The American Legion

POST 240

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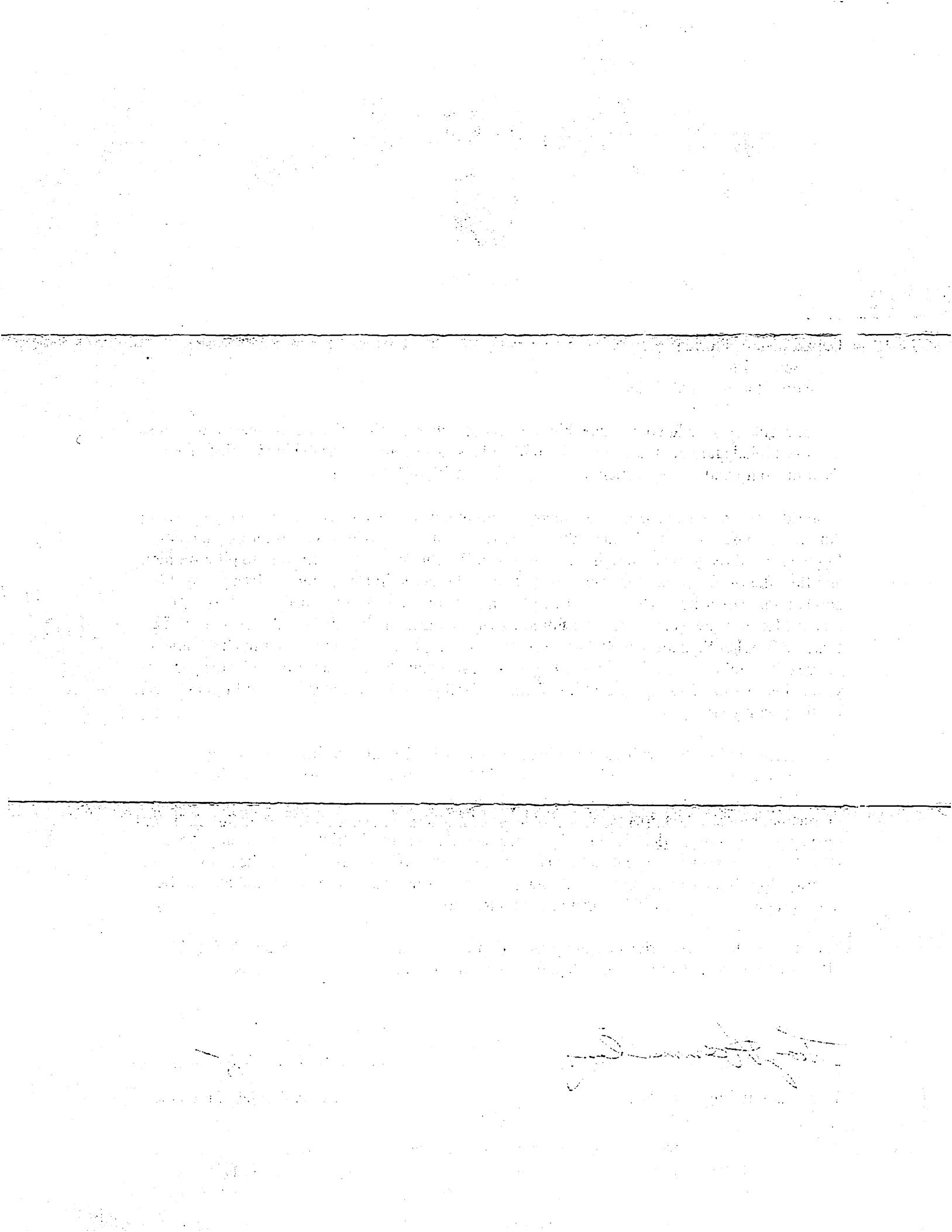
At the regularly scheduled membership meeting of February 13, 2018 the membership of Post 240 assembled and voted to endorse John M. Edens as a candidate for the high office of 1st District Commander, Department of Florida, for the 2018-2019 term.

John Edens earned his eligibility for membership in the American Legion by serving on active duty from August,1976 to August,2000 in the U. S. Air Force. He served as an Aeronautical Engineer for three years at Wright Patterson A.F. Base in Ohio. He then went to pilot training, and flew the B-52 bomber for over twenty years. He served in Desert Storm, flying over 150 combat hours over Iraq. He received various meritorious joint service medals and combat medals. His last few years in the Air Force was spent building the Air Force's first ever B-52 Reserve Bomber Squadron at Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, Louisiana. After his 24 years on active duty, John returned to the Air Force as a T-6 Simulator Instructor Pilot for the past 16 years, instructing Undergraduate Pilot Training for 8 years and Combat Service Flight Officers for the past 8 years.

John Edens got his start with the American Legion in 2002 while serving as an Air Force contractor, civilian, Instructor Pilot at Moody AFB, Georgia. In the past 16 years, he started out as a Post Finance officer for one year, and for four years as the Commander of Post 240 in Pensacola, Florida. His Post received the coveted "Post of the Year" for Florida during his 2016 -2017 term as Commander. He has also served the Florida 1st District the past four years as Boys State Chairman; one year as Finance Officer; and two years as their 1st Vice. As the 1st District Boys State Chairman the past four years, he has helped raise over $12,000.00 for bus transportation through Golf Tournament Fund Raisers.

The membership of American Legion Post 240 proudly endorses John M. Edens for the high office of 1st District Commander, Department of Florida for the 2018 - 2019 term.

Tony Hammerling / 1st Vice

Glenn Zeigler / 2nd Vice

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