



John G. Doran Memorial
American Legion Post 158
111 108th Avenue
Treasure Island, FL 33706

January 19, 2026

Bruce Comer, Adjutant
Department of Florida
1912 Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32810

Dear Adjutant Comer,

At the regularly scheduled General Membership meeting of John G. Doran Memorial Post 158 held on January 7, 2026, the membership unanimously and proudly voted to endorse our current Commander, Michael G. Harley, for re-election to the office of American Legion Department of Florida 16th District Commander for 2026-2027.

Commander Harley is a Vietnam Veteran (US Army 1967-1970) and recipient of the Army Commendation Medal. He left the service as a Staff Sergeant (E-6) and served 4 years in the Active Reserves. An 11-year member of the American Legion and Post 158, he has served as Blood Drive & POW Chairman, Executive Board, Riders Finance Officer and Post Commander.

Commander Harley holds both undergraduate and master's degrees in business. A successful businessman, who is known for his ability to produce results. Under his guidance, we have grown our membership and our financial security. He is highly regarded across the entire Legion Family.

Commander Harley has defined his tenure through decisive and effective crisis management. Following the destruction of Post 158 by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Michael did not falter. He immediately spearheaded the reconstruction efforts and secured temporary facilities, ensuring uninterrupted continuity of Post operations. This decisive action allowed the Post to continue essential functions, including General Membership Meetings, Executive Board Meetings, and critical programs such as the Honor Guard. During this same period, he also worked to secure a Riders Chapter for Post 158. Crucially, he managed this significant local crisis while simultaneously fulfilling his duties as 16th District Commander-visiting Posts throughout the District to coordinate relief efforts and ensure no Legionnaire was left behind.

For these reasons, and many others, the General Membership of John G. Doran Memorial Post 158 expresses its full confidence in Commander Harley and unanimously endorses his re-election as 16th District Commander.

For God and Country,

James Rowsey
First Vice Commander, Post 158

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Jeff Buschelmann
Adjutant, Post 158

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