



American Legion Post 99

208 E. Ft. Dade Ave

Brooksville, FL 3401

At the General membership meeting of Andrew Jackson American Legion Post 99 held on September 4th, 2025, at 208 E. Ft. Dade Ave, in Brooksville, FL, Bruce Carl was unanimously endorsed by the general membership of Post 99 for the high office of Department 1st Vice Commander.

Bruce has been a member of the American Legion for 25 years, earning his eligibility through his service in the US Army during the Vietnam era. During that time, he has held every Post position except Historian and Finance Officer,

On the District level he served as Assistant Chaplain 4 years, Children and Youth Chair 6 years, Membership Chair for 2 years, Vice Commander for 5 years, and District Commander for 3 years. During his tenure as District Commander, he led the District to 100% every year, and also won the National Race to the Top competition two years in a row, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for category 4

On the Area level he served as the Central Area Americanism Chair from 2020-2021 and as the Central Area Commander from 2021-2022.

On the Department level he served as the Children and Youth Chair from 2017-2018, and Department Membership Chair from 2023-2025, leading the Department of Florida to over 100% for the first time in 11 years. He also served on the National Convention Committee for the 2025 National convention held in Tampa. Bruce is currently serving as the Department of Florida 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander for 2025-2026.

Nationally he served on the Americanism Council from 2020-2023. He has represented Florida at meetings in Indianapolis and at National Conventions.

He has completed Lead training, American Legion Institute, Basic Training, Florida Legion College, and is certified as a "Train the Trainer". He has attended all 15<sup>th</sup> District and Central Area trainings, as well as all Fall Conferences and Department Conventions for the past 12 years. This includes teaching numerous training classes at these events for various subjects.

Bruce is a great mentor and proven leader. He has always given his all to whatever his position has been, and we the members of Post 99 are proud to endorse and support Bruce Carl for the position of Department 1st Vice Commander for 2026-2027.

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Post 99 Commander

Robert Rarden

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Post 99 Adjutant

Leon Begeman

Finance Officer

Lisa L. Leishman