

THE AMERICAN LEGION
PAUL C. BECK, POST 23
AURORA, COLORADO 80017

The General Membership of Paul C. Beck, Post 23 of Aurora, Colorado at their meeting held on February 10, 2024, hereby fully endorse and whole heartedly recommend Past National Vice Commander and Past Department Commander, Douglas W. Wooddell for the position of National Executive Committeeman for the state of Colorado for the membership year 2024-2025.


Richard L. Humphrey

Adjutant, Post 23

Past Department Commander

Commander, Detachment of Colorado

Resume Douglas Wooddell

Public and private life before The American Legion

Moved to Aurora in 1956

Graduated Aurora Central High School 1964

Married the girl next door from 1956, August 1965, have three children, 2 grandchildren

Enlisted USAF March 1966, school and training Lowry AFB

Served one year and one day at Korat Thailand Nov. 1968 thru Nov. 1969, fire control systems F 4 Phantom. Supervisors told me my supervisor talents were being wasted in the service and recommended that I should not reenlist. I was most eligible in the squadron 2 days before promotion date.

Discharged from USAF Nov. 1969

Started plumbing career March 1970, worked for major new construction company for 8 years, over 80 employees, project manager and supervisor for 4 years, 8 projects, 40 employees.

Started my own company after passing the master plumbing exam July 1970. Had that company for 12 years with over 6 employees and worked new construction and tenant finish. Shut down company 1990 after 2 jobs filed bankruptcy, did not get paid.

Worked for 2 other companies as foreman/master plumber for the next 8 years

1998 started with University of Colorado as plumber at the Anschutz Medical Center. Worked as foreman/supervisor until I retired in 2013.

Joined Paul C. Beck American Legion Post 23 in 1982.

Legion History

Joined Post 23, 1982. Became active in 1985. Held offices of Finance Officer, Adjutant, Jr. Vice, Sr. Vice and the Commander 4 different times. Joined S.A.L. in 1994 to honor my dad's service in World War 2. Served several different offices in the Squadron from Vice Commanders all the way up to Squadron Commander 3 times, 30 years as member. Post 23 Commander, Games Manager and Building Committee Chair for the past 7 years. Working on building a new post home with the City of Aurora and active post members.

Became a PUFL member in 1989.

Post 23 Commander 4 times, currently took over and voted as commander in October 2017.

Legionnaire of the year Post level 1999-2000 and 2001-2002

District Officer

District Executive Committee District 5 2007-08

Department Of Colorado

Junior Vice Commander 1995-96

Senior Vice Commander 1996-97

Department Commander 1997-98

Pioneer Award 1998 for Post 1260

Department Executive Committee District Five

Department Executive Committee Chair 2 times

Finance Committee member
Building Committee Chair
Constitution and By-laws Committee Chair 3 times.
Resolution Committee member chair
Apportionment Committee chair
Membership Committee member
POW-MIA Committee member
National Convention Committee member
Delegate Chair to National Convention
Distinguished Guest Committee member
Site Selection Committee Chair
Manage headquarters building for veterans form Project Healing Waters for their classes, 7 years.

Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Colorado
Dual Member of the year 2008-09,2009-10
Judge Advocate 3 times
Detachment Advisor

National
National Commander Joseph Frank Membership award 1996-97, Bronze Eagle
Commanders Aide 2005-06
Cemetery Committee 10 years, 4 years as Chair
National Commander candidate hospitality committee
Graduate of The American Legion Institute
Graduate of Suicide Prevention class
ANAVICUS member
National Vice Commander West region 2013-14
National Executive Committee voting member as National Vice Commander 2013-14
National Commanders award greatest membership improvement 2013-14, Bronze Eagle