

Cecelia R. (Ceil) Cook was born to William R. and Cecelia Cook on August 31, 1960 in Pittsburgh Pa. She joined West View VFW Auxiliary in October 1976 under the eligibility of her Father William R. Cook a Veteran from WWII who served with the Fourth Infantry Division. She became a Life Member of West View VFW Auxiliary 2754 in May 1988. Ceil has followed in the footsteps of both her parents by actively volunteering in the VA Hospitals and Veterans Home; as well as supporting the other programs of the VFW Auxiliary. Ceil has held numerous Auxiliary, District and Department offices and chairmanships throughout her tenure in the Auxiliary. Additionally, Ceil is a Life Member of the VFW National Home.

Ceil is now retired from a 40-year career at Highmark BCBS, where she was selected as a winner twice for the Jefferson Award for Public Service. Ceil is huge fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Although an only child, Ceil has numerous “Nieces and Nephews”.

“Simply the Best for our Veterans”, is this year’s theme. That statement says it all, what we do for our Veterans doesn’t need to be the most expensive or the most over the top activity. We need to remember that sometimes the best gift we can give our Veterans is our time and a smile. We need to move into this year as a team working together at all levels of the organization to provide “Simply the Best for Our Veterans”