

Chief Petty Officer Robert J Welch, USN, Retired

Department of Illinois

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Experienced professional manages multiple projects and priorities independently with excellent follow-through. Process oriented self-starter with almost 30 years of experience in professional, military, and fraternal leadership roles. Proven problem solving and analytical skills. Motivated and dedicated leader with experience in diverse leadership environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, WG-5716-10

11/14 – PRESENT

US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District

- Operates Engineering Equipment and performs a variety of skilled duties involved in the operation, maintenance and repair of district facilities including lock equipment, navigation structures, buildings and grounds, requiring the use of various trade practices.
- Works independently from the field crew, maintaining his own site with little to no supervision.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (SEABEE)

United States Navy

10/93 – 2/13

• **DETACHMENT OFFICER IN CHARGE (E7)**

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 Detachment 0825

10/08 – 04/10

- Responsible for the administration of the battalion’s largest detachment of 170 personnel, ensuring the detachment was mobilization ready. Supervised the Platoon Commanders in charge of the Vertical Construction Platoon, Horizontal Construction Platoon, Maintenance Platoon and Headquarters Platoon.

• **OPERATIONS/TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR (E6)**

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 Detachment Al Taqaddum, Iraq

02/06 – 09/06

- Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Al Taqaddum, Iraq. Managed 181 pieces of Civil Engineering Support Equipment. Supervised nine Equipment Operators, and seven Construction Mechanics. Responsible for assigning vehicles, equipment, and operators/drivers to support the various construction projects and convoys in the Anbar Province.



- **PLATOON COMMANDER (E6)**

11/00 – 02/06

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 Detachment 0825

- Responsible for timely and accurate record keeping for each individual in the 30-man Horizontal Construction Platoon as well as all other administrative duties associated with the platoon.

- **MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS**

- Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards)
- Navy Unit Commendation (3 awards)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Navy “E” Ribbon (5 Awards)
- Army Superior Unit Award
- Navy Good Conduct Medal (2 awards)
- Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards)
- National Defense Service Medal (2 awards)
- Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze campaign star and Fleet Marine Force Combat Operation Insignia
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3 awards)
- Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards)
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass and Mobilization device
- Navy Expert Rifleman Medal
- Navy Expert Pistol Shot Medal.

FRATERNAL EXPERIENCE

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

- **NATIONAL DEPARTMENT INSPECTION TEAM**

- Appointed by the Commander in Chief, to a team of 8 Comrades, to inspect and assist the 52 departments in the VFW as needed.

- **STATE HISTORIAN (Department of IL)**

- Instrumental in reestablishing the office of Historian. This office had not been appointed in over 50 years.

- **PAST STATE COMMANDER (Department of IL)**

- Chief Executive Officer, responsible for the 265 VFW Posts in the state with a combined total membership of 42,000.
- Worked with VFW Emblem and Supply to redesign the VFW Membership Badge and bring manufacturing from overseas to the United States using the same manufacturer as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; ESCO, Inc.

- **PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER (District 16)**
 - All-State Commander Award
 - All-American Commander Award
 - Cramer-Soden Membership Award

- **PAST POST COMMANDER (Post 450)**
 - All-State Commander (2 terms) Award
 - All-American Commander Award

- **PAST POST QUARTERMASTER (Treasurer)**
 - Chief Financial Officer of the Post and for the attached Canteen with an annual operating budget of \$125,000.00.
 - All-State Post Quartermaster Award

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

- **DEPARTMENT SR VICE COMMANDER**
- **MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE (JULY 2022)**
- **CAMP COMMANDER (PVT HENRY M HARDENBERGH CAMP #39)**
 - Camp Organizer and Charter Member
 - Received the National Aide Award for 2022
 - Received the David R. Medert Award for 2022
- **PAST DEPARTMENT TREASURER**
- **PAST DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER**
 - Maintained an online store using Square, for the purchase of department merchandise.
- **PAST CAMP JR VICE COMMANDER (GENERAL P H SHERIDAN CAMP #2)**
 - Received the National Aide Award for 2021
- **PAST CAMP QUARTERMASTER (GENERAL P H SHERIDAN CAMP #2)**
 - Sourced vendors for various uniform items. Specifically, period correct uniform caps and accoutrements that were worn by the early SUVCW.
 - Maintained an online store using Square, for the purchase of camp merchandise.

MILITARY ORDER OF FOREIGN WARS

- **COMMANDERY TREASURER**
- **PAST COMMANDERY QUARTERMASTER**
 - Coordinated with the Quartermaster General and VFW Emblem and Supply to source a vendor for organizational headgear.

MEMBERSHIP IN MILITARY, PATRIOTIC AND HEREDITARY SOCIETIES NOT LISTED ABOVE

- General Society Sons of the Revolution
- Army & Navy Union of the United States
- National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
- Naval Order of the United States
- Military Order of the World Wars
- American Legion
- 40 and 8
- Military Order of the Cootie
- Disabled American Veterans
- AMVETS
- Seabee Veterans of America
- Scottish American Military Society