At the regularly scheduled General Meeting of Post 273 on September 4, 2019, Ray Perez, the current Department of Florida Blood Donor Chairman, was nominated for the High Office of Department of Florida, 3rd Vice Commander, fiscal year 2020/2021. The motion was carried by unanimous vote of the membership.

Ray Perez earned his eligibility in the American Legion by serving his country for thirty five years in the United States Army, twenty nine of those years on active duty to include the Vietnam War Era. Ray earned and was promoted to the prestigious rank of Command Sergeant Major prior to his retirement.

Ray demonstrated his military leadership qualities during his seven year membership at Post 104, holding the positions of 2nd and 1st Vice Commander, Blood Donor Chairman, Adjutant, Post Commander, 16th District Vice Commander, and eventually achieving the trust and confidence of the 16th District Membership by his election to the Office of 16th District Commander in 2016. As District Commander, Ray has taken the 16th District to higher levels in the Department of Florida, accepting and surpassing the duties and membership goals placed upon him. Ray Perez was appointed by the Department Commander as Blood Donor Chairman and Southern Membership Co-Chairman for the 2019-2020 administration.

Ray has shown his support and dedication to the Four Pillars of the American Legion and his loyalty to the Department of Florida through his tireless and determined efforts as a member of this Post my assisting the Adjutant and Assistant Adjutant with attaining our membership goals.

As Department of Florida 3rd Vice Commander, Ray Perez will have the opportunity to expand his organizational skills and leadership capabilities to the entire Legion Membership of the State of Florida and further his ultimate goal to make the American Legion Department of Florida “The Best it Can Be.”

Jim White...Post 273 Commander

Dan Koker...Post 273 Adjutant