

James 'Jim' Kvam
Department Commander
The American Legion Department of South Carolina
2023-2024

Jim Kvam was elected Commander of The American Legion Department of South Carolina May 20, 2023, during the 104th Annual Department Convention, held in Columbia, South Carolina.

Jim is a Veteran of the United State Navy, retiring with 27 years of service. He served thirteen years on Fast Frigates, Cruisers, and Destroyers, as either the leading Electronics Technician or Electronics Material Officer. During his active duty, Jim earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois in Curriculum Development and Work Force Management.

While Jim was still on active duty, Jim joined Goose Creek Post 166 in 1990. He is a Paid up for Life member of West Charleston Post 179 with 34 continuous years, and he is a dual member of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 179. Jim has held numerous appointed and elected positions at the Post, District, Department and National levels.

Jim's theme as The American Legion Department of South Carolina Commander is "Serving Veterans above and Beyond", their families and our youth.

His Commander's project for 2023-2024 is The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.

Jim has been married to his wife, Ann (Sivesind) for 52 years. They have two sons, Brian and Tim, and four grandchildren. Ann is a member of The American Legion Auxiliary, and their sons are members of Sons of The American Legion.