



**John D. "Bud" Hawk Post 109 of Silverdale**

**WHEREAS** there is to be elected in the Department of Washington at the Third District Spring Conference held at Port Orchard Post #30, State of Washington on April 25, 2026, and

**WHEREAS** John D. "Bud" Hawk Post 109 of Silverdale of The American Legion, Third District, Area Two, Department of Washington, has within its membership a dedicated Legionnaire who has served 37 years in The American Legion with distinction and who is well qualified to perform the duties of the office of District Commander, and

**WHEREAS** this Legionnaire attended the 2003 John A. Brieden III National American Legion College in Indianapolis, Indiana, and

**WHEREAS** this Legionnaire has served two terms as the Third District Vice Commander (2004 and 2006), four terms as the District Commander (2005, 2007 and 2021-Present), and two years as the Poulsbo Post 245 Commander (2009-2011), and

**WHEREAS** this Legionnaire has served twenty-six years as the Third District Evergreen Boys State Chairman, five years as the Third District Oratorical Speech Contest Chairman, five years as the Third District Law and Order Program Chairman, and ten years as the Third District Americanism Youth Programs Chairman, and

**WHEREAS** this Legionnaire has served for four years as a member of the National Americanism Commission and previously as the National Commanders Representative to the National Security Commission and has attended twelve national conventions since 2002, and

**WHEREAS** this Legionnaire enlisted in the United States Navy on October 6, 1970, and retired on January 31, 1992, and

**RESOLVED**, by John D "Bud" Hawk Post 109 of Silverdale, Department of Washington at its regular meeting held on January 19, 2026, we endorse

***ROBERT L. (BOB) THEAL***

as a candidate for the office of Third District Commander to represent The American Legion, Department of Washington.

Dated January 19, 2026

  
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Russ Jerabek, Commander

  
**Dave Seaton, Adjutant**