



CHARLES LARSON (center) receives congratulations on being elected state commander of the American Legion from the current Farmington post commander Milton Hoeglund (left), and the past commander, Oscar Auten.

Legion Head Seeks Increased Benefits

SOUTHFIELD
The new state commander of the American Legion.

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Charles Larson, has issued a call for increased veteran benefits now that the Vietnam War has ended. Larson, elected state commander during the American Legion's convention on July 22, says: "Veterans will soon be forgotten. Yet this state and nation are forever indebted to the men and women who served their country in time of national emergency. We must never forsake this debt."

Larson said he is hopeful the state will soon approve a Vietnam bonus. "A grateful public should be more than willing to show their gratitude to these men for service during this nation's longest and most controversial war."

Larson, a Legion member for 28 years, is the first Southfield resident to hold

the position. He is a member of Grove Walker Post 346 of Farmington and a 17-year resident of Southfield.

While accepting the job, Larson made a statement encouraging veterans to take another look at Legion membership.

"The American Legion offers so much to concerned citizens who have an interest in building a better community."

Larson was born in Nevada, lived in 1922 and later moved to Farmington. He attended Farmington High School and obtained a two-year degree from Michigan State University in the field of political science and history.

He joined the Groves Walker Post in 1945 and in 1969 was awarded a life membership. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army as a PFC in the Scout Intelligence Section in Africa and Italy. Larson holds the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, European African Middle Eastern campaign medal with two battle stars, and a Presidential Citation.

At the post level, the 51-year-old Larson has held all offices within the post up to commander and has served on many committees, including 10 years as the Boys' State chairman, 12 years as post chaplain and eight years as Americanism chairman.

He has also held numerous positions for the 18th District and Michigan Dept. of the American Legion.

Larson has assumed the duties of director of patriotic programs in Southfield for the past three years. His wife, Agnes, is an active member in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Larson has been employed at the U.S. Post Office in Farmington for the past 27 years. He is a member of Birmingham Masonic Lodge 44.

Grieved Mother Tells Agony of Suspense

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what a person would do in a crisis without that."

Besides holding herself steady, Mrs. Jaeger talked of the need to support the rest of her family.

"There are times when one of us will become overwrought, and you are troubled because, with your own worries and fears, you can't help," she said.

The other children "kind of take their lead from us," Mrs. Jaeger said. "If we try to keep composed, they do better. We have a responsibility to them and a responsibility to ourselves to be in a condition to face whatever may come."

Montana friendliness and a desire to help the Jaegers were lifelines for the Jaeger children, she said. "The people took them to all sorts of places to keep them occupied," she said. "As a matter of fact they got to see much more than they would have seen ordinarily."

"They met kids of their own age and found out that they wore the same clothes and were pretty much like themselves, except for the hair," she said. "The boys out there wear their hair much shorter."

The children were fortunate, too, in the campsite's location, Mrs. Jaeger said. "They went fishing, mountain climbing and rock hunting and were kept very busy," she said.

Her wavering in deciding whether to leave Montana and come home she explained by saying:

"Even though I knew it wasn't true, I had to fight the feeling that they were folding up the case as we were folding our tents."

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Named to the honors list were Marilyn Allen, 26255 Dundalk Lane; Mary Benedict, 22019 Maple; Miss Brown; Linda Butler, 30755 Woodstream; Jan Carr, 30355 Glennue; Kenneth Carty, 3440 Robinwood; Elizabeth Coffman, 32311 Heathstone; Michael Colter, 30027 Highmeadow; John Combes, 35249 Caryn; Vicki Crane, 23914 Farmington Rd.; Nan Cummings, 34009 State; Deborah Curtis, 36320 Bridgeman; and Martha Daumler, 22860 Kirk-side Lane.

Also on the honors list are Mary Dombrowski, 21625

Hamilton; Miss Flakne; Keith Heimforth, 32375 Bonnet Hill; Denise Hollerud, 29611 Mullane; Charlotte Knight, 28851 Glencaire; Robin Lemon, 23461 Glen-croft; Raymond Lundsten, 23124 Violet; Susan McCallum, 32971 Thornydyke; Kathryn McFadden, 32121 Baintree; Denise Norion, 34029 Oak-lawn; William Paige, 24546 Wistaria; Sharon Peterson, 28250 Thorny Brae; Karen Petronio, 23768 Briarton; Vi-cik Saliba, 31912 Old Frank-lin; Linnell Shipley, 32303 Bon-net Hill; Sandra Steggle, 32744 Biddestone; Susan Steggle, 32744 Biddestone; Karen Stewart, 29596 Pipers Lane; John Townsend, 23446 Wyckshire; Miss Urban; Linda Vandenheuvel, 21232 Robinwood; Linda Weiss, 32263 Glen Cove; Marilyn Wells, 32432 Heathstone; White; Patricia Wickham, 22723 Walsingham and Katharine Wood, 29985 Deorr.

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