

## Ocean Beaches Post 129, 1151 4th Street South

## Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250

To: Department of Florida, Adjutant Bruce Comer

4 January 2024

Subject: Endorsement of Jerry J. Brandt, for American Legion, National Executive Committee Member, Department of Florida.

At the regularly scheduled meeting on January 4, 2024, 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 National Executive Committee Member of Florida, for the 2024 -2026 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Post Adjutant for 2 years, and Post Commander for 5 years. He then rose to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Children and Youth, and Children and Youth Funds, Membership Chairman 2015 – 2017 years. He served as Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and currently serving as Department Commander 2021 – 2022. And currently the A.N.E.C. for the Department of Florida, for 2022 -2024 year.

Jerry is also a graduate of the National American Legion College, class of 2011.

Jerry Brandt is a highly qualified and well-rounded Legionnaire for the high office of American Legion, Department of Florida NEC. 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, National Executive Committee Member.

Mike Flangari

1st Vice Commander

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David Tarnowski

Adjutant