



**Ocean Beaches Post 129, 1151 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250**

To: Department Adjutant Michael McDaniel, Department of Florida

September 16, 2019

Subject: Endorsement of Jerry Brandt, for The American Legion, Commander, Department of Florida

At the regularly scheduled meeting on September 12th, 2019, the membership of American Legion Ocean Beaches Post 129 unanimously approved Jerry Brandt for endorsement to the high office of Commander, Department of Florida, for 2020-2021.

Jerry earned his eligibility for membership in The American Legion by serving in the U. S. Navy, from 1973 to 1993. During his active duty service he earned from the Department of the Navy the following: Navy Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, and others, retiring as GMC (SW).

His tenure at Post 129 includes 2 years as Post 2nd Vice Commander, Post Adjutant 2012-2014, and as Post Commander for 5 years. He then rose as 5th District Commander 2010-2012, with 100% membership across 100% of the Posts in the district. He also served as the Northern Area Commander, 2014-2015. Jerry continued to serve the Department of Florida in the following Chairmanships: Credentials, DMS, Post Development and Revitalization, and as Children and Youth Fund and Membership Chairman 2015-2016 and for the 2016-2017 year. As Department Post Development and Revitalization Chairman, four Districts were revitalized, bringing in over 300 members into the various Posts in those Districts. He served as Department 3rd Vice Commander, Department of Florida, in which he provided oversight to the Western and Northern Areas in which both areas achieved 100% in membership. Jerry also served as Department 2nd Vice Commander, in which he provided oversight to the Central and Southwestern Areas.

Currently, Jerry is serving as the Department of Florida 1st Vice Commander, providing oversight for 5 Districts comprising the Eastern and Southern Areas for the State of Florida. Jerry also serves on the National Americanism Council for the American Legion. He is a graduate of the National American Legion College, 2011.

It is with great pleasure The American Legion, Ocean Beaches Post 129, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, endorse the candidacy of Jerry Brandt, for Commander of the Department of Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe A. Maichle  
Commander

Ernie A. Florig  
Adjutant