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## Holliston Marine Vet Elected To Head Mass. Marine Corps League

BOXBOROUGH, Mass.— Warren Griffin, a Vietnam veteran and retired Boston school teacher, was elected and installed as commandant of the Department of Massachusetts, Marine Corps League (MCL) Saturday at the 76 annual convention of Marine Corps Veterans held here.

Born in Boston Oct 5, 1949, Griffin graduated from Natick High School in 1967 and after attending Framingham State College for a year, he joined the U.S. Marines in 1968.

Warren Griffin

Following graduation from boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., and infantry training at Camp Geiger, N.C., Warren was selected to attend Naval gunfire school at Little Creek, Va, and Defense Language Institute at Monterey, Calif., to learn Vietnamese. With these skills, he was assigned to the Mekong Delta, Vietnam, with the 1st AN-GLCO Sub Unit 1 as a forward Navel gunfire observer for the 21st ARVN Division.

Since 2007, Griffin's presence was well know on Beacon Hill and state executive offices as he serves as MCL legislative representative

In 1970, Griffin returned to Framingham State and in 1973 received a bachelor's degree in history and government and in 1976 a master's degree in guidance and counseling. He was awarded a graduate certificate in special education from U Mass Boston in 1992

Warren worked as a night custodian for the Boston School Department, became a teacher in 1973, served as an assistant principal at the Thompson Middle School, Dorchester, and a special ed teacher in Hyde Park, retiring in 2006. He also served a Boston Teacher's Union building representative and was named rep of the year in 2006.

Prior to his election as Dept. Commandant, Griffin, a member of the Metrowest Detachment 1037 where he served in all chair positions through commandant as well as all department offices. He also serves as a VAVS Rep.

Griffin is vice president of the Natick Veterans Council, Treasurer of the Moving Wall Committee, Home of the Brave board member attempting to secure a non-profit home for veterans in need of elderly nursing care, Framingham State University Alumnae Board member representing veterans, received the Mass VSO' Outsider Award at their 2010 State Convention as a non VSO providing great support for veterans issues, Mass Governor's Veterans Advisory Council, Natick Elks Veterans Committee, MetroWest Regional Veterans Consortium Board member, Natick Oral History Project board member. He is married to former Cheryl Souza of Medfield. They have five children and 3 grandchildren and live in Holliston. Granddaughter Autum Rose was thrilled to be present when "Papa" was elected.