

**Richard L. DeNoyer**  
**Commander-in-Chief**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**



Richard L. DeNoyer was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on September 1, 2011, at the VFW's 112th National Convention, held in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. DeNoyer served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1960-1982 including a tour in Vietnam, July 1966-July 1967, attached to Ammunition Co., Force Logistics Support Group "A," 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division. His decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Drill Instructor Ribbon. During his Marine Corps career he received a bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass.

Mr. DeNoyer joined the VFW in 1981 at Post 1012 in Medford, Mass., where he maintains his life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department (state) levels culminating with his election as Department Commander in 2000-2001. He also has served on numerous national committees and as chairman of the Eastern States Conference.

After his military retirement, Mr. DeNoyer served as a national service officer for American Veterans of World War II organization. In 1988, he began working for Paralyzed Veterans of America as a national service officer, senior benefit advocate and national field director, as well as supervising the Boston office and nine offices in the Northeast.

Mr. DeNoyer is a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps Association, Marine Corps Mustang Association, Marine Corps League, U.S. Marine Corps Drill Instructors Association, Military Officers Association of America and Masons.

He and his wife Theresa have two children and six grandchildren; they make their home in Middleton, Mass.

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