



Fellow Legionaries:

With completion of the District Spring Conferences, it is time to prepare for the reinstatement of the Department. I am excited about getting back to work and rebuilding the Department of Washington. I have submitted my resume to Department announcing my intention to run for **Commander** at our July convention. As we restructure, we must remember the DEC is just a governing body and the Commanders position is just one of the members. The Legion belongs to the “blue hats” first. Red, White, and Blue/White hats are just their representatives and work for them.

There is going to be a lot of work ahead of us and I am up for the challenge. Together, I feel we can bring the Department of Washington back both bigger and stronger. A few things that are important to me:

Transparency – every member should have access to each step we take during this process. Everyone on the same page leads to success and no rumor mills. Team effort is a must.

Membership – we have lost nearly 5000 members since we shut down. We have to bring these numbers back. There are a number of reasons that could be the blame, but I believe that a good number just lost faith in the Department. We can get that faith back with good organization and working together.

Programs – The down time has put more pressure on our programs. With some very dedicated volunteers they have kept running, but we need to keep improving. Every year there are far too many empty spots on these committees. Start looking at those of interest to you now.

There are far more issues than these, but just wanted to give you a glimpse of some of my thoughts. As the by-laws and Constitution are completed, there will be more guidelines on how the Department is going to look. One thing that will not change is the commitment to supporting our veterans.

As a member of the DEC when we made the decision to have our charter suspended, I saw how the lack of communications slowly destroyed our management ability. Fingers could be pointed in a number of directions, but that is water under the bridge. I assure you, as Commander I will do my utmost best to make sure that never happens again.

I would be honored to have individuals, post, and districts support for Department Commander. Want to talk more on issues, call or mail me. If you would like me to attend in person at your meeting, please let me know

There is one more thing I am asking of each member. As we go through the process of getting back up and running, if everyone uses these four words, we will make this past year a beneficial learning experience: “HOW CAN I HELP”

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This resume is submitted in support of my request to be elected to the position of

Department of Washington Commander

American Legion Eligibility • Through honorable active-duty service in the United States Air Force (Vietnam War Era – 1972 – 1978)

The American Legion Leadership Experience:

Post Level

- Post Historian – Post 7 – 2012-2013
- Post 2nd Vice Commander – Post 7- 2014-2015
- Post Adjutant – Post 7 – 2015-2017
- Post 1st Vice Commander- Post 7 – 2016 -2018
- Post Commander – Post 7 – 2019-2022

District Level

- District 2 Vice Commander – 2018-2020

Department Of Washington

- Area 1 Vice Commander – 2021 - 2023
- Senior Vice Commander – 2023

Committee Assignments

- National Legislative Council – 2017 to present
- National Legislative Council Vice Chair – 2017 to present
- National Legislative Commission – 2023 to present

The American Legion Membership, Veterans Affiliations, Community

Activities/Associations:

- Sumas Memorial Post 212 - Sumas
- Past member Post 7 - Bellingham
- VVA Bellingham Chapter – Life member
- Bellingham Marine Corp League
- Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board
- Whatcom Masonic Lodge 151
- Nile Shriners
- Northwest Shrine Club

Employment History:

- United States Air Force - 1972 – 1978 (Honorable Discharge- E-5)
- Bellingham Police Department – 1978 – 2016 (Retired - Detective)
- American Legion Post 7 Adjutant -2016-2017 (Full time paid position)
- Bellingham Technical College – 2018 - 2022 (Safety Director)

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