



Blanton-Thompson
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TO: Mr. Kevin Mook, Adjutant, Department of Florida, American Legion, 1912A Lee Road, Orlando, Florida 32810

Subject: Endorsement Letter (RE: HOCKENBERRY, Douglas M.) for Department of Florida, 2nd Vice Commander

At a regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting held on July 28, 2026, the general membership of Blanton-Thompson, American Legion Post 155, unanimously approved the endorsement of Douglas M. Hockenberry for the high office of Department of Florida, 2nd Vice Commander for American Legion Year 2027-2028.

Douglas earned his eligibility in the American Legion by honorably serving in the United States Army from September 1975 through February 2005. He is a combat veteran who has served in multiple conflicts and theaters.

Douglas is a PUFL with 17 years in The American Legion and he is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Riders. During his time in the Department of Florida he has served or continues to serve in the following positions: The current Department of Florida Membership Chair; current Department of Florida American Legion Riders Vice Chair; Department of Florida Oratorical Chair 2024-2026; Department of Florida Americanism Chair 2022-2023; Northern Area Commander 2025-2026; 4th District Commander 2023-2025; 4th District ALR Chair 2023-2026; 4th District Vice Commander 2019-2023; American Legion Post 155 Commander 2020-2023; Northern Area Oratorical Chair 2019-2021; 4th District Oratorical Chair 2019 – 2026; American Legion Post 155 Oratorical Chair & School Medals Chair 2019 – present; American Legion Riders Chapter 155 Director 2019-2020; American Legion Riders Chapter 155 Road Captain 2022-present; and serves on the Americanism Committee for the American Legion at the National level for the past three years.

Douglas has completed the American Legion Basic Course, is a Department of Florida, American Legion College Graduate and completed the Department of Florida, American Legion Train the Trainer Course and was a 2025 Race to the Top Winner. In addition, to his American Legion responsibilities, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Citrus County Veterans Foundation since 2021.

Douglas has shown that he possesses the skill sets, knowledge, leadership, and desire to effectively serve as the Department 2nd Vice Commander for the Department of Florida, American Legion and looks forward to doing so for American Legion Year 2027-2028.

"For God and Country"

John Marler
Commander
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