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Mr. Bruce Comer, Adjutant
Department of Florida
P.O. Box 547859
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Dear Adjutant Comer:

At The American Legion Kirby Stewart Post 24 regular membership meeting held on May 2, 2024, the membership unanimously voted to endorse Les Martin to be a candidate for the high office of Department of Florida Historian for the 2024-2025 Legion year.

Les earned his eligibility to be a member of The American Legion by serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, serving from 1967-1972. Les served on the USS Purdy (DD-734), USS Frigatebird (MSC-191) and Inshore Undersea Warfare Group 2.

Les is a 45-year member of The American Legion and has served in many capacities over that time. In his home state of New Jersey, Les served as Post Commander of Post 119 from 2000-2002. During his time at Post 119, he also served as 1st Vice Commander, Finance Officer and Adjutant. In Florida, Les has served as Post Finance officer and is currently the Post Judge Advocate and Executive Board Member, District 8 as Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, Sgt-at-Arms, Vice Commander and is currently the District 8 Adjutant. Les is currently the Department Sergeant-at-Arms and has been for the past 2 years. He is a dual member with Squadron 24 Sons of The American Legion and also a Life Member of Chapter 24 of The American Legion Riders. Les has served as the District Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Chairman, Children & Youth Chairman and the Department of Florida Children & Youth Chairman, a position he has held for 3 years. Les served four years as a member of the National Americanism Commission and is currently serving on the National Security Commission. He is a graduate of The American Legion Extension Institute and The Florida American Legion College.

The Kirby Stewart Post 24, is honored to endorse and support Les Martin for the high office of Department Historian for the 2024-2025 Legion year.

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