

Robert Medred--Candidate for Post 6 Commander, 2023-2024



As 2nd Vice Commander during the past year and for 6 years at the old Post, I've had the privilege of serving Post members as the center point of the Post—operations, events, venue management, ceremonies. By having no staff and more to do than time allowed, I had to prioritize many tasks with the big picture in mind, to ensure the highest possible outcomes for the most significant tasks. These are skills helpful to a Post commander—along with knowing what needs to be done, not being afraid to take action, encouraging others to take action, and knowing details.

As 2VC for the past year, I've managed to execute numerous actions that directly benefit our most important asset--Post 6 members.

-- I helped make the Post a more interesting place for members by hosting musical and acting performances, thus giving the members a reason to share in the joy of our fabulous facility. These events increased camaraderie and increased awareness among the local community which will help make us a destination for future community events. In the future I hope to have many more events for members to enjoy.

-- Opened up the Post to members by initiating the Wednesday socials. First, I asked the members for their thoughts, and then I implemented the most desired features of such a social.

-- Oversaw major Post 6-hosted events:

-- Highly visible visit from the National Commander and Division Oratorical for high school students (oratorical occurred simultaneously while hosting one of our four planned 10-day rentals).

-- 9-11

-- Fall Festival

-- Hog Day Cookoff competition.

All events were successful, brought in needed income, increased camaraderie, brought AL State and National attention, and involved the community.

-- Acquired an amount of net rental income that is projected to exceed that of a paid amateur venue manager.

-- A robust supporter of hiring a venue manager consultant who is currently under contract until we hire a venue manager.

-- I have been strongly in support of the Post paying for a highly qualified part-time professional venue manager. I will continue to support hiring a professional manager because I believe we need to "spend money to make money" so we can make more money with rentals, after paying the venue manager, than we have in the past.

As Commander, my first priority will be to stop the financial bleeding by hiring a professional venue manager quickly so our income exceeds expenses. I want to advance organizational and staff performances and procedures, stand up more committees, develop a plan to increase membership, and stand up a property planning committee so we can decide how best to make future use of our 126 acres.

Professional Background: Early retired Major, USAF, meteorologist specializing in Army weather support, specifically, Special Forces. I continue to be an owner of a multiple franchise business for 25 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your 2nd VC for the past year, and I look forward to helping the Post have a prosperous 2023-24.

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