



LARRY VANNOY

Candidate For: Alabama State Board of Veteran's Affairs

Commander, American Legion Post 229, Madison AL

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OBJECTIVE

Selection for 1st Division American Legion Representative to the Alabama State Board of Veterans Affairs. As representative, work to protect and initiate veterans and veteran family initiatives including medical, mental health, financial, educational, bereavement, and survivor benefits. Facilitate dialog and engagement with the Governor, State and National political representatives and their teams. Engage with American Legion members, veterans and their families, and other veteran organizations including communicating board activities and initiatives.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

As commander of Post 229

- Facilitated the formation of Unit 229 Auxiliary.
- Established twelve-member post honor guard.
- Formed American Legion Post 229 Foundation, a 501(c)-3 non-profit charity
- Grew post membership more than 40%
- Sponsored fourteen American Legion baseball teams last 6 years
- Sponsor three JROTC programs, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops
- Conduct annual veterans weekend retreat
- Conduct/Participate in Madison Memorial Day Ceremony, Oratorical Contest, Boys State, monthly veterans home visits, nursing home visits, Veterans Week activities, flag retirement ceremonies, Law Enforcement recognition, junior shooters competitions, blood drives, service officer training, wreath and flag grave site placement and multiple more programs.

EXPERIENCE

Colonel, Retired, USAF, serving 30 years in various leadership positions

Madison Alabama City Councilman, 12 years

American Legion Member for 27 years

District 12 Commander FY 2022 and 2023

District 12 Executive Committeeman FY 2024 and 2025

Madison County Commander FY 2020 and 2021

Post 229 Commander 2016 – present

Post Adjutant 2 years

Post 229 Honor Guard member

Chapter 237 American Legion Riders member

Squadron 229 Sons of the American Legion member

Post 229 Honor Guard Member

American Legion National Homeland Security Board

Department of Alabama Finance Committee member

Patriot Guard Riders member

EDUCATION

BS Electrical Engineering, University of South Carolina
MS Electrical Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology
Squadron Officers School graduate
Air Command and Staff graduate
Air War College graduate
Alabama Yellowhammer Leadership College graduate

LEADERSHIP

Retired USAF Colonel, assignments to Space Shuttle payloads office, weapon system equipment procurement and operational testing, and manager on multiple AF and joint service programs. AF liaison officer to Alabama Emergency Management office and Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster response. Defense contractor manager for multiple Missile Defense Agency programs.

Small business owner, 2005-present, Posh Mommy & Baby Too, Madison Alabama, the largest maternity and baby store in state with annual sales in excess of \$750,000.

Elected Madison County City Council Member for three terms, 2000-2012, 10 years chair of city Finance Committee managing an annual budget of \$22M, 8 years Water and Wastewater Board Director. Human Resources Committee Chairman, and member of multiple additional City of Madison boards and committees.

Treasurer and Secretary of Honored Legacies for Veterans, a 65 aged and older veterans' organization in North Alabama.

Coach for youth baseball 4 years, youth soccer 3 years, youth girls softball 3 years.

Boy Scout Assistant Scout Master and Cub Scout Den Leader

Junior Chamber of Commerce Chapter President and District Director, Merritt Island FL

AWARDS

Selected Veteran of the Year, North Alabama Veteran Fraternal Organization Coalition (NAVFOC). A coalition of 60+ veterans support organizations representing over 5000 veterans.

Selected North Alabama Veteran Leadership Award, 2023.

Post 229 was selected Veterans Organization of the Year, NAVFOC.