SGT HOWARD C. BARKER POST 422
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Date: September 15, 2026

Adjutant Kevin Mook
Department of Florida, American Legion
1912A Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32810

Subject: Endorsement for William "Billy" S.A. Howard for 3rd District Commander

Dear Adjutant Mook,

At the regular general membership meeting of SGT HOWARD C. BARKER American Legion Post 422, held on Monday, September 14,2026. a motion was duly made and seconded to formally endorse William "Billy" S. A. Howard as a candidate for the office of 3rd District Commander, Department of Florida, for the 2027–2028 year. The membership overwhelmingly approved this endorsement, and the action was recorded in the official Post meeting minutes.

William "Billy" S. A. Howard is a PUFL member in good standing of Post 422. He earned eligibility for American Legion membership through his service in the United States Navy from 1975 to 1979. During his naval service, he served as an Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety Equipment), rose to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class, and was honorably discharged. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, and dedication to the principles and mission of The American Legion. His qualifications and record of service include the following:

- Served as Post 224 1st Vice Commander and Rider's Director 2024-2025
- Served as Post Commander from 2025 to 2027 and as 3rd District Vice Commander from 2026 to 2027.
- Actively leads local veteran support programs, membership initiatives, and community outreach efforts throughout the District.

Additionally, William comes from a proud family tradition of military service, with family members having served this Nation in every war and in nearly every major conflict. His father, U.S. Army Medic Joel A. Howard, Jr., was awarded the Purple Heart for his service to our country during the Korean War.

SGT HOWARD C. BARKER Post 422 has full confidence that William "Billy" S. A. Howard possesses the knowledge, integrity, leadership, and commitment necessary to serve effectively as the next 3rd District Commander. We respectfully request that the Department of Florida accept and publish this endorsement.

For God and Country,

Roy D. Prine
Roy I. Prine, Post 422 1st Vice Commander

Donna Chandler, Post 422 Adjutant