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August 14, 2024

Jeffery Askew, USN  
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Mr. Askew,

It is my honor to appoint you as a FVF Board Member Director for District Three (3) with the Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc. (FVF). FVF is a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation has a broad range of responsibilities, which are evolving.

This appointment is for a term of (3) three years commencing August 14, 2024. Board members set the tone and lead strategic and operational decisions through working groups and quarterly board/executive committee meetings.

You have been asked to serve because of your professional background, knowledge and experience, personal abilities, energy and most importantly, your unwavering commitment to serving those who served us. Your talents and participation are vital in setting the foundation's azimuth to serve Florida's 1.5 million Veterans.

Your leadership is vital to maintaining existing programs and benefits, as well as conceive, develop, and initiate others. I look forward to working with you to promote the efforts of this great organization. Thank you for your support of FVF and your devotion to those who have worn the uniform. Our Veterans and their families will be the beneficiaries of your labors for years to come. Welcome Aboard!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James S. Hartsell".

James S. "Hammer" Hartsell  
Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret)  
Executive Director