

Born in Hawthorne, Paul is a native Californian. Upon graduating from South Hills High School in 1979, Paul enlisted in the US Army. After basic at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and AIT at Ft. Sam Houston, TX, Paul joined the Dental Corp at Ft. Ord, Presidio of Monterey as a Dental Specialist. It was during that time he met his wife of 40 years, Bonnie.



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After completing 3 years of military service, Paul remained on the Monterey Peninsula working for the City of Monterey for 34 years. At the same time he was a 22-year volunteer EMT and Fire Engineer for the Cachagua Volunteer Fire District.

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Already an active member of the American Legion, upon retirement Paul became even more active in Legion activities and programs. Paul is an Honorary Life member of Post 512 Carmel-by-the-Sea.

**The American Legion  
31 years of service history**

**Post 512 Carmel-by-the-Sea**

**Post Commander 2 times  
Post Adjutant  
Post Finance Officer  
Post General Manager**

**Tri-mendous 28th District**

**District Commander  
District Finance Officer  
District Judge Advocate  
District Executive officer**

**Area 2**

**Area 2 Vice Commander 2 times  
Area 2 Adjutant  
Area 2 SAL Commissioner**

**Department of California**

**Department Chaplain  
Ways & Means Chairman  
SAL Commission Chairman  
National Foreign Affairs Commission**

**Sons of the American Legion**

**California SAL Detachment Commander  
SAL Alternate NEC**

The American Legion Department of California is in fact a business. A very specialized business but nevertheless a business! To that end it is the responsibility of those in charge to discharge their duties and responsibilities with all due diligence.

Look at the Department of California this way. As a business we need capital. Our investors are our veterans who invest their monies and time to make the organization run. It is the responsibility of the elected officers, appointees, and employees to operate within the guidelines of the corporation.

The Department of California needs a complete re-evaluation of its business plan, operating procedures, and financial policies! I believe most of us will agree that these are challenging times not only for our American Legion but for many of our cherished organizations. The reasons are many but one thing we all share is we need to make less go further today!

I am proposing:

- Create a sound and realistic income-based budget
- Review the policies for the use of our reserve funds
- Review and revision of our employment policies as well as updating the Employee Handbook
- Well-defined disciplinary policies and guidelines

A strong organization requires a solid foundation. Our American Legion Department of California's 105+ year old foundation needs attention! The resources within our organization are many. I feel we can help to shore up our foundation! I promise you a stronger and better Department of California if elected your Commander!