

DENIS WELLS BIOGRAPHY

Denis Wells was elected Commander at the 90th State Convention in Sacramento, California in June 2010. He has served on many Department and National committees since 1986 and has served on the National Legislative Committee from 2007 to present.

Denis joined the United States Air Force in 1965 and retired as Master Sergeant with over twenty years of service. His years in the service were spent as a firefighter, rising to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. He served 2 tours of duty at Tuy Hoa Airbase in the Republic of Vietnam, assigned as an airborne firefighter/rescue man on the H43 helicopter. Denis earned his Crewmember wings, the Air Medal with two devices, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two devices, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 5 devices, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 5 stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal with palm and unit citations which included the Outstanding Unit Citation and the Presidential Citation.

Denis joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1985 at Post 7792 in Winton, California and became a life member in 1986. In 1992, he transferred into VFW Post 8327 in Livingston, California and has served in all positions in the Post. He earned All State Post Commander five times and All State Quartermaster three times. Denis has served through the District Chairs and was one of only five All State District Commanders for the year 1997-1998. At the present time Denis serves as the Post Service Officer and the District 13 Assistant Quartermaster.

In addition to his military service, Denis recently retired as a postal carrier for the United States Postal Service after 20 years of service. He also served on City of Livingston Citizen Advisory Council 2007- 2009. In 2007, he was selected as Veteran of the Year for Merced County. Denis is also a member of the American Legion, Military Order of the Cooties, Air Force Sergeants Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans Association, and Pedro Helicopter Rescue Association.

Denis married his Wife Sue in 1998 and they reside in Livingston, California. Sue is a Past Department President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.. Between them, they have five daughters and three sons, 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren with one great grandchild due soon.