## Roxanna "Roxy" Stoner

## **Department President**

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My name is Roxanna Stoner, but most people call me Roxy. I am the oldest of five (5) children – four (4) girls and one (1) boy; the last two are twins and 13 years younger than myself.

I'm originally from Delphi, Indiana, my husband, Jerry and I moved to Wabash, Indiana in 1962 to work at the Whites Residential and Family Services; a home and public school for boys and girls ages 11 through 18. Many at Whites Residential and Family Services were abused, neglected, or placed there by the court system.

I graduated from Delphi High School and have attended Indiana University in Kokomo, Indiana and Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

We have two (2) sons. Jerry Jr. (wife Tammy) lives in Wabash and the youngest Bob (wife Angela) lives in Gosport, Indiana and one grandson, Thomas, that graduated from Trine University and lives in Indianapolis. Both sons, their wives as well as my grandson are all members of the American Legion family.

I am a 39-year, Paid Up For Life member of the American Legion Auxiliary. My eligibility is thru my Dad, Delbert Wray, who served in the U.S. Army during WWII and my late husband, Jerry, who served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era. Both were American Legion members.

I have held most offices and chairmanships in the Unit, District, and Department to include Unit President several times and District President three (3) times.

I retired as Quotation Department Manager of The Ford Meter Box Company, a waterworks brass Foundry, after 38+ years. I started working as the phone switchboard operator and worked my way up to one of the first three females on salary in the company.

I served as President of the Kiwanis Club, an organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. I served on various committees and helped organize many activities such as Pancake Day, Spelling Bee for the local schools, and helped form the Wabash Key Club members in our local schools.

I am active in my church helping with small children, dinners, plays, helping the community with projects, and Sunday school. I help with the church Food Pantry and Blessings in a Backpack, etc.

Some of the ways I spend my pastime are Volunteering at the Marion VA every Monday passing out treats to over 100 veterans that reside there. I really enjoy spending time with my Legion family. I also enjoy spending time with my personal family vacationing together, getting together most weekends, cooking out, playing music, watching sports. We vacationed in the south and went scuba diving in many countries and resorts. My interests include reading, knitting, crocheting, sewing, golfing, and spending time with family and friends.