



**Melvin Garrett
State Commander
1981-1982**



Melvin Garrett was born in Newark, New Jersey and attended the Newark School Systems and the Barringer evening school for business.

Mel entered the military in July 1946 and served in the Far East with the 159th Field Artillery Battalion in Nara, Japan as a Radio Operator. He was honorably discharged in December 1947.

Mel joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1952. He was elected Post, County Council and District Commander and is presently serving as Quartermaster.

In 1981-82 he was an All-American State Commander for New York State.

Mel served as Chairman of various State Committees including National Home Chairman. He served as National Council Member area "C" from 1993-95, and as National Legislative Chairman.

Member: National Strategic Planning and Steering Committee, National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mel is presently serving as interim District #2 Trustee. He is also a member of the American Legion.

He enjoys baseball, football, bowling and most of all helping others.

Mel resides in New Rochelle with his wife Albertha, a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary. They have 4 children: Melvin Jr. Lynn, Diann and Tyrone.

Mel is retired from Consumer Reports Magazine after 25 years.