

LAUREL M. CLEWELL

Commander

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin

Born and raised in Appleton, WI to John and Dorothy Sternhagen. Laurel was in the fifth of 10 children. She graduated from Fox Valley Lutheran High School. She attended Lakeland College and Fox Valley Technical College with studies in Accounting, Business Management, and Computer Science.

Commander Clewell volunteered for the U. S. Army in March 1976. Laurel also completed many military courses and she retired as a Command Sergeant Major for the 389th Engineer Battalion in March 2012 with 36 years of total service in the Active and Reserve.

As a civilian, she worked for the City of Appleton for 22 years and retired from the Finance Office in 2014. She devotes her time to her family, her church and The American Legion.

Laurel has 2 children and 4 step children. She is a busy grandmother of 2 girls and 4 boys. Her husband Gordy is a Vietnam veteran and a very active American Legion member. He is a strong supporter of Laurel's endeavors.

Laurel joined the American Legion 16 years ago and is a paid up for life member in Post No. 38 and Unit No. 38 Auxiliary. She has held 24 positions in the various levels of The American Legion. The most recent and notable are Department Commander and as a member of the National American Legion Marketing Commission. She was elected as the state Commander in July 2017 and looks forward to serving the nation's Veterans and The American Legion family.