



## *YOUR CANDIDATE FOR JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF*

*“Service is the Key to our success” are not just words to Bert, they are the foundation on which he has built and dedicated his life.*

Comrades,

We are asking for your support of Bert W. Key for the position of National Junior Vice-Commander in 2024. Bert has been strongly endorsed by his home Post, District and Department of Oregon. In pursuing the position of National Junior Vice-Commander he has met the requirement of being endorsed by his Post, District, Department, and more importantly his wife and family.

Bert is a Gold Legacy Life Member of Sandy, Oregon Post 4273 and has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America for almost 40 years. During that time he has virtually served in every position at the Post, District and Department level, except Quartermaster, and excelled in every position he has held. His commands have been All-State and All-American six times. He proudly wears the pin of the coveted Triple Crown. Through the years he has served on eight different national committees.

Bert’s qualification for the VFW comes from one year service in Bosnia-Herzegovina and one year of service in Afghanistan with the United States Army, and two years service in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps. He also qualifies for the Korean Defense Service Medal. Between active duty and reserve duty he was in the uniform of America’s Armed Forces for almost 41 years. He began his military career as a Marine Private and retired from the Army at the rank of Colonel.

In addition to his military career, Bert is a retired secondary school teacher in the Oregon Public School System where he taught Social Studies and coached athletics for 31 years.

He has served on the National Council of Administration representing Oregon for 8 years, and at the same time continues to serve in various positions at the post, district, and state levels, including these past two years as Post All American Commander, District All American Senior Vice- Commander, and the Department of Oregon Chief of Staff.

Bert does not seek this position because it is easy. If it was easy someone else would do it. He does not ask your support for himself. He asks for it for the team. If you choose to endorse Bert’s candidacy you can rest assured that he will never disappoint you. He does not work to the clock. There are 24 hours in a day. He works to the completion of the mission. If that means work the whole 24 hour day, so be it. He cannot be out worked! Bert Key believes strongly in his motto: Service is the Key to our success.

“NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS”

Yours in comradeship,

*Bert's Friends*