

Subject: Resolution for East Tennessee Vice Commander

By: James McLaughlin Date: 06 November 2023

To: American Legion Department of Tennessee

ATTN: Department Commander Lanny Culver, Department Senior Vice Commander John Davis, East TN Vice Commander Todd McKinley, Department Adjutant Dean Tuttle

WHEREAS It is with pride that John (Stony) Saathoff, Commander of Post 104, Sevier County Tennessee and Lester Weigly, Finance Officer of Post 104, Sevier County Tennessee, endorse and support Post 104 Adjutant James McLaughlin for the office of East Tennessee Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee, and

WHEREAS James earned his eligibility for membership in the American Legion through his service in The United States Army, 82nd Airborne Division, attaining the rank of Sergeant (E-5) during his 7 years of service when he was medically retired earning an honorable discharge and

WHEREAS James has served with Post 104 since 2018, serving as Sgt. At Arms from 2018 to 2019, and as Adjutant from 2019 to 2024, and has served as 1st District Commander for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 and

WHEREAS James earned his Associates degree in Applied Science, Business Administration, maintaining a 3.28 GPA from Surry Community College in May of 1999 and

WHEREAS James has completed American Legion Basic Training online course, and completed Department of Tennessee Intro to Basic Training on 29 October 2021, and completed Tennessee American Legion College on 2 October 2022, and

WHEREAS James is a very active member of Post 104, along with volunteering as a peer counselor for Veterans with PTSD with Greater Smoky Mountain Vet 2 Vet, and is diligently working on the organization of the Sevier County Veterans Coalition to bring all Veterans Organizations in the County together to face Veteran issues.

RESOLVED: The Officers and Members of Post 104 Sevier County, Tennessee do hereby nominate, endorse, and fully recommend to the Legionnaires of Tennessee, James McLaughlin as a candidate for the office of east Tennessee Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee.

ATTEST:

John Saathoff Commander

Lester Weigly, Finance Officer

James McLaughlin, Adjutant