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Dear Commander,

At the regularly scheduled membership meeting on 19 December 2009 at 10:30 hours, the membership present unanimously endorsed John Ebling as a candidate for the high office of Southwestern Area Commander, 2010 – 2011.

John is a 22 year Veteran of the US Army retiring in 1993. John first joined his home post in Eden, NY and transferred his membership to Post 351 after moving to SW Florida in 1993. John has served as the Post Commander, Post 1st Vice Commander, Post Service Officer, District 13 Vice Commander and District 13 Service Officer. John completed the American Legion College in 2008 and the Extension Institute Program in 2006 as well. He is also a member of the 40&8 in Ft Myers.

Upon leaving the service, he took a job with Lee County as a Veterans Counselor and in 2002 he was appointed as the County Service Officer. John has been appointed as a member of the Selection Committee by Congressman Mack regarding those individuals seeking appointment to the military academies. He also serves on the President's Council for Hodges University. He maintains accreditation with several Veterans Organizations to include the American Legion as an official representative for Veterans Affairs.

John serves as a fully certified part time deputy with the Lee County Sheriffs Office and has been doing so for the past 14 years. In 1998 – 1999 he was selected as the 13th District Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for a life saving incident. He has also served our community as an elected member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Tice Fire Department.

Since his retirement in 1993, John went on to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree in Executive Management from International College in 1999 and his Masters Degree in Human Resource Development from Barry University in 2003.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that Legion Post 351 endorses John Ebling as a candidate for Southwestern Area Commander, 2010 – 2011 and respectfully requests your support as well.



DAVE DOTY
Post Commander



STEVE URBAN
Post Adjutant