

# **Embrace the Future, Honor the Past**



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## **Candidate for National Council Representative 2023-2027**

I am a candidate for National Council Representative for the Department of Missouri for the 2023-2027 term and I ask for your support.

As your Department Commander in 2021-22, I had the privilege of working with the National officers and staff as the country and the VFW emerged from our COVID isolation. I stood alongside our Commander in Chief as he fostered a fresh commitment to the programs and core values that are the foundation of our organization. I witnessed a resurgence of enthusiasm and pride as we led the effort to pass Toxic Exposure legislation. I also saw an organization struggling to adapt to new technologies and new ways of thinking. Comrades, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is at a crossroads. We must embrace new ideas and new technologies if we are going to stay relevant with today's military men and women. However, I refuse to accept that means we must cast aside those who have served us so faithfully. As your National Council Representative, I pledge to you that I will work closely with Veterans of all generations and build the bridges necessary to attract our younger combat veterans and add them to our ranks.

The role of the National Council of Administration is to guide the efforts of the entire national organization, to be focused on what is best for the organization as a whole. I currently serve as the Big 10 Conference Vice Chairman, doing just that on a regional level. In my civilian career I work with a Board of Directors as a Utility Executive. I hope that as your Department Commander you saw my interest in all Districts and Posts, not just my own. I believe that I am well suited to continue that work at the National level. I ask you for the honor to represent you as your next National Council of Administration Representative.