

Forwarding on the message that David Sandman sent out through the VFW regarding the deaths of Past Department Commander Almon Long and Past Department Commander Charles Prince on Tuesday, January 23rd.

Details are included for Com. Long's Services. We understand that Services for Commander Prince's will be announced at a later time. Although he and Jean had moved to Florida a few years ago, they will be bringing him back to PA for burial.

Please remember both these families in your thoughts and prayers.  
Cards of sympathy can be sent as follows:

Mrs Cora Long and Family  
65 Warman Street  
Larksville, PA 18651

Mrs. Jean Prince and Family  
1211 E. Caroline Street  
Apt. 122  
Travers, Florida 32778

---

## **State HQ Saddened to Announce the Passing of Two Past State Commanders:**

PSC Almon J. Long (1988-89) and PSC Charles H. Prince (2003-2004) both passed away on January 23, ending long terms of service to the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### **Comrade Long**



Born in Plymouth, PA, Long was a Korean War veteran who served with the U.S. Army's 822nd Engineers Aviation Battalion, 49th Bomber Wing, 5th Air Force, 8th Army in Korea, during 1951-52. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal with three stars. His unit received a Presidential Unit Citation.

A member of the VFW since 1952, he twice served as Commander of Post 2435. He was also Commander and a life member of Post 283. Long was elected Commander of District 11 for 1983-84.

At the Department level, in addition to serving as State Commander, he was on various State VFW Committees including the Membership Committee. Long's leadership as State Commander helped to push legislation through

the Pennsylvania General Assembly to help non-profits raise funds through small games of chance. The strong direction he provided also played a positive role in getting a fourth State Veterans Home created and starting plans for two more State Homes.

He received several National VFW appointments including to the National VFW Legislative Committee. The Eastern States Conference elected him as Sr. Vice Commander.

Long was appointed by Governor Robert Casey to a Blue Ribbon Commissioning Committee for the U.S.S. Trident Submarine.

He was also active in his community for many years supporting youth athletics and the Larksville Bicentennial Commission. Long served on the Larksville Town Borough Council, as Chairman of the Police Committee, as Chairman of the town Civil Service Commission, and on leadership groups for Local 19 and the Valley View Union Chapel.

After retiring from Giant Markets in Kingston, he and his wife Cora resided in Larksville.

Viewing will be held Sunday 4-7 p.m. at Strish Funeral Home, 11 Wilson Street, Larksville, PA 18651. The funeral will be held Monday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Time to be determined. You can check back on the funeral home website for the time of the funeral on Monday <http://www.strishfuneralhome.com/>

Sympathy cards can be sent to 65 Warman St, Larksville, PA 18651

### **Comrade Prince**



A native of Confluence, PSC Prince was a U.S. Navy veteran during World War II, who served on the U.S.S. Missouri, U.S.S. Donaldson, U.S.S South Dakota and U.S.S. Quincy. Beginning in 1943, his military service included significant battle action against Japanese naval forces and being present on the Missouri when Japanese leadership signed papers of surrender in Tokyo Bay. He was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Comrade Prince earned the Victory Medal, American Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with seven stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He H. PR received an honorable discharge in 1946 as a Radioman First Class.

Installed as State Commander during the 84th Annual State Convention in 2003, Prince was a life member of Post 8826. Prior to that, he belonged to Post 7250, for which he served two terms as Post Commander. He

achieved All-American District Commander status for District 23 in 1996-1997. He was a life member of the VFW National Home for Veterans Children.

In addition to serving as State Commander, Prince was a member of many State and National VFW Committees including work groups for national security, veterans employment and the Voice of Democracy Contest. In recognition of his outstanding VFW service, he was named as a National-Aide-de-Camp.

He was a member of the Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent 59. He retired as a County Appraiser after 17 years of employment with the Somerset County Assessment Office. He and his wife Jean moved to Florida a few years ago after being longtime residents of Somerset County. His services will be held in Pennsylvania, but the details are not known at this time.

Sympathy cards can be send to 1211 E Caroline St., Apt 122, Travers, FL 32778.