

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE:

Michael is in his 13th year as a Legionnaire and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1986 to 1990. He worked for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 1996 to his retirement in 2020 as a Correctional Lieutenant. Michael's range of experience during his career included institutional training manager, tactical team squad leader, oversight the transportation department and implementation of an institutional Peer Support Team, which he served as the team leader.

Within the American Legion Family, Michael has served at the local level as Post Commander, Post First Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, Sons of the American Legion Sergeant-at-Arms, Riders Chapter President, Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms and Road Captain. He has served The American Legion, Department of California on the Convention Committee as a Technical Advisor. Constitution and Bylaws Commission, Resolutions Committee, Training Committee and a new facilitator for the California American Legion College.

As the Director for the American Legion Riders, Department of California, Michael has spearheaded a call to action for the fire victims of the Paradise Fires. Most recently he spearheaded a statewide call to action within the Riders Program in which donations were collected and delivered to the Post 43 acceptance point in Culver City for the fire victims in the Los Angeles area.

Michael is a graduate of Basic Training, the California American Legion College and the National American Legion College. During his time as a American Legion Family member, he has put his training into action and encouraged all he meets to further their growth within the American Legion Family.

As the Department Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael will use his experience he gained to teach and conduct rituals, welcome and guide guests, maintain order on the floor and in a timely manner have speakers and guests prepared to be escorted to the podium.