



****Michael Yates****

****Candidate for National District Council Member, Area F****

Members of the Greatest Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars United States Auxiliary Department of Florida,

I am Michael Yates, and I am honored to run for the position of National District Council Member for Area F. Since joining this organization in 2015 through my younger brother's eligibility, who served in Vietnam, I have seen how united we can be in supporting veterans.

As a Veteran, I understand the daunting challenges in securing the benefits we earned. Our organization, in collaboration with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has achieved remarkable successes in advocating for Veterans' rights, and with your help, we will be continuing this vital work for them and their families.

With almost a decade of leadership in this organization in various roles, and appointments including National Banner Bearer (2019-2020) and National Color Bearer #1 (2022-2023 & 2025-2026), I bring experience and passion to this role. Serving as Department President for 2025-2026 and holding several chairperson positions (Youth 2018-2019, 2019-2020, & Veterans & Family Support 2020-2021) has prepared me to effectively represent our Department in our commitment to our Veterans and families. It would be one of the highest honors to serve as your National District Council Member for Area F, where we can make a lasting impact together for our Veterans and their families. Thank you for your consideration and commitment to our mission for those who have served and are still serving. I would be very humbled to represent this Department as National District Council Member for Area F for 2026-2028.