

Goodwin-Lee Post 138, PO Box 461, Alabaster, AL 35007

RESOLUTION: Endorsement of Paul Gonthier for Election to the Office of Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Alabama

WHEREAS, Goodwin-Lee Post 138, Department of Alabama, The American Legion, has always upheld the principles, values, and commitment to service that this great organization stands for; and

WHEREAS, Strong and effective leadership within the Department of Alabama is crucial to advancing the mission and goals of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the delegates, convened at each annual Department of Alabama Convention, are charged with the duty to elect an American Legionnaire in good standing to the high office of Junior Vice Commander of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier has earned his eligibility in The American Legion through his active service in the United States Army from 1981-2011; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier, a Paid Up For Life member, has been in the American Legion since 2018, and has served the Department of Alabama as a member of the Auxiliary (Unit 138), Sons (Squadron 131), Riders (Post 555), Post 138 Commander, (2018-2023), District 23 Commander, (2021-2023), and 2nd Division Commander (2023-Present); and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier is the Chairman of the Department's Veterans Retreat Committee, a member of the Membership and Oratorical Commissions, Internal Affairs, Constitution & Bylaws, Disaster Relief, Legislative & Liaison, Resolutions, Trophies & Awards, & American Legion Riders Committees, and the Dept Executive Committee (DEC); and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier is a member of the National Internal Affairs Commission, the Resolutions Screening Committee and the 21st Century Subcommittee of the National Internal Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier, is an Alabama Yellowhammer Legion College (AYLC) inaugural class graduate, a past Vice President of the AYLC Alumni Association, and now an instructor in the AYLC helping to shape future leaders in the Department; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and unwavering support for the members and mission of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gonthier has expressed his intent to seek election to the esteemed office of Junior Vice Commander, a position in which he has proven himself capable and loyal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Goodwin-Lee Post 138, Department of Alabama, The American Legion proudly endorses the candidacy of Legionnaire Paul Gonthier for election to the office of Junior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama, for 2025-26, recognizing his exemplary service and leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage all members of The American Legion family within the Department of Alabama to support the candidacy of Paul Gonthier, an experienced leader who has consistently demonstrated his commitment to our organization; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all American Legion posts within the Department of Alabama, urging their members to rally behind Paul Gonthier as he seeks election.

Adopted this 10th day of September 2024.


SHANNON S. LAYTON
Commander


HOLLY A. BOSLET
Adjutant

