




**Lehigh Acres American Legion Post 323
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August 19, 2021

**Bruce Comer, Department Adjutant
The American Legion
Department of Florida
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Dear Bruce:

On July 19, 2021 at a regular convened meeting of Lehigh Acres American Legion Post 323, a motion was made and unanimously voted to submit the nomination of Dennis R. Boland for the high office of National Executive Committeeman for the 2022/2024 years.


**Tom Burns
Post 323 Commander**


**Michael Mason
Adjutant**

Cc: attached: Resume of Dennis R. Boland



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To: All Post, Districts, Areas and Department Headquarters.

It is with great pleasure and pride that Lehigh Acres American Legion Post 323 announces its unanimous endorsement of Dennis R. Boland candidacy for National Executive Committeeman in action taken at a general membership meeting of the Post held on Monday, July 19, 2021

We present the following resume for our candidate, Dennis R. Boland for your review.

ELIGIBILITY:

U.S. Army, HHC, 1/502 Abn INF Bn, 101st Airborne Division, 1962-1965

Joined the American Legion 1983

POSITIONS HELD AT POST LEVEL:

Post 130 Adjutant: 1985, 1986 and 1996 to 2007

Post 130 Finance Officer: 1996 to 2007

Post 130 1st Vice Commander: 1991/1992

Post 130 Post Commander: 1987, 1988, 1989, 1993, 1994 and 1995

Post 323 Judge Advocate: 2013 to present

Post 323 1st Vice Commander 2020 to present

POSITIONS HELD AT DEPARTMENT LEVEL:

13TH District Historian: 1987

13th District Executive Committeeman: Jun - Aug 1988

13th District Commander: Appointed District Commander by Department Commander. Frank Reese in August 1988 to complete the 1988/1989-year.

13th District Commander: Elected by 13th District 1989/1990

Southwestern Area Commander: Elected for 1990/1991

Florida Department Commander: Elected for 1991/1992 - Reached 27th all-time high in Membership

Department Children & Youth Commission Chairman: Appointed June 1993 to July 2000.

Department Children & Youth Fund member appointed 2017/2020

Department Children & Youth Fund Chairman 2018/19

13th District Judge Advocate 2018/2021

13th District Children & Youth Chairman 2021

POSITIONS HELD AT NATIONAL:

National Regional Action Team member for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., 1993 to 2007.

National Children & Youth Commission member: 1993 to 2012

National Board of Directors, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. Appointed 1999 to present.

Elected as President of The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation on October 10, 2004 at The American Legion Fall Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Since Oct 2004 I have been re-elected President each year at the spring CWF Board of Directors meetings in Indianapolis, IN., which are held in May of each year. In May 2018 I was again elected as President of the CWF.

Elected Alternate National Executive Committeeman: 2000/2002, 2002/2004, 2004/2006 2006/2008, 2008/2010, 2010/2012, and 2012/2014

On August 15, 2013 according to the Florida American Legion Constitution and By-Laws I became National Executive Committeeman on the passing of National Executive Committeeman, Robert J. Proctor. On August 25, 2013 I was sworn in as National Executive Committeeman by Department Commander, Arthur Schwabe at our National Convention in Houston, TX.

At our Department Convention in June 2014, I was elected National Executive Committeeman for a two (2) year term and have been reelected in 2014/2016, 2016/2018 and 2018/2020

On October 2002, I was appointed to The American Legion Legislative Council and still retain That position.

On October 14, 2006, I was appointed Chairman of The American Legion National Children & Youth Commission, and retained that position till October 18, 2012 when the Commission was changed to a Committee.

On March 1, 2009 I was elected as Vice President of The American Legion Past Department Commanders Club.

On August 30, 2010 I was elected as President of The American Legion Past Department Commanders Club

On August 30, 2010 I was appointed to the Board of Directors Past Department Commanders Club and still hold that position today

In October 2013 I appointed to the Resolution Subcommittee and still hold that position

At The American Legion 2017 Fall National Executive Committee meeting I was appointed to The Citizen Flag Alliance Advisory Committee

In October 2017, I was appointed as Chairman of the Americanism Commission Liaison Committee

In October 2020, I was appointed Vice Chairman of the Resolution Subcommittee

POSITIONS HELD WITH DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER #144

Since joining the DAV Chapter #144 in 1984, I have held many position to include; Finance Officer, Chaplain, Jr. Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, and presently hold the position of Senior Vice Commander

AWARDS RECEIVED:

1988/1989, 1989/1990 District Commander Winner "Race to the Top". The only District Commander in the history of The American Legion to have ever won for two consecutive years Prior to 1990

1st Area Vice Commander to reach 100% in membership: 1990/1991

Region 3 Children & Youth Chairman of the Year Award: 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000.

National Department Children & Youth Chairman of the Year Award: 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96 and 1997/98.

Mighty RAT Award from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00 and 2000/01.

As the Florida RAT the Department of Florida has been awarded the Garland Murphy Trophy for: 1991/92, 1992/93, 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00 and 2000/01. This is for the most

contributions to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

As the Florida RAT the Department of Florida has been awarded the Top Ten Award for: 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98 and 1998/99 and we were awarded the Excellence Award (Top per Capita contributions) in 1997/98.

William A. Chatfield, the National Director of The Selective Service System appointed me to the Selective Service System. On April 17, 2008 Florida Governor Charlie Crist informed me that he was pleased to nominate me as a local board member for training and service with the Selective Service System.

Comrades, Dennis R. Boland is a dedicated Legionnaire—Like you. That is why Lehigh Acres American Legion Post 323 is asking for your support and vote to elect Dennis R. Boland to the High office of National Executive Committeeman for the 2022/2024 years.