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Fellow Members,

I am honored to submit my name for the position of Guard for the Department of Florida VFW Auxiliary. My lifelong commitment to serving veterans, their families, our youth, and our communities, combined with my leadership experience in the Auxiliary, professional management background, and nonprofit service, has prepared me to serve the Department with dedication, integrity, and enthusiasm.

I am proud to be an active member of VFW Auxiliary Post 10095 and District 6. I currently serve as the Department of Florida Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chairman, District 6 President, Post 10095 President, and VAVS Deputy for the Lake City VA Hospital. Previously, I served as the Department Youth Chairman (2025–2026), District 6 JR and SR Vice President, Chaplain, and Trustee.

My dedication to the VFW Auxiliary began long before I became an officer. As a child, I attended meetings with my parents, helped with Buddy Poppy drives, decorated for events, and completed whatever tasks were needed, including sweeping the floors. Those experiences instilled in me a strong work ethic and a lifelong commitment to serving veterans and strengthening our Auxiliary.

Professionally, I spent 29 years in dentistry, including more than 14 years in management, where I successfully led multiple dental practices, developed high-performing teams, improved operations, managed budgets, and consistently exceeded organizational goals. These experiences strengthened my leadership, communication, organizational, and financial management skills—qualities I continue to use every day in my Auxiliary service.

As the founder of Hilliard Parents 4 Kids, I worked closely with businesses, volunteers, and community leaders to provide opportunities for local youth. I coordinated volunteers, managed a concession operation at the Jaguar stadium in Jacksonville, organized fundraising efforts, tracked volunteer service hours, purchased athletic equipment, and coordinated travel arrangements for the youth. This experience reinforced the importance of teamwork, accountability, and servant leadership.

Every position I have held has taught me something valuable and strengthened my desire to serve. I believe in leading by example, supporting our members, promoting the mission of the VFW Auxiliary, and always placing service above self.

It would be a privilege to serve as your Department Guard. I am eager to continue learning, growing, and supporting our Department while helping move our organization forward. I respectfully ask for your consideration and your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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