

Charles Weinberg
Candidate for 1st Vice Commander

Pre-American Legion Experience

I served for 30 years in the United States Army, including 13 years in the Regular Army, 15 years in the Army Reserve, and 3 years on Retiree Recall. During my career, I led units at the platoon, battery, and company levels; served as a staff officer at both brigade and corps levels; and concluded my service as Executive Officer of a 563-person directorate composed of military, civilian, and contractor personnel at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

My professional background is in Information Systems. I designed, engineered, built, installed, and trained military and civilian personnel on computer and networked communications systems, including fixed-station strategic and deployable tactical packages. While a civilian contractor, I worked as a technical recruiter for a large government contracting company, recruiting recent graduates at university and industry job fairs, as well as through the Transition Assistance Program at Fort Huachuca.

In addition, I served for three years as a STEM mentor for a 5th-grade classroom in Sierra Vista, Arizona, and sponsored the school's STEM Club.

American Legion Activities (Since 2021)

- Member of a team that regularly visits veterans in local assisted living facilities.
- Liaison Officer to ROTC units at three major universities in our area, including coordination of the UNC Air Force ROTC Arnold Air Society Gold Star Family fundraising event (February 2024)
- Coordinator of the Post's American Legion Scholastic and Military Excellence Awards for ROTC cadets and midshipmen
- Chair of the Post Long-Range Planning and Strategy Committee, developing goals, objectives, and potential events and programs
- Provided logistical support to Team RUBICON while housed at our Post during post-Helene operations.
- Member of the Post Boys State Committee for the past two years
- Served as Post Parliamentarian, ensuring General Membership and PEC meetings adhere to Robert's Rules of Order, even in challenging situations.
- Assisted the Post Honor Guard in coordinating the annual Duke-to-UNC and UNC-to-Duke road marches delivering end-of-season game basketballs.

Why You Should Vote for Me As 1st Vice Commander

First, I will build upon our existing recruiting efforts by encouraging greater member involvement and actively listening to ideas on how we can continue improving our Post.

Second, in addition to retaining current members, I will work with the Membership Committee to meet veterans where they are—at local Reserve Centers in Cary and Garner, the UNC Military & Veterans Success Center, ROTC units throughout the area, and with organizations such as the VVA.

Third, I will coordinate and collaborate closely with the 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, PEC, and Honor Guard to expand our outreach across the greater Triangle Area. This includes working with other veteran organizations to highlight our mission, activities, and support for veterans and their families.

Finally, our Post is gaining momentum through increased activities, improved finances, and growing regional recognition. As 1st Vice Commander, I will support continued membership growth and retention to ensure our Post remains a strong and visible advocate for veterans across our large service area.

Respectfully,
Charles Weinberg