



DAN WEST

Dan West, a Gold Legacy Life member of Maurice T. Suttles Post 3413, San Marcos, was elected as the State Junior Vice Commander for the Department of Texas at the 93rd State Convention in Corpus Christi on 15 June, 2013. West was also appointed State Assistant Adjutant by State Commander Sylvia Sanchez, having served in that capacity since October 2006.

A Veterans of Foreign Wars member since 1996, Dan has served in many positions within his Post and District. He is a four time All-State Post Commander and a two time All-American Post Commander. He also served two consecutive years as a District Commander winning All-State District Commander both years, as well as All American District Commander and Honor Roll District Commander.

Dan has also served on various State and National Committees and is a “Certified National Recruiter”, having graduated from the first class in 2005 and has earned the “Century” recruiter award twelve times. He has also been recognized as a National Aide-De-Camp, National Deputy Chief of Staff and National Special Aide-De-Camp, is a recipient of the prestigious Department of Texas “J. T. Rutherford” Award and is author of the “District Commanders, How To” book used by several VFW Departments.

He served as the State Chief of Staff for State Commander A.R. (Russ) Richards in 2006-2007. From 2008 – 2011 he served as the Vice Chairman for the National Military Services Committee and from 2011—2013 he served as a Vice Chair for the National Iraq/Afghanistan Committee where he was successful in having commemorative tributes for Operation Desert Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, Operation Enduring freedom, Operation Iraqi freedom and Women in Military Service added to the National By-Laws and Ritual officially recognizing the service of our newest generation of war veterans.

Dan West served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1994. As an Infantry Platoon Sergeant his overseas service was in Beirut, Lebanon, the Korean Peninsula and in Southwest Asia in Operation Desert Shield/Storm where he served with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines as a member of “Task Force Papa Bear” in the Al Buquan oil fields.