy in April 1978 and served until May 1985. I was separated from active duty for medical reasons or I'd have been career Navy. I returned to school in January of 1990 to improve my earning potential, and graduated in May of 1995 with a BA in History.

I joined the AMVETS in November 1993 and was elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander in May of 1994. The following year, I was elected to the office of post commander of Post 100. I served two years in that position and started going to District III meetings during that time. I began serving as the post adjutant after my time as commander and then was asked to be District III adjutant. I served as adjutant for about three years and then began working up the chairs for the first time at district level.

I went on to serve in each district office four times, if I remember correctly. I served as post and district Judge Advocate for about three years before running for department Provost Marshal. I have served in most all positions at the post and district levels. In the appointed position, I served as department sons advisor for about seven years. I also held the office of Vice Commander of Districts III, IV, and V before that position was eliminated. I have worked up the chairs at the department level and will serve as the Department Commander to the very best of my ability. I know I will need the help of my vice commanders and district officers if it is to be a good year.

I ask that any post wanting me to attend a meeting or other function contact me as early as possible so that I can schedule the visit. I will make every effort to get to your meeting or event. I can be reached at 217-494-8387.

Yours in Service,

David Hicks

Department Commander