



American Legion Rabun-Dodson-Pope Post 70
Fifth District Department of Georgia
120 Legion Lake Circle
Villa Rica, Georgia 30180

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, American Legion Rabun-Dodson-Pope Post 70, Inc., has a dedicated Legionnaire with thirty-four (34) years of continuous service who has served this organization and community with unwavering commitment, loyalty, integrity, and honesty—as a member, an officer, and a leader; and

WHEREAS, he was honorably discharged in 2013 after serving twenty-eight (28) years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps, completing seven (7) combat tours as a combat infantryman; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as the Vice Commander of the Department of Georgia and as a Post Commander of American Legion Post 70, Villa Rica, Georgia. Previously, he held the positions of Post Commander and Senior Vice Commander at Post 294. Additionally, he has served as Senior Vice Commander and Executive Board member at Post 70. He is also a 2023 graduate of the Department of Georgia Legion College and a 2025 graduate of NALC; and

WHEREAS, he was the designer and chairman of the Powder Springs, Georgia Veterans Committee, where, as Senior Vice Commander Post 294, he led efforts to raise funds and build the Veterans Monument located in downtown Powder Springs; and

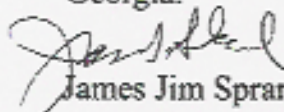
WHEREAS, as the Department of Georgia, Vice Commander, he continues to mentor, educate, and assist Legionnaires in all areas of leadership, responsibility, and accountability, and has played a vital role in revitalizing American Legion Post 264, preventing its closure, improving membership, and increasing attendance at both District and Department events; and


WHEREAS, he has demonstrated 34 years of continuous dedication and faithful service to The American Legion. He has recently been appointed to serve on the National Security Commission and Department Chairman of Legion Insurance Trust (LIT). In addition to his work with The American Legion, he is currently serving on the Haralson County School Board, where he has been a committed member for the past eight years; and

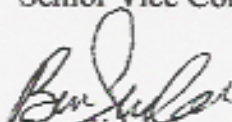
WHEREAS, this distinguished Legionnaire, who has consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership, dedication, and service, now seeks to continue his service to all Legionnaires across the Great State of Georgia as Department Vice Commander.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legionnaires of American Legion Rabun-Dodson-Pope Post 70, Inc., and the Fifth District of the Department of Georgia, proudly and unanimously endorse James M. Watson as a candidate for the high office of Department Vice Commander of The American Legion, Department of Georgia, for the year 2026—2027, during the regularly scheduled business meeting held on the 11th day of February 2026; and

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the Department of Georgia Adjutant, members of the Department Executive Committee, District Adjutants, Post Commanders, and Post Adjutants throughout The American Legion, Department of Georgia.


James Jim Sprankel
Senior Vice Commander


Lamar Hester
5th District Commander


Ben Sinclair
Adjutant