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JOHN R. COOK (NH) - NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER NORTHEAST REGION - BIO

John was the youngest of 10 children, born in Boston, MA on 5/8/1957. John had a strong military influence growing up - his Dad, Leo E. Cook, was a mechanic in the Army; his Mother, Margret served in the Marine Corp; brothers David, Fred and Louis joined the Marine Corp and served in Vietnam at the same time and a sister, Lorraine and brother Leo both who both served in the US Army. After high school, John spent approximately 2 years in the Merchant Marines holding the position of QMED on the oil tanker, the USNS Hudson.

John married his wife, Denise in 1989 - soon after they relocated from MA to NH – making Madison, NH their home where they both love snowmobiling and camping.

John joined the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #46 in 1997 in Conway, NH. John became extremely active - holding the position of Commander until 2017. He also held the position of Adjutant.

His passion for serving and honoring our Veterans led him to run for Vice Commander for the Detachment of New Hampshire holding that position for 2 years - 2014-2015 & 2015-2016. From there John served as Detachment Commander, holding that term for 2 years - 2016-2017 & 2017-2018. John has held Chairman positions for Community Service and New Squadron & District Rehabilitation.

On a local level, John is a lifetime member of Squadron #8 in Dover, NH where he currently holds the position of Squadron Adjutant.

For the Detachment of New Hampshire, John is currently the ANEC and CWF Chairman. On the National level, John served as one of the Regional Membership Chairmen on the National Membership Committee.