



VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Colonel Francis S. Midura Post 12144 Islandia NY

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

Dear Fellow Comrades,

It is with great honor for me to say that VFW Post 12144 is celebrating its 1st year of existence. In just one year we have collectively made our post a willing and able, fully functional well oiled machine. As service members we understand what can be accomplished with hard work and dedication. With a new year comes new obstacles and new expectations, but with a little ingenuity we will turn them into new accomplishments. I ask that you be vigilant and safe moving into this new year as we have alot to look forward too. As always, communicate amongst each other and lend a hand to a comrade in need. As Veterans of Foriegn Wars thats what we do! Until next time, Stay Safe and God Bless America!

*Raymond Bush
Commander*



VFW POST 12144 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

John Probst joined the United States Merchant Marines in January of 1946 as a Seaman. During this time, he was tasked on several occasions to deliver supplies throughout the world. In his early service years, John witnessed the carnage of the end of World War II. He transported wheat to England, coal to France, and machinery to

Belgium and Holland. These travels required John to spend endless months on ship. At the end of Johns stint



in the United States Merchant Marines, he was drafted by the United States Army in January of 1951. After being drafted, John completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His next stop was Beale Air ForceBase in Marysville, California where his job description was a

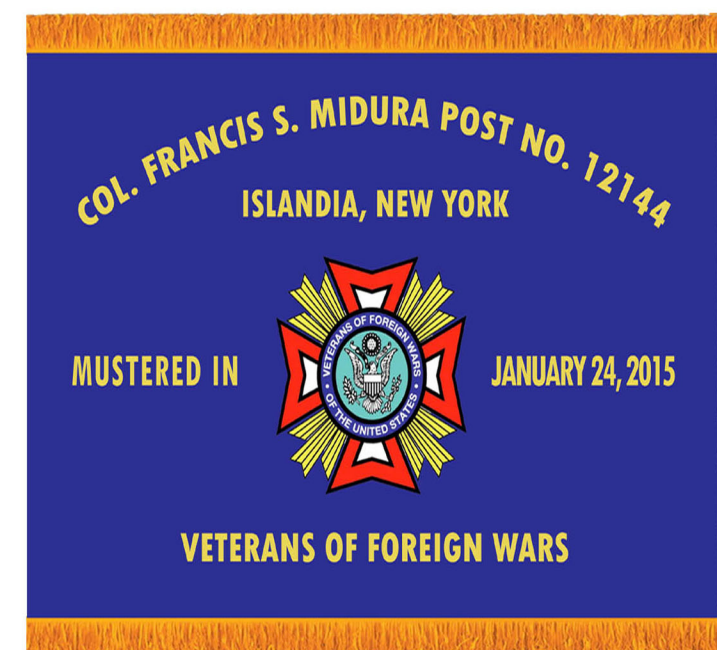
Heavy Equipment Welder Mechanic. In 1957, John satisfied his service obligation in Alaska and achieved the rank of Corporal. When asked about is military commitment, John exclaimed "I enjoyed the service when I was in!"

John is one of the founding members of VFW Post 12144. In November 2015 around the time of Veterans Day, John raised close to \$2000 for VFW Post 12144 exclusively through Poppy flower donations.



John Probst in front of Walmart 2015

NEW POST 12144 FLAG



UPCOMING EVENTS....



March 2016
VFW POST 12144
Elections



NEXT MEETING

(County) Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 1900 Post 3054 (E. Setauket)
(Post) Saturday January 30, 2016 at 1000 Post 12144 (Islandia)