At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Charles F. Thomas IV American Legion Post 117, on October 21st, 2020, Chaplain Barry Roberts was endorsed for the high office of Department Chaplain For the year 2021-2022.

Barry Roberts enlisted in the United States Navy on November 26th, 1985 and was Discharged on August 14th, 1993 and joined the Navy Reserves. Barry was recalled back to active duty in 2005-2006 prior to retiring from the Navy in 2006.

Chaplain Roberts is the current Department Chaplain on his 4th year as Department Chaplain. Chaplain Roberts has also served as the District 12 Chaplain and Post 117 Chaplain. Chaplain Roberts has and is serving in various other positions and levels in The American Legion.

Chaplain Roberts has been a strong advocate for veterans in suicide awareness and prevention. Chaplain Roberts had the opportunity to become the first ordained minister in the Nation to be trained in Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memory Protocol (RTM) and has been working with the American Association of Christian Counselors to get chaplains trained in a faith based mental health life coach certifications. Chaplain Roberts has created The American Legion Department of Florida Chaplains Face Book page and is very active in veteran outreach and services on social media and in our communities. Chaplain Roberts is always willing to serve in ministry for those in need.

Bruce Thurber, Commander
American Legion Post 117

Raymond Wright, 2nd Vice Commander
American Legion Post 117