

Past Commanders-in-Chief

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 | |
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| 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 |

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| Rice W. Means,* Colorado | 1913-14 | Ray S. Soden,* Illinois | 1973-74 |
| Thomas Crago,* Pennsylvania | 1914-15 | John J. Stang,* Kansas | 1974-75 |
| Gus Hartung,* Colorado | 1915-16 | Thomas C. Walker,* Connecticut | 1975-76 |
| Albert Rabing,* New York | 1916-17 | R.D. (Bulldog) Smith, Georgia | 1976-77 |
| William Ralston,* Pennsylvania | 1917-18 | John Wasyluk,* Ohio | 1977-78 |
| F. Warner Karling,* Missouri | 1918-20 | Eric Sandstrom,* Washington | 1978-79 |
| Robert G. Woodside,* Pennsylvania | 1920-22 | Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.,* New Jersey | 1979-80 |
| Tillinghast Huston,* New York | 1922-23 | T.C. Selman,* Texas (died in office) | 1980-81 |
| Lloyd M. Brett,* Washington, D.C. | 1923-24 | Arthur J. Fellwock,* Indiana | 1981-82 |
| John H. Dunn,* Massachusetts | 1924-25 | James R. Currieo,* Arizona | 1982-83 |
| Fred Stover,* Pennsylvania | 1925-26 | Clifford G. Olson, Jr., Massachusetts | 1983-84 |
| Theodore Stitt,* New York | 1926 -27 | Billy Ray Cameron, North Carolina | 1984-85 |
| Frank T. Strayer,* Indiana | 1927-28 | John S. Staum,* Minnesota | 1985-86 |
| Eugene P. Carver,* Massachusetts | 1928-29 | Norman G. Staab,* Kansas | 1986-87 |
| Hezekiah N. Duff,* Michigan | 1929-30 | Earl L. Stock, Jr.,* New York | 1987-88 |
| Paul C. Wolman,* Maryland | 1930-31 | Larry W. Rivers, Louisiana | 1988-89 |
| Darold D. DeCoe,* California | 1931-32 | Walter G. Hogan, Wisconsin | 1989-90 |
| Robert E. Coontz,* Washington, D.C. | 1932-33 | James L. Kimery,* New Mexico | 1990-91 |
| James E. Van Zandt,* Pennsylvania | 1933-36 | Robert E. Wallace, New Jersey | 1991-92 |
| Bernard W. Kearney,* New York | 1936-37 | John M. Carney, Florida | 1992-93 |
| Scott P. Squyres,* Oklahoma | 1937-38 | George R. Cramer, Illinois | 1993-94 |
| Eugene I. Van Antwerp,* Michigan | 1938-39 | Allen F. Kent, Arizona | 1994-95 |
| Otis N. Brown,* North Carolina | 1939-40 | Paul A. Spera, Massachusetts | 1995-96 |
| Joseph C. Menedez,* Louisiana | 1940-41 | James E. Nier, Texas | 1996-97 |
| Max Singer,* Massachusetts | 1941-42 | John E. Moon, Ohio | 1997-98 |
| Robert T. Merrill,* Montana | 1942-43 | Thomas A. Pouliot, Montana | 1998-99 |
| Carl J. Schoeninger,* Michigan | 1943-44 | John W. Smart, New Hampshire | 1999-2000 |
| Jean A. Brunner,* New York | 1944-45 | John F. Gwizdak, Georgia | 2000-01 |
| Joseph M. Stack,* Pennsylvania | 1945-46 | James N. Goldsmith,* Michigan | 2001-02 |
| Louis E. Starr,* Oregon | 1946-47 | Raymond C. Sisk,* California | 2002-03 |
| Ray H. Brannaman,* Colorado | 1947-48 | Edward S. Banas, Sr., Connecticut | 2003-04 |
| Lyall T. Beggs,* Wisconsin | 1948-49 | John Furgess, Tennessee | 2004-05 |
| Clyde A. Lewis,* New York | 1949-50 | James R. Mueller, Missouri | 2005-06 |
| Charles C. Ralls,* Washington | 1950-51 | Gary Kurpius, Alaska | 2006-07 |
| Frank C. Hilton,* Pennsylvania | 1951-52 | George Lisicki, New Jersey | 2007-08 |
| James W. Cothran,* South Carolina | 1952-53 | Glen M. Gardner, Jr., Texas | 2008-09 |
| Wayne E. Richards,* Kansas | 1953-54 | Thomas J. Tradewell, Sr., Wisconsin | 2009-10 |
| Merton B. Tice,* South Dakota | 1954-55 | Richard L. Eubank, California | 2010-11 |
| Timothy J. Murphy,* Massachusetts | 1955-56 | Richard L. DeNoyer, Massachusetts | 2011-12 |
| Cooper T. Holt,* Tennessee | 1956-57 | John E. Hamilton, Florida | 2012-13 |
| Richard L. Roudebush,* Indiana | 1957-58 | William A. Thien, Indiana | 2013-14 |
| John W. Mahan,* Montana | 1958-59 | John W. Stroud, Nevada | 2014-15 |
| Louis G. Feldmann,* Pennsylvania | 1959-60 | John A. Biedrzycki Jr., Pennsylvania | 2015-16 |
| Ted C. Connell,* Texas | 1960-61 | Brian Duffy, Kentucky | 2016-17 |
| Robert E. Hansen,* Minnesota | 1961-62 | Keith E. Harman, Ohio | 2017-18 |
| Byron B. Gentry,* California | 1962-63 | | |
| Joseph J. Lombardo,* New York | 1963-64 | | |
| John A. Jenkins,* Alabama | 1964-65 | | |
| Andy Borg,* Wisconsin | 1965-66 | | |
| Leslie M. Fry,* Nevada | 1966-67 | | |
| Joseph A. Scerra,* Massachusetts | 1967-68 | | |
| Richard W. Homan,* West Virginia | 1968-69 | | |
| Raymond A. Gallagher,* South Dakota | 1969-70 | | |
| H.R. Rainwater,* California | 1970-71 | | |
| Joseph L. Vicites,* Pennsylvania | 1971-72 | | |
| Patrick E. Carr,* Louisiana | 1972-73 | | |

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