



## Marion Polk National Commander AMVETS

Marion Polk, a resident of Alexandria, Louisiana, was elected AMVETS National Commander at the 73rd national convention in Norfolk, Virginia, in August 2017.

Commander Polk has held a number of national offices within AMVETS. He comes to the organization's helm after a year of service in each of the National 2nd and 1st Vice Commander positions successively. Polk has also previously served as National Finance Officer.

Polk has held command positions at every AMVETS echelon. He served four terms as Louisiana Post 7 Commander and three terms as Commander of the AMVETS Department of Louisiana before taking command of AMVETS National District III, an area that includes Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Polk retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as a Chief Petty Officer in 1989 after 20 years of service. His two brothers, two nephews and grandson are all Coast Guard veterans who, together, have more than 80 years of combined service in the Coast Guard. Polk's service in the Coast guard included the command of his own unit as well as service as executive officer in four different Coast Guard units.

Upon his military retirement, Polk served as probation officer for Louisiana's Child Support Enforcement Division, where he specialized in personnel firearms training. Since retiring from this position, he has dedicated his time to helping and serving veterans through AMVETS and as former commander of CENLA VETS, a group that includes all Veterans Service Organizations in Central Louisiana. Polk has previously been recognized as both AMVETS Recruiter of the Year and AMVETS Commander of the Year.

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