

Past Commanders-in-Chief



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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To honor their service, the past Commanders-in-Chief are listed in chronological order since the inception of the organization.

AMERICAN VETERANS OF FOREIGN SERVICE

James C. Putnam*	1899-1900
Maj. Will S. White*	1900-01
Maj. Will S. White*	1901-02
James Romanis*	1902-03
James Romanis*	1903-04
James Romanis*	1904-05
George Metzger*	1905-06
Charles H. Devereaux*	1906-07
David T. Nevin*	1907-08
J. Alfred Judge*	1908-09
J. Alfred Judge*	1909-10
Robert G. Woodside*	1910-11
Robert G. Woodside*	1911-12
Robert G. Woodside*	1912-13

ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, CUBA AND PUERTO RICO

Gen. Francis V. Greene*	1900-01
Gen. Irving Hale*	1901-02
Gen. Irving Hale*	1902-03
Gen. Charles King*	1903-04
Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf*	1904-05
Col. Alfred S. Frost*	1905-06
Gen. Arthur MacArthur*	1906-07
Capt. H.A. Crow*	1907-08
Maj. P.J.H. Farrell*	1908-09
Col. Charles L. Jewett*	1909-10
A.H. Anderson*	1910-11
F. Warner Karling*	1911-12
F. Warner Karling*	1912-13

AMERICAN VETERANS OF FOREIGN SERVICE (EASTERN BRANCH)

Capt. Robert S. Hansbury*	1903-04
H.O. Kelley*	1904-05

Rice W. Means,* Colorado	1913-14	Richard W. Homan,* West Virginia	1968-69
Thomas Crago,* Pennsylvania	1914-15	Raymond A. Gallagher,* South Dakota	1969-70
Gus Hartung,* Colorado	1915-16	H.R. Rainwater,* California	1970-71
Albert Rabing,* New York	1916-17	Joseph L. Vicites,* Pennsylvania	1971-72
William Ralston,* Pennsylvania	1917-18	Patrick E. Carr,* Louisiana	1972-73
F. Warner Karling,* Missouri	1918-20	Ray S. Soden,* Illinois	1973-74
Robert G. Woodside,* Pennsylvania	1920-22	John J. Stang,* Kansas	1974-75
Tillinghast Huston,* New York	1922-23	Thomas C. Walker,* Connecticut	1975-76
Lloyd M. Brett,* Washington, D.C.	1923-24	R.D. (Bulldog) Smith, Georgia	1976-77
John H. Dunn,* Massachusetts	1924-25	John Wasyluk,* Ohio	1977-78
Fred Stover,* Pennsylvania	1925-26	Eric Sandstrom,* Washington	1978-79
Theodore Stitt,* New York	1926 -27	Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.,* New Jersey	1979-80
Frank T. Strayer,* Indiana	1927-28	T.C. Selman,* Texas (died in office)	1980-81
Eugene P. Carver,* Massachusetts	1928-29	Arthur J. Fellwock,* Indiana	1981-82
Hezekiah N. Duff,* Michigan	1929-30	James R. Currieo, Arizona	1982-83
Paul C. Wolman,* Maryland	1930-31	Clifford G. Olson, Jr., Massachusetts	1983-84
Darold D. DeCoe,* California	1931-32	Billy Ray Cameron, North Carolina	1984-85
Robert E. Coontz,* Washington, D.C.	1932-33	John S. Staum, Minnesota	1985-86
James E. Van Zandt,* Pennsylvania	1933-36	Norman G. Staab,* Kansas	1986-87
Bernard W. Kearney,* New York	1936-37	Earl L. Stock, Jr.,* New York	1987-88
Scott P. Squires,* Oklahoma	1937-38	Larry W. Rivers, Louisiana	1988-89
Eugene I. Van Antwerp,* Michigan	1938-39	Walter G. Hogan, Wisconsin	1989-90
Otis N. Brown,* North Carolina	1939-40	James L. Kimery,* New Mexico	1990-91
Joseph C. Menedez,* Louisiana	1940-41	Robert E. Wallace, New Jersey	1991-92
Max Singer,* Massachusetts	1941-42	John M. Carney, Florida	1992-93
Robert T. Merrill,* Montana	1942-43	George R. Cramer, Illinois	1993-94
Carl J. Schoeninger,* Michigan	1943-44	Allen F. Kent, Arizona	1994-95
Jean A. Brunner,* New York	1944-45	Paul A. Spera, Massachusetts	1995-96
Joseph M. Stack,* Pennsylvania	1945-46	James E. Nier, Texas	1996-97
Louis E. Starr,* Oregon	1946-47	John E. Moon, Ohio	1997-98
Ray H. Brannaman,* Colorado	1947-48	Thomas A. Pouliot, Montana	1998-99
Lyall T. Beggs,* Wisconsin	1948-49	John W. Smart, New Hampshire	1999-2000
Clyde A. Lewis,* New York	1949-50	John F. Gwizdak, Georgia	2000-01
Charles C. Ralls,* Washington	1950-51	James N. Goldsmith,* Michigan	2001-02
Frank C. Hilton,* Pennsylvania	1951-52	Raymond C. Sisk,* California	2002-03
James W. Cothran,* South Carolina	1952-53	Edward S. Banas, Sr., Connecticut	2003-04
Wayne E. Richards,* Kansas	1953-54	John Furgess, Tennessee	2004-05
Merton B. Tice,* South Dakota	1954-55	James R. Mueller, Missouri	2005-06
Timothy J. Murphy,* Massachusetts	1955-56	Gary Kurpius, Alaska	2006-07
Cooper T. Holt,* Tennessee	1956-57	George Lisicki, New Jersey	2007-08
Richard L. Roudebush,* Indiana	1957-58	Glen M. Gardner, Jr., Texas	2008-09
John W. Mahan,* Montana	1958-59	Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr., Wisconsin	2009-10
Louis G. Feldmann,* Pennsylvania	1959-60	Richard L. Eubank, California	2010-11
Ted C. Connell,* Texas	1960-61	Richard L. DeNoyer, Massachusetts	2011-12
Robert E. Hansen,* Minnesota	1961-62	John E. Hamilton, Florida	2012-13
Byron B. Gentry,* California	1962-63	William A. Thien, Indiana	2013-14
Joseph J. Lombardo,* New York	1963-64	John W. Stroud, Nevada	2014-15
John A. Jenkins,* Alabama	1964-65	John A. Biedrzycki Jr., Pennsylvania	2015-16
Andy Borg,* Wisconsin	1965-66	Brian Duffy, Kentucky	2016-17
Leslie M. Fry,* Nevada	1966-67		
Joseph A. Scerra,* Massachusetts	1967-68		

* Deceased