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At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Charles F. Thomas IV American Legion Post 117, on October 21st, 2020. Chris Hamrick was endorsed for the high office of Department 3rd Vice Commander for the year 2021-2022.

Stephen "Chris" Hamrick earned his eligibility for The American Legion through his service in the United States Army... serving as an 11B Infantryman. After being almost fatally wounded during combat operations during Operation Desert Storm, Chris was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal among others and medically retired with the rank of Sergeant E-5 in 1991. Immediately Stephen started working with Veterans groups as an Advocate / Activist for veterans issues such as POW/MIA, Agent Orange, Gulf War Illness(es), Homeless Veterans, and overall "Truth and Accountability" of the VA on these issues and others. During the 90's, Chris was active in coordinating and/or participating in "marches" in different parts of the United States for Veterans benefits, PTSD, and overall awareness of Veterans issues... to include a 960 mile "Walk" in 1997 from Melbourne, Florida to Washington D.C, along with 22 others, and completing in 34 days. Chris brought his skills to the American Legion. Chris is currently the Eastern Area Commander, but has served in several capacities in the Post, District, and currently Area level, along with appointments to different National Committees and Commissions. He has served as Post Service Officer 2015 – 2018, Disaster Preparedness Chair at Post and District levels, Post Judge Advocate 2018 – 2020, District Vice Commander 2017/2018 year, District Commander 2018/2019 – 2019/2020, with his District winning Race to the Top Category 5 at the National Level in the 2018/2019 membership year and following up with 2nd Place Nationally the following year. Simultaneously Chris held appointed positions at the National Level to include National Security Commission and Benefits and Quality of Life Committee. His leadership and organizational skills would be a great asset to move The American Legion forward. We proudly endorse Stephen "Chris" Hamrick for the Office of 3rd Vice Commander of The American Legion, Department of Florida.


Bruce Thurber, Commander
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Gene Pilot, 1st Vice Commander
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