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Subj: Endorsement for 12th District Commander


At a meeting of the membership of Charles F. Thomas IV Post 117 September 20, 2023 endorsed Bruce Thurber for the Office of Eastern Area Commander. Bruce earned his eligibility by serving in the United States Air Force for 20 years from the Vietnam Era until Desert Storm.

With 21 years of continuous service to the American Legion at the post level Bruce has held the following positions: Post Judge Advocate, Post 2nd Vice Commander, Post 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant and Commander. District positions Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, Vice Commander, Commander boy scout chairman, SAL Advisor and Membership Chairman. As a member of the Sons of the American Legion he has served as Squadron Vice Commander, Squadron Commander, Squadron Adjutant, District Adjutant, District Vice Commander and District Commander. At the Department Level Bruce has served as Membership Chairman four times. Currently serving on Dept Executive Committee, Americanism Commission SAL Advisory Committee, TAL Media Alliance, Department Eastern Area Membership Chairman, 12th District Commander. At the National Level Americanism Council, National Security Council, National Legislative Council.

Bruce has completed the American Legion Institute Basic Training, Department of Florida Train the Trainer, Project Vet Relief Training, SAL Advisor Training, Legislative Committee Training, National Membership Workshop in Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Legion College.

A Master Recruiter Bruce has 7 Gold brigade Awards and was 2021 Recruiter of the Year for Florida and 2nd in the National Standings.

During his many years of volunteerism at Post, District, and Department levels his passion to the fundamentals of The American Legion are continuously shown by his dedication to the four pillars. Please support Bruce Thurber for Eastern Area Commander 2024-2025.


Commander


Adjutant