



**STEPHEN N. GLADWIN
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AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE STEPHEN N. GLADWIN, POST #40 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2009, THE MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENDORSE ALBERT E. PORTER AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE HIGH OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011.

I AM A NAVY VIETNAM ERA VETERAN SERVING FROM 1961-1965, ABOARD A GASOLINE TANKER AND AN AMMUNITION SHIP. I AM A 23 YEAR MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND HAVE SERVED IN MANY POSITIONS. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE SONNY ANDREWS BICENTENNIAL POST #333 IN THE 14TH DISTRICT FOR 12 YEARS. I HELD THE POSITION AS FINANCE OFFICER IN THE POST FOR 10 YEARS. I WAS 14TH DISTRICT COMMANDER IN 2002-2003 AND IN 2003-2004 ALSO I SERVED AS DISTRICT VICE-COMMANDER 2004-2005. ALSO I SERVED AS DISTRICT JUDGE ADVOCATE 2005-2006, AND VARIOUS OTHER POSITIONS. I WAS VOTED LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR FOR THE 14TH DISTRICT 2005-2006 AND SERVED AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA. I ALSO ATTENDED THE AMERICAN LEGION INSTITUTE IN 2004.

I AM A 6 YEAR MEMBER OF THE 40 & 8 VOITURE #1562. I HAVE BEEN ON THE DEPARTMENT TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE AND ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN SINCE 2006.


ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, I HAVE BEEN ON THE DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

MOVING TO FORT PIERCE I AM NOW A MEMBER OF POST #40 IN THE 12TH DISTRICT AND SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007 I SERVED THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA AS DMS/POST 400 CO-ORDINATOR, AND IN 2008 I SERVED AS DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.

I AM MARRIED TO MY WIFE, EDIE FOR 47 YEARS, I HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, PATRICIA O'SHEA AND I HAVE ONE GRANDAUGHTER, KELIANNE WHO IS MY PRIDE AND JOY.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MISSION AND GOALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND STAND SECOND TO NONE IN SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO PROTECT US. I BELIEVE MY COMMITMENT TO THE LEGION AND WITH MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ALL LEVELS WILL PERMIT ME, IF ELECTED TO CONTINUE THE STRONG POSITIVE LEADERSHIP WE HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE YEARS.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.


TOM JAMES

COMMANDER POST 40


KEN KETTERING,
EXECUTIVE BOARD