



Ocean Beaches Post 129, 1151 4th Street South  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250

To: Department of Florida, Adjutant Michael McDaniel

28 August 2020

Subject: Endorsement of Jerry J. Brandt, for American Legion, Commander of the Department of Florida.

At the regularly scheduled meeting on August 6, 2020, the membership of American Legion Ocean Beaches Post 129 unanimously approved Jerry Brandt for endorsement to the high office of American Legion, Department of Florida, as Commander of the Department of Florida for the 2021-2022 year.

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).

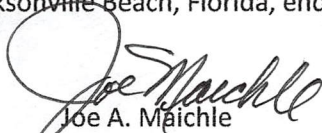
His tenure at Post 129 includes 2 years as Post 2nd Vice Commander, Post Adjutant 2012-2014, and as Post Commander for 5 years. He then rose to 5th District Commander 2010-2012, with 100% membership across all of the Posts in the District. He also served as the Northern Area Commander, 2014-2015. Jerry 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 2015-2017 year. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, in which he provided oversight to the Central and Southwest areas.


As Department Post Development and Revitalization Chairman, four Districts were revitalized, bringing in over 300 members into the various Posts in those Districts.

Currently Jerry is serving as Department 1st Vice Commander, (2<sup>nd</sup> year) in which he provides oversight to the Northern and Western Areas for the State of Florida. Jerry also serves on the National Americanism Council for the American Legion. Areas. He is also a graduate of the National American Legion College, 2011.

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Jerry Brandt is a highly qualified and well-rounded Legionnaire for the high office of American Legion, Department of Florida, Commander. It is with great pleasure the American Legion, Ocean Beaches Post 129, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, endorse the candidacy of Jerry Brandt, for Department of Florida, Commander.

  
Joe A. Maichle  
Commander

  
Kevin Towsley  
Adjutant