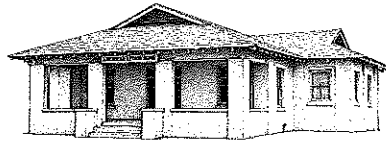




Gordon M. Crothers Post 15
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October 12, 2026

TO: Mr. Kevin Mook, Department Adjutant
The American Legion, Department of Florida
1912A Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32810

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Calvin Thompson for Central Area Commander, 2027–2028

Dear Mr. Mook:

At the regularly scheduled membership meeting held on October 12, 2026, the membership of Gordon M. Crothers American Legion Post 15 **unanimously voted to endorse Legionnaire Calvin Thompson** as a candidate for Central Area Commander, Department of Florida, for the 2027–2028 membership year.

Legionnaire Thompson earned his eligibility for membership in The American Legion through honorable service in the United States Marine Corps from 1990 to 1994, attaining the rank of Lance Corporal.

Legionnaire Thompson has a longstanding commitment to the American Legion Family, with **46 years of membership in the Sons of The American Legion and 36 years of membership in The American Legion**. His decades of involvement demonstrate his dedication to veterans, their families, and the principles upon which our organization was founded.

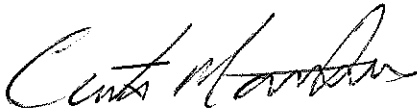
His leadership experience includes serving as Commander of Coon Rapids Post 334 in the Department of Minnesota, two consecutive terms as Seventh District Commander in the Department of Florida, and currently serving as Central Area Commander, representing Districts 7, 15, and 16.

Legionnaire Thompson is a graduate of both the Florida American Legion College and the National American Legion College. Throughout his Legion service, he has emphasized membership development, leadership training, effective communication, and cooperation among Posts, Districts, and Department leadership.

During his tenure as Central Area Commander, he has continued to promote training opportunities, strengthen communication, encourage participation in Legion programs, and support the officers and membership of the Posts throughout the Central Area. His commitment to veteran-first leadership and his belief that strong Posts are the foundation of a strong American Legion remain central to his service.

The officers and membership of Gordon M. Crothers Post 15 proudly offer their **full endorsement and support of Legionnaire Calvin Thompson for Central Area Commander, Department of Florida, for the 2027–2028 membership year.**

For God and Country,



Curtis Matthews
Post Commander
Gordon M. Crothers Post 15



Robert McGregor
Post Adjutant
Gordon M. Crothers Post 15