

Chuck Sanders enlisted in the US Navy in 1977, then volunteered for Submarine Duty. From 1979 to 1990 he served on one Polaris and two Trident Submarines in total making seven Strategic Deterrent Patrols in the Pacific where he earned his eligibility to join the VFW family. Chuck joined the VFW as a Member at Large in 2012. In 2015, he transferred his membership to VFW Post 6514 Osage Beach Missouri. Post members have seen his leadership skills and as a result he has held the positions of Trustee, Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Commander. I*n which the post has earned All-State honors five times and All-American honors four times under his tenure. During his time as Commander, he took the achievements and leadership skills to District 2, serving in the positions of Trustee, Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and being elected Commander where he earned the recognition of All-American.

Chuck was appointed Aide De Camp to the Commander-in-Chief for 2024-2025. In 2026, he waws appointed to the Department Sub-Legislative Committee on Submarine legislative issues to assist the Legislative team in understanding terminology, equipment, and toxic contaminants.

Chuck's commitment to veterans doesn't stop at the Post or District level. He is currently serving on the Submarine Advocacy Group Board of Directors as Vice-Chairman, working to correct medical disability issues due to Toxic Air Contaminant exposure and other overlooked submarine issues with both Federal House and Senate members, US Navy, and Veterans Affairs.

His servant belief in helping all veterans is why Chuck is stepping up, running for Department Surgeon: to be a voice for all Missouri veterans in health and hospital care, to keep building the strong relationships within state and federal government which will move the much-needed help for our comrades.

In his second year as District Commander, Chuck continues to build strong genuine partnerships with Posts, Districts, and Department leaders across Missouri. Chuck is ready to give his dedication and service to the Department, Districts, Posts, and Members across the State of Missouri.