



Rick Cherone National Junior Vice Commander



Rick and his wife Barb, an Auxiliary Past National President, live in New Berlin, Wisconsin. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

Rick has held positions at every level in the MOPH with his Chapter, his Department, and at National.

His educational background consists of two Bachelor's Degrees, one in Industrial Engineering with a minor in Psychology and the other in Computer Science (analyst.) He entered the Army on September 16, 1966 and served his basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, combat medical training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After jump school Rick was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam from April 1967-June 1968. While serving in Vietnam he was awarded 2 Purple Hearts, a Bronze star, the ACM with a "V", and a Combat Medical Badge.

In his commitment to 'give back', Rick volunteers at the Milwaukee VA Hospital, a Veterans' Initiative Food Pantry, and Camp Home Town Heroes which is a camp for children of Our Fallen Heroes. In his home garage, he rebuilds bikes and distributes them to veterans at the VA, a homeless Veterans' center, and kids from low income homes.

To date, over 400 bikes have been distributed. Rick also founded a program at the VA Hospital in Milwaukee, WI called Books for Vets, where paperback books are distributed in the patient waiting rooms for the vets and spouses to take & read.

When vacationing in Florida, he continues his volunteering efforts at the Palms of Largo, an assisted living home in Largo, Florida. Rick is committed to the philosophy of the MOPH *helping our veterans and their families and never forgetting our Fallen Heroes or the families they left behind.*

