

Biography of the Dept. President President

- ★ Carol is eligible through her father, Cecil Cook, who served in the army during WW1. Her parents signed her up as a Junior member in 1953 with Unit 1269 Sharon Springs, Schoharie County. In 1968 she transferred her membership to Charles L Jacobi Unit 183, Sidney NY in Delaware County and is now a Life Member.
- ★ A 55 year member she has served her Unit as President 6 times, held every office and served on all committees. In Delaware County she served as President 3 terms, held every office and served on every committee and is still serving as parliamentarian.
- ★ Carol served on the District level as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and in 1999-2000 as District President. She has represented the 6th District on 5 different occasions on the Constitution and By Laws, and Resolutions committee. Carol is also a 19 year member of Salon 37, Broome County 8/40.
- ★ On the Department level, she has served as Poppy Supervisor for the NYS Veterans Home in Oxford, in 1981 she served as Americanism Chairman and won the National award for best all around reporting. In 1985 she was appointed Field Service Representative at Oxford Home and served in that position for 14 years. She now proudly wears her 6,000 + hr pin for volunteer service.
- ★ Carol served as vice chairman of Empire Girls State and as Chairman, she also served as house mother 2 years, as Counselor 1 year and as Secretary for 2 years holding the first Flag Disposal ceremony for the first time in 1981.
- ★ Also on Department level Carol served as Past Presidents Parley Chairman in 2002-2003, as National Security Chairman in 2003- 2004, and VA&R Chairman in 2004-2005. In 2006- 2007, Carol served as Children and Youth chairman, and through her efforts the Department of New York, once again, filled all the needs for Spinoza Bears at children's hospitals and for the ill children at home with 52 orders.
- ★ In 2005- 2006 she was membership chairman and attended the National Membership rally in Indianapolis. She attended the Empire Girls State meetings in Indianapolis two times. At the 2006 convention in Hawaii, she won the National award for the best all around reporting on Field Service. She has attended nearly all the informational conferences held and the American Legion Awareness Assembly in Washington, DC.

Personal Life:

- ★ Carol was a telephone operator for 11 years until 1968 when the phone company went direct dial and she then went to work for a Major Propane Company, where she retired after 25 years of service, including District manager.
- ★ Carol is married to Raymond who is a solid American Legion Member with 53 years of service in most every capacity of the Post, County, and District. He is currently holding several Department appointments and committees, in addition has a National appointment.
- ★ Carol and her Husband Ray, have 5 Children - 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grand children.