



American Legion Post 1
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RESOLUTION
1st District of the Department of Washington
Spring Conference Seattle, Washington
March 8, 2026

WHEREAS, There is to be elected a Commander for the 1st District of the Department of Washington, at its Spring Conference, to be held in Seattle, Washington on March 9, 2025, for the term year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Post 1, Seattle, WA has within its membership a Legionnaire who has served The American Legion with exceptional dedication and distinction, as well as having demonstrated abilities of moral and ethical leadership, and is truly qualified to perform the duties of this office; and

WHEREAS, This member is exceptionally well qualified to serve as the 1st District Commander as demonstrated by his dedication to the well-being of all Legionnaires as well as the programs and tenets of The American Legion (TAL); and

WHEREAS, This member is currently the Post Vice-Commander of Seattle Post 1 as a Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) member, serving in The Legion for 10 years, and has served in a multitude of positions throughout years of service to the Post, as well as within Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 102 for 15 years, and serving on the VVA Washington State Council. He currently holds a District position with TAL as Commander of District 1, Department of Washington; and

WHEREAS, This member has advocated for veterans and their needs as Past Vice-Chair of the Veterans and Military Families Caucus, and is currently serving as VVA Rep on the Veterans Legislative Caucus, meeting every week during the Washington Legislative Session to strategize and advocate for veterans statewide; and

WHEREAS, This member has been working with posts to help facilitate the submission of reports, using MyLegion and updating Commanders on the health of the Department, putting the good of The Legion ahead of any single endeavor, genuinely caring for the mission of comradeship and mutual helpfulness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By Seattle Post 1, Department of Washington, in a regular meeting assembled in Seattle, WA on February 17, 2026, That it does hereby endorse and support

Joel Ware IV

as a candidate for the office of Commander, 1st District, The American Legion Department of Washington.

Debra Wood, Commander

John Breen, Adjutant