



*IN HONOR OF*  
**AUTREY JAMES**  
*Antioch Lifetime Veteran of the Year 2022-2023*

*WHEREAS, Autrey James began his career as a Police Officer in 1985 with the San Leandro Police Department (SLPD), joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves in 1990, served in Operation Desert Shield in 1991 and continued to serve as a small boat operator and boarding officer;*

*WHEREAS, upon returning from active duty, Autrey resumed public service at SLPD, retiring in 2005 as a Police Sergeant and starting a career as a Deputy District Attorney with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office;*

*WHEREAS, since 2005, Autrey has been a member of the Harding-Noia, American Legion Post 161 in Antioch, served as Post Commander and as Post Adjutant for the last 5 years, and led the efforts to visit and provide gifts to veterans at Antioch nursing facilities;*

*WHEREAS, Autrey worked with Delta Veterans Group (DVG) to collect and distribute clothing for the first "Stand Down on the Delta" and has continued since then, organizing the Stand Down Veterans Courts;*

*WHEREAS, Autrey served as the American Legion District Commander, organized events for veterans throughout California, cooked for 200+ National Guard members, organized with The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department and The American Legion National Finance Commission to provide funds and supplies for displaced veterans affected by the California wildfires, created committees and raised funds to help veterans with housing costs and mental health through education, resources, and support;*

*WHEREAS, Autrey was recently assigned as Chairman of the National American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, writing 3 resolutions onto the Legislative Agenda; and*

*WHEREAS, in March 2022, Autrey retired from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office as a Senior Assistant Deputy District Attorney, but remains active in the Antioch veterans community as a member of the American Legion Post, Veterans and Military Families Advisory Council of America, Save our Service-Members, and as a new member of the DVG Board of Directors.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAMAR A. THORPE, Mayor of the City of Antioch, do hereby salute, commend and honor AUTREY JAMES for his dedication, commitment, and positive influence to our community and the veterans in the City of Antioch.*

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LAMAR A. THORPE, Mayor

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