AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

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Michael McDaniel, Department Adjutant
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Dear Adjutant McDaniel,

At the March meeting of American Legion John W. Shaw Post 84 the Post unanimously endorsed James Brennan as candidate for Western Area Commander. Commander Brennan meets the requirements as a US Navy Vietnam Veteran.

In 2009, Jim was given the opportunity to revitalize Post 84 and has served as Post Commander for 6 years. Under his leadership the Post has grown from 15 members to 51 and has met or exceeded 100% membership every year but one. During this time, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 84 and the first American Legion Rider Chapter in District 2 were formed.

Jim has held the positions of Oratorical Chairman (District 2 and Western Area level) and Legion Rider Director (Chapter and District level) and he currently holds the office of District 2 Vice Commander. Post 84 has participated in the Oratorical Contest for the last 5 years and has had one candidate compete at the Department Oratorical Contest. Post 84 has awarded two $1,000.00 college scholarships to Military dependents. The Post has supported the North Florida Stand Down for at risk Veterans. Partnering with the local VA, the Post has sponsored a Christmas Dinner for homeless Veterans for the last 6 years as well as distributing Thanksgiving meals to Veterans. American Legion Family 84 (Post, Unit and Chapter) has hosted the Havana "Veterans Day Event for the last 3 years. Post 84 currently supports the New National Cemetery with Post members on the Big Bend Honor Guard and with the Post's WWII M-1 Garand rifles and currently Co-Team Leader. The Post currently distributes donated bread to Veterans in the Veterans Village and to Community Cares (Havana food bank). The donations for 2015 totaled $27,000.00 or about $650.00 weekly.

During Commander Roberts' tenure as National Commander of the Sons of American Legion, Jim served as the National Historian.

We believe Commander Brennan to be a qualified candidate for the office of Western Area Commander for 2017-2018.

Sincerely,

Commander, David Smithwick

Vice Commander Tommy Young

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