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To: Department of Florida Adjutant
American Legion Department of Florida

From: Adjutant
Charles F. Thomas American Legion IV Legion Post 117

Subject: Endorsement Letter
Ref: Stephen C. Hamrick for Department Commander

Dear Sir,

In a regularly scheduled meeting on September 20, 2023 of the Charles F. Thomas IV American Legion Post 117, the membership voted to endorse Stephen Christopher Hamrick for the High Office of Commander of the American Legion Department of Florida for the 2024/ 2025 Membership Year.

"Chris" earned his American Legion Membership eligibility through his service as an honorably discharged combat veteran in the United States Army... being wounded in Operation Desert Storm. Over the many years since he has worked with veterans in numerous capacities beginning almost immediately upon separation from the Army in 1991. Since becoming a Legionnaire Chris has been a great asset in his service to the American Legion and his Community. He has served in many capacities at the Post, District, Area and Department Levels.

Chris' leadership skills have been portrayed with his 2 Years as 12th District Commander, 1 year as Eastern Area Commander, 1 year as 3rd Vice Commander, 1 year as 2nd Vice Commander. He is currently serving as your Department of Florida 1st Vice Commander. Chris will strive to maintain the Principles of Strong Leadership and continue to Display the Characteristics and Values of The American Legion. In his own words, he will "Keep It Real".

With all respect and encouragement, the membership of American Legion Post 117 proudly endorses Stephen Christopher Hamrick (aka "Pegleg") for the High Office of Department Commander. Thank you.

Terry Struven
Commander,
Charles F. Thomas IV Post 117

Jeannie Perry
Adjutant
Charles F. Thomas IV Post 117

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