

# JOHN E. SHIPLEY

Candidate for State Junior Vice Commander  
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Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Texas



John E. Shipley, a Life and Gold Legacy Member of Poteet Memorial VFW Post 6970, Poteet, Texas, Member Military Order of the Cooties and a candidate for Department JR Vice Commander Department of Texas VFW.

Comrade Shipley served in the United States Air Force from 1975 to 2005, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant (E-9). Overseas service includes Egypt, Italy and the Persian Gulf. He earned his eligibility for the VFW while serving in the Gulf War.

Comrade Shipley joined the VFW in 1991 while serving in the Gulf War at various locations to include Dhahran, King Khalid Military City, Al Jabaal and Haifa al Bhutan in Saudi Arabia. He joined the Poteet Memorial VFW Post 6970 in 2006 after retiring from the Air Force. He has served as Post Trustee, Post Commander for 14 years, District Commander, District Judge Advocate, appointed National Aide-de-Camp three times, National Special Aide-de-Camp, National Deputy Chief of Staff, State Deputy Inspector two times, State Inspector, State Chief of Staff and has received All-State and All-American Post Commander and District Commander Awards and the Immediate Past District Commander Award in January 2020.

John is married to Ilona and resides in the Poteet, Texas. He has two daughters, two granddaughters, a grandson and a great grandson. His son-in-law Paul Crawford retired as Sergeant Major, United States Marine Corps and is a VFW Life Member at Post 9133 in Jacksonville, NC.