

Larson Reveals Goals For American Legion

SOUTHFIELD—The new state commander of the American Legion, 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 345 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, Iowa, 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 1948 and in 1959 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.



EXPERIMENTING with rats, Donald Peven of Southfield studies a possible correlation between drinking and stress.

Peven Studies Rat 'Boozers'

SOUTHFIELD Donald Peven of Southfield recently studies the effect of stress on the drinking habits of rats during a summer high school honors program at Michigan State University.

Peven, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Peven of Harden, Southfield, was enrolled in the summer 1973 high school honors science program.

A senior at Southfield High School, he majored in biological sciences and minored in computer science and chemistry during the program.

Under the supervision of Charles R. Peebles and the Science and Mathematics Teaching Center, some 51 high school students participated in the six-week program cosponsored by MSU

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