

Greg Jackson
For
Alternate National Executive Committee Member

Fellow Legionnaires and Comrades,

We have been challenged the last couple of years, both nationally and here in Colorado.

As I have visited the many posts and districts throughout the state the last several years, I have seen a need to spend many more hours visiting with as many of these members as we can for the following reasons:

It is hard to get formalized training and information out to our members under the current methods. It reminds me of the funny, yet appropriate definition of insanity, doing the same thing over and over, expecting different results. How can we continue operating in the same manner and expect different results with increasing membership and involvement. Here are some observations:

Travel and time to Training is costly for many of our rural members,

Time can be more effectively allotted by going out to the districts and posts and conduct informal discussions and training that apply to a district or post uniqueness

Flexibility is another factor for many members, so with a more flexible schedule we can meet that need of our membership.

Many older members don't have or use computers. We should make ourselves available during 2 statewide membership roundups, fall conferences and on meeting invites to all posts. Doing this, we create the ability to include and share all information about what is happening from National down to post level in a personal and informal manner.

Doing the above will help us better engage a greater number of our members throughout the department, especially rural Colorado.

Members don't need or want us to be involved in post or district operations, but always want to personally discuss events, policies and ideas and what makes them proud to be a legionnaire.

Having traditionally limited our department officer visits to just Fall conferences, and especially the rural regions of Colorado, the most vital link is the Department Officers at all Levels.

I would like to continue as one of those vital links in the capacity of one of the two National Executive Committee representatives for Colorado.

I am a diligent researcher and have the desire to be available and ready if ever needed to act on behalf of Colorado's National Executive Committee members. I will always ensure I understand the resolutions and discussions that come before the National Executive Committee. Having a broad understanding of both Legion and American Legion Rider interests I can represent our Colorado voice with the knowledge of experience in our programs.

I will continue to travel to Colorado and answer those questions about National Executive Committee happenings as appropriate with our elected National Executive Committee representatives.

There is never enough time in busy work schedules and many other commitments to effectively achieve the many Goals and initiatives of the American Legion.

I will continue to set aside my time to be available for this elected position.

I will make it a priority to get out and visit with all posts upon request and scheduling availability coordination.

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We ask our members to get out and market our brand in all communities statewide. We as leaders need to be out daily setting that example and reaching out to each post personally with that handshake and caring ear regardless of our position.

EMPLOYMENT	USAF Munitions Systems 1980-2002 Owner Operator CrazyLady Special T's apparel Delta County Criminal Justice Services (Useful Public Service Coordinator) 2021-
MILITARY AWARDS	2 Meritorious Service Medals 4 AF Commendation Medals 2 AF Achievement Medals SWA Medal, Kuwait Liberation, Expeditionary NATO Medal for Kosovo, Nuclear Deterrence Medal and Korean Defense Medal Humanitarian Service Medal (Cheyenne, Wy 1985) 6 USAF Outstanding unit Awards. 2 SNCO of Quarters 1 SNCO of Month
AMERICAN LEGION	Post Sergeant of Arms Post Historian Post Commander American Legion Riders Post 24 Secretary / Treasure ALR Area 4 Coordinator ALR Vice President ALR Post 24/65 Director Sons of the American Legion Member Department Executive Committee (District 11) Department Jr. Vice Commander National Membership Workshop National American Legion College (2018) National Americanism Committee Department Sr Vice Commander National Media & Communications Commission Department Commander Department Executive Committee Chairman Past Commanders Club President
OTHER (Currently)	VFW Post Trustee President/Founder of Western Colorado Displaced Veterans Coalition Master of Ceremonies for Iron Horse Bicycle rally Veterans Celebration in Silverton Co on Memorial Day Weekends
Education:	Aerospace Management Certificate (Community College of the Air Force) Associate in applied science Muniton Systems (Community College of the Air Force)

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	<p>Bachelor's degree in applied science management of Technical Operations (Embry Riddle Aeronautical University)</p> <p>Munitions Training NCOIC</p> <p>Quality/TQI/ISO9000/Project Management/six sigma</p> <p>Sr Munitions Superintendent 8th AF Logistics Combat Planning</p> <p>Owner Operator of CrazyLady Special T's t-shirts since 2002 (22 years in business)</p> <p>Knowledge of budgeting and financial management of large organizations,</p> <p>1997-2000 - Flight Chief in Charge of Control section within 500-person 15 shop Munitions Maintenance Unit. Plans, Schedules and coordinates work schedules and ensures compliance and accountability of over 2 billion dollars of assets</p>
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Biography

Greg Jackson



A Colorado Native born in Colorado Springs on November 25, 1960.

He is a 1979 Montrose Colorado High School graduate, and married Debra Whisnant in 1979, one year later he found himself wanting something more, so he enlisted in the Air Force in July 1980. What was intended to be a basic enlistment of 4 years turned into a career of almost 22 years as a Munitions Specialist.

He was stationed in England, Germany and Korea. He was also assigned at F.E. Warren AFB Wy, Holloman AFB N.M. and Barksdale AFB La.

Many temporary assignments included the Gulf War, Southern Watch and Kosovo.

His membership in The American Legion comes the way of his assignment during Panama/Lebanon war era and is a member of The Sons of The American Legion thru his father serving during the Korean War.

Greg's Wife Debra is a Member of the American legion Auxiliary, and they have one daughter (Terra) who is Married to Jason Welch, Terra and Jason are both members of the Auxiliary and American Legion respectfully. Greg and Debra have one granddaughter, and she is a member of the Auxiliary.

Greg retired in March 2002 as Senior Munitions Superintendent of 8th Air Force at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. His last duty was aiding in the deployment of forces to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, Leading to the Global War on Terrorism.

Greg and his wife moved back to Colorado in 2012 and that is when he became an active member of The American Legion wanting something more and giving back to veterans and the community as well.

Greg has held many positions within The American Legion, culminating as the 2020-2021 Colorado State Commander. He continues to work hard every day towards making all our programs successful. In 2021 he founded the Western Colorado Displaced Veterans Coalition to help Veterans find assistance in housing, education, employment, and medical and mental health needs. He fully believes in teamwork across the department of Colorado and across the country as well. Greg is also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO (Suspended)

Title: Endorsement for Candidacy of National Executive Committee Member/Alternate National Executive Committee Member for the Department of Colorado.

Origin: The American Legion, Department of Colorado, Post 65 & District 11 Nomination/Election Committee

WHEREAS, Having served as an Department Colorado Past Department Commander, 2020-2021 and having served honorably in that role thru theft of Department funds and Covid 19 Pandemic, and a tumultuous Presidential Election maintaining neutrality; and

WHEREAS, serving as founder and current president of Non-Profit Western Colorado Displaced Veterans Coalition to aid veterans and their families with housing, jobs, education and connection to physical and mental health programs that is inclusive of ALL veterans in need of a hand up to regain success; and

WHEREAS, traveling and visiting with over 110 posts in the last 5 years encouraging unity and teamwork and listening to their concerns about Veterans issues in all regions both metro and rural in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, serving as Treasure, Area 4 Coordinator 2018-2019, Vice President and recently Post 65 Director of the American Legion Riders; and

WHEREAS, serving on the National Americanism council and National Media & Communication Commission; and

WHEREAS, serving on the Americanism, Finance, Membership, and Media Committees of the Department of Colorado; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the American Legion Post 65 and District 11 of Colorado during District Convention, Gunnison Colorado on 13th day of April, 2024 that Gregory E. Jackson be endorsed for the candidacy of the **National Executive Committee Member/Alternate National Executive Committee Member or Department Commander for the Department of Colorado** for the years of 2024-2027

Approved

Post 65 & District 11 Commander



Ernest Forsythe III

District 11 Adjutant



Pat Fellabaum

Post 65 Adjutant



Steven
Stephen Nicholson

April 22, 2024

American Legion Post 65

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-21-2024

Call to order: 19:07 by Commander Forsythe

Roll Call: Commander Forsythe, PDC Jackson, Sergeant-at-arms Brown, Service Officer Baker, Adjutant Nicholson, Comrade Greenlee, SAL Member Loy, Comrade Wright, SAL Merling, SAL Jacob.

- **Presentation of Colors**
- **Opening Prayer**
- **POW/MIA Ceremony**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Preamble to the Constitution**

Joint Session: Evan Blair made his final presentation for his Flag Retirement Box project.

Post Everlasting:

Sick Call: Comrade Waltz, Lee White

Pass the Hat: \$36.18

REPORTS:

Previous meeting minutes: September meeting minutes were read by the Adjutant. A motion was made to approve the minutes by SO Baker. It was seconded by the SAA Brown. The motion passed.

Finance: Read by PDC Jackson. A motion was made by the Adjutant to approve the finance report. It was seconded by Comrade Wright. The motion passed.

Service Officer: Was given by Service officer Baker.

Americanism: Was given by PDC Jackson.

Membership: Was given by PDC Jackson. A motion was made by the Adjutant to approve the service officer, Americanism, Bingo, Veterans Outreach, and the membership reports. It was seconded by SAA Brown. The motion passed.

Bingo: Was given by Commander Forsythe.

Veterans Outreach: Was given by PDC Jackson

New Members: SAL Member David Jacob

Old Business: A motion was made by the Adjutant to spend \$600.00 on Security cameras and Firestick for the post. It was seconded by SAL Merling. The motion passed.

New Business: A motion was made by Comrade Wright to nominate Evan Blair for Eagle Scout of the year. It was seconded by SAA Brown. The motion passed. A motion was made by PDC Jackson to sponsor Evan Blair for the Oratorical. It was seconded by the Adjutant. The motion passed. A motion was made by PDC Jackson to have bingo the Friday after Christmas. It was seconded by SAL Merling. The motion passed. A motion was made by SAA Brown to cancel bingo on Dec 6th. It was seconded by PDC Jackson. The motion passed. A motion was made by SO Backer to borrow SAL Loy's tractor and trailer for the parade of lights. It was seconded by Comrade Wright. The motion passed. A motion was made by the Adjutant for \$500.00 to help the Commander with expenses. It was seconded by Comrade Wright. The motion passed. A motion was made by the Adjutant to nominate PDC Jackson for the NEC. It was seconded by SAA Brown. The motion passed. A motion was made by PDC Jackson to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by SAA Brown. The motion passed.

Closing Prayer Performed
POW/MIA shroud recovered
Colors Presented
Meeting Adjourned: 20:17

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
PROMINENT LEGIONNAIRE PERSONAL DATA**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name (Last, First, Middle): Jackson, Gregory E.	Membership Number: 203599271
Home Street Address: 1105 Grand Ave	City, State, ZIP: Delta, Co 81416
Business Street Address:	City, State, ZIP:
Home Phone: 318-423-6722	Business Phone:
Home Fax:	Business Fax:
Cell Phone: 318-423-6722	Occupation: Retired
Home email: Gjackson.colegion@gmail.com	Business email:
Date of Birth: 11-25-60	Place of Birth: Colorado Springs Co
If married, spouse's name: Debra	Names of Children: Terra
Names of Children Continued:	Names of Children Continued:
LEGION HISTORY	
Post Name and Number: Harry A White Post 65	Post Location – City & State: Delta, Colorado
Year Joined: 2007	Years of Membership: 19
War Era: 1980-2002	Branch of Service: USAF
Post Offices Held	Year Held
Post 65 Commander	2013-Currently
Post 65 Historian	2013-Current
Legion Riders Post 24 Treasure	2015 - Currently
Legion Riders Post 24 Secretary	2015 - Currently
Department Offices Held	Year Held
Department Executive Committee District 11	2016-
Jr Vice Commander	2017-2018
Sr Vice Commander	2019-2020
Commander	2020-2021

National Appointments (Include Commission/Committees)	Year Held
Americanism council	2017-2019
Media & Communication Commission	2019-2025
Legion College Graduate	2018
Legislative Council	2021-2023
Involvement in Special Post/Department/National Activities:	
Post Membership Drives and Working Increased Community Awareness for the many Veteran Programs	
Plan, Coordinate events at Post and District for All community Veterans to participate and learn about the American Legion, Such as small dances, Coffee Mornings.	
Promote National and Department Objectives and Programs throughout Rural Colorado	
Why did you first join The American Legion?	
To support the Legion, but only as a member at large	
Which of your Legion experiences has been the most memorable? Why?	
Being able to get involved in with the younger generation and demonstrate and teach the importance of our constitution and way of life.	
As Sr Vice Commander & Commander I would travel extensively throughout the state and visit with Legion Posts and Veterans. These Veterans are the Grass Roots	
of our organization and often you could see how much our organization does for Veterans, but also see areas we can do better to represent them	

Date: 9.26.2024 Signature: 

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(Submit DD214 and Resume or complete this form)

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD (Include branch, years, and location and/or attach a copy of your DD214)		
August 1980 -March 2002 (E-7 Retired)		
EDUCATION (Include school name, location, and year last attended/graduated and/or attach your resume)		
High School:	Location (City & State):	Year of Graduation:
Montrose High School	Montrose Colorado	1979
College/University(ies):	Location (City & State):	Year of Graduation:
Community College of the Air Force	World Wide	1994
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Barksdale AFB	
Trade/Military Schools:	Location (City & State):	Year of Completion:
BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Include location and years and/or attach your resume)		
Employer:	Location (City & State):	Years:
CIVIL OFFICE HELD (Include location and years and/or attach your resume)		
Office:	Location (City & State):	Years:
OTHER POSITIONS HELD, ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES (Non military - Include location and years and/or attach your resume)		
Position Held/Organization	Location (City & State):	Years:
Veterans Of Foreign Wars	Delta Colorado	7