

CALIFORNIA STATE COMMANDERS VETERANS COUNCIL

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CSCVC ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

The **California State Commanders Veterans Council (CSCVC)**, an umbrella group of 20 veterans service organizations, and other military service related organizations, has elected its officers for 2014. The officers are elected from each organization's representatives to the council.

The 2014 officers are:

President – Jerry Guevara, State Commander, AMVETS

Vice President – Jim Berg, State Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Secretary – Greg Lee, State Commander, Jewish War Veterans (re-elected)

Treasurer – Beverly Houghton, Past President, Reserve Officers Association, Dept of the Golden West (re-elected)

Legislative Committee Chair - Art Curtis, Executive Secretary, Reserve Officers Association, Dept of the Golden West (re-elected)

The purpose of the California State Veterans Commanders Council is to promote the rights and benefits of veterans in the State of California. For fifty years the Council has conducted advocacy efforts in the State Legislature concerning veterans rights, entitlements, and benefits. The Council conducts similar advocacy efforts with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the California Veterans Board, and similar state agencies, boards and commissions, concerning veterans programs under the management of those agencies.

To achieve many of these goals, the council is actively involved in sponsoring and supporting legislation at the state level affecting California's 1.8 million veterans as well as the active duty, Reserve, and National Guard components.

Established in 1966, the CSCVC is composed of the California organizations of the **American Indian Veterans Association, American Legion, American Retiree Association, AMVETS,**

Armed Forces Retirees Association, Association of the United States Army, California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, California Department of Veterans Affairs, Fleet Reserve Association, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Legion of Valor, Marine Corps League, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association of Uniformed Services, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Reserve Officers Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

The CSCVC chooses a state legislator each year to receive the Mickey Conroy Legislator of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding leadership on veterans issues in the Legislature. The

CSCVC recently named Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez as the 2013 Mickey Conroy Legislator of the Year.

The CSCVC's award is named for the late Mickey Conroy (1927-2005), a former California State Assemblyman who served in the Merchant Marine in World War II, the Navy in the Korean War, and then two tours in Vietnam with the Marine Corps. Mickey Conroy was a staunch supporter of the military and veterans. He served as longtime chairman of Veterans Charities of Orange County and President of the Armed Forces Retirees Association of California. Conroy was also active in participating in and promoting the California State Commanders Veterans Council as an active association for advocacy for veterans issues at the State Capitol.



**Past recipients of the CSCVC's
Mickey Conroy Legislator of the Year Award:**

2005 – State Senator Bill Morrow
2006 – State Senator Jeff Denham
2007 – Assemblyman Chuck De Vore
2008 – State Senator Dave Cogdill
Assemblyman Ted Lieu
2011 – Assemblyman Paul Cook
2012 – Senator Lou Correa

In October of this year, the Governor signed AB 717 by Assemblyman Rocky Chavez. AB 717 requires the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the board to confer with the California State Commanders Veterans Council on issues affecting California veterans. The CSCVC was the sponsor of this legislation.

Membership in the CSCVC is open to other veterans organizations in California. Annual membership is \$150. Groups wishing to join the council can contact Greg Lee at:
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