

TED C. CONNELL**Executive Director of the Veterans Advisory Commission**

Ted C. Connell of Killeen, Texas, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1960 after serving as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and National Chief of Staff. He is one of the youngest men ever to serve in VFW's highest office. He also served as Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Texas. Connell entered the military on September 12, 1943, when he was 18 years old and saw service in the Pacific theatre with the 316th Tank Destroyer Battalion and other units. Connell is one of 10 brothers, eight of whom served with the Armed Forces during World War II. He joined the Bob Gray VFW Post 9192 in Killeen in 1947 and became Post Commander in 1950 subsequently serving as Senior Vice Commander and Commander of his District before advancing to the Department offices. In private life, Ted is one of the outstanding young businessmen in Texas. He owns and operates the Connell Chevrolet Company in Killeen and has an interest in several other businesses in his home community.