

## For God and Country

American Legion Post 69

Avon Park, FL

At a regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 8th, 2025, the membership of American Legion Post 69 confidently endorses Michael A. Raymond for the high office of National Executive Committee Member.

Michael earned his eligibility in the American Legion by having honorably served in the USAF as an In-Flight Refueling Operator.

Michael is a 21-year active member of the American Legion currently serving the Department as the Alternate National Executive Committee Member. Michael has served the Legion at all levels from Post Commander, District Commander, Area Commander, Dept. Vice Commander and Dept. Commander.

Michael has proven he has not forgotten where he came from and is actively involved in his local Post serving as the Post Judge Advocate. Michael is also involved in local events and Community service. Michael is and has been on the Board of Directors for the Viet Nam Wall of Southwest Florida for over 8 years.

While serving as Department Commander, Michael led the Dept. in achieving 100% membership which earned him "Commander of the Year", and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest membership percentage in the country and resulted in 2 Districts winning "Race to the Top" honors.

As the next NEC Michael promises to "Represent and Communicate" to the members of the Department of Florida. Michael believes that Florida, the second largest Department in the Country, should be recognized as such. We should be respected as a major voice in the American Legion, and we are confident in his ability to represent us. Please join us in endorsing Michael A Raymond for the high office of National Executive Committee Member.

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