



Department
of Florida

Orange Baker
American Legion Post 187
415 W. Voorhis Ave
Deland, FL 32720

September 2, 2023

To: Bruce Comer, Department Adjutant
Department of Florida

Subject: Endorsement of Reverend Willie W. Branch Jr. for the High Office of
Department Chaplain for Department of Florida year 2024- 2025.

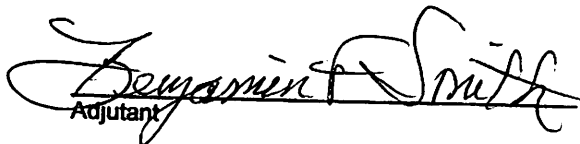
During American Legion Orange Baker Post 187 September 2, 2023 scheduled General Membership Meeting. The General Membership voted unanimously to Endorse Reverend Willie W. Branch Jr. for election to the High Office of Department Chaplain, Department of Florida year 2024- 2025.

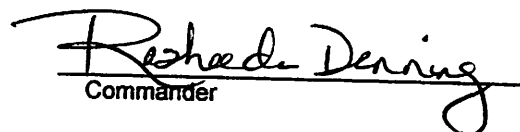
Rev. Branch was Ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, October 1995, after five years of study to become a minister. He has served as pastor to multiple churches in Texas and in Florida. In 2009, he was stationed in Ormond Beach, Florida to pastor Historic New Bethel A.M.E. Church where he joined the Cassin Young Memorial Post 267. He gives the benediction each year at the annual Memorial Day celebration in Ormond Beach, where he also has served as Police Chaplain and Chaplain of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office until January 2015, when he resigned focusing his energy into his duties as Commander and District Chaplain. In addition to duties at the post he serves as Chairman of the Ormond Beach Housing Authority Board. Served in the US Navy from 1971 until 1983. A dedicated man of the Cloth who serves the people of all races and religions, practicing "*being a servant and not being served.*"

His numerous volunteer work in the community includes;

Minister African Methodist Episcopal Church, (1990 – Present), (Retired Pastor 2012)
Chairman, Ormond Beach Housing Authority Board (2013 – Present)
Member of Ormond Beach Memorial Day Planning Committee (2011 – Present)
Chaplain Volusia County Veterans Council (2015 – Present)
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Member of Ormond Beach Memorial Day Planning Committee (2011 – Present)
Chaplain Volusia County Veterans Council (2015 – Present)
Judge Advocate and 2nd Vice Commander Orange Baker Post 187 (2023 – Present)
Chairman, Ormond Beach Housing Authority Board (2013 – Present)
Member of Ormond Beach Memorial Day Planning Committee (2011 – Present)
Chaplain Volusia County Veterans Council (2015 – Present)
Commander Orange Baker Post 187 Deland (2019 – 2023)
Past Commander District 17 American Legion Department of Florida (2018-2019)
Judge Advocate District 17 American Legion Department of Florida (2019 – 2020)
Chaplain Florida Hospital Ormond Beach (2009 – 2020)
Chaplain Halifax Hospital (2009 – 2020)
Chaplain District 17 American Legion Department of Florida (2014 - 2018)
Chaplain American Legion Post 267 (2009 – 2014)
Commander American Legion Post 267 (2014 – 2016)

For the many reasons listed above it is a great honor to endorse Reverend Willie W. Branch Jr. for this High Office


Adjutant


Commander