



**AMERICAN LEGION
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At the regularly scheduled General assembly meeting on July 10, 2023, the membership of Jim J. Gilles American Legion Post 283 assembled and voted to endorse Lena Heredia-Perez as a candidate for the high office of Second Vice Commander, Department of Florida, 2024-2025.

Lena Heredia-Perez earned her eligibility to be a member of The American Legion as a Global War on Terrorism veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy 2000-2004 with distinction. Upon discharge from the United States Navy, she completed her college education and began a successful career in Home/Business Security. She is responsible for managing the sales team, initiating the installation process, orders and customer service.

Since joining The American Legion in 2013, she has continued to broaden her knowledge on The American Legion by successfully completing American Legion Extension Institute in 2015, graduated The Department of Florida American Legion College in 2018, completed Basic Training Course in 2019 and graduated from National American Legion College in 2019.

Mrs. Heredia-Perez has served at the Post level as the Commander of American Legion Post 9 for three consecutive terms 2015-2018, Executive Board Officer in 2018-2019, and Children & Youth Chairman and Boys State Chairman 2018-2019. At the District level, she has served as 5th District Finance Officer from 2016-2018, 5th District Vice Commander from 2018-2021, 5th District Commander from 2021-2023 and is currently Northern Area Commander for 2023-2024. She is also on the National Internal Affairs Commission as a Consultant since 2019 and is on the Department Children & Youth Committee since 2020. In addition to being an active Legionnaire, she is also member of The American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders since 2015 and is the Veteran Coordinator and Treasurer for First Coast Honor Flight. The membership of American Legion Post 283 proudly supports and endorses Lena Heredia-Perez as a candidate for the high office of Second Vice Commander, Department of Florida for the year 2024-2025.

For God and Country,

Albert R. Whisman
Commander, Post 283

Esther McMillan
Adjutant, Post 283