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SUBJ: Endorsement Letter of Fred Matthews for American Legion,
Department of Florida, Third Vice Commander

At the regularly scheduled General Assembly Meeting held on 12 September, 2020, the membership of Lakeshore American Legion Post 137 unanimously endorsed Fred Matthews for the high office of American Legion, Department of Florida, Third Vice Commander for the 2020-2021 Legion year.

Comrade Matthews is a 32-year veteran, honorably served in the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Comrade Matthews is a 19-year member of the American Legion in which he has held the following Post level positions: Four years as Post 197 Adjutant, two years as Post 197 Vice Commander/Membership Chairman and one year as Post 197 Commander. During his time as Vice Commander and Commander, the Post received 100% in membership as well as obtaining Gold Brigade status each year. During that time, Comrade Matthews was awarded Post Commander of the Year from the 5th District, Department of Florida.

Comrade Matthews has also held several positions at the District Level to include five years as 5th District Finance Officer, two years as 5th District Vice Commander/Membership Coordinator and one year as 5th District Commander. During his successful term as 5th District Commander, he made more than 45 visits to the 18 Posts within the District, lending his assistance and encouragement on a variety of Post, District and Department level situations.

Comrade Matthews was selected to serve as the Department of Florida Membership Chairman 2017-2018. His leadership efforts brought the Department of Florida a top twelve national ranking within the American Legion. He recently served as Department of Florida, Special Events Chairman. Fred also conducted the first Virtual meetings and remote sessions in the Department of Florida's history. He currently is serving his second term as Post 137 Boys State Chairman.

Fred Matthews is highly qualified for the high office of Third Vice Commander, Department of Florida. The membership at American Legion Post 137, Jacksonville, Florida, fully endorses the candidacy of Fred Matthews for Department of Florida, Third Vice Commander.

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