



James F. McNally
State Commander
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James F. McNally was born and raised in Dunkirk, New York and following his graduation from High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Far East, on board the USS Uhlmann DD 687 as a radioman. He was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in defense of the Quemoy and Matsu Islands in the Formosa Straights, the New York State Medal for Merit, and the 8-23 Badge of Honor from the Taiwanese Government.

He was awarded an associate's degree in Fire Science from Jamestown Community College. Jim retired as an Assistant Fire Chief after serving for 32 years on the Jamestown NY Fire Department.

He is a Life Member of VFW Post 53 and has been active in the VFW for over 33 years, receiving All State honors as a Post and County Council Commander. He was named All-American District Commander and has served on numerous State and National VFW committees. Jim was elected State Commander at the 86th annual State Convention in Buffalo, NY.

Jim and his wife Retha reside in Jamestown, NY have two sons, one daughter, six grandsons, and two granddaughters.