



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Christmas Post #328
PO Box 1, Christmas FL 32709

Endorsement for Diane Schmidt

At the regular scheduled meeting of Christmas Post #328 on 8 August 2025, the members unanimously voted to endorse their Post Commander, Diane Schmidt, for the high office of Department Chaplain.

She earned her eligibility in The American Legion by serving in the US ARMY in 1980-1983. Her family, the Reeds, from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida have served with honor and distinction in the US Army since the Civil War.

Diane joined Post #53, Sanford 25 years ago & subsequently was appointed Chaplain. She won both the Department of Florida Chaplain of the Year Award and the 4 Chaplains Ceremony of the Year Award.

She served as 6th District Chaplain and Vice Commander. As the Current Commander of Christmas Post #328, Diane also serves as District 12th Chaplain.

On Department level, she has served as Special Olympics Chair, Children/Youth Funding Chair & Public Relations Chair.

On the National level, she is a proud member of Anivicus, serves as Assistant National Sgt at Arms for National Conventions and recently elected Secretary of the National Sgt at Arms Organization.

While the National Director of the 20 & 4 (Honor Society of Women Legionnaires), Diane laid the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington and also at WIMSA (Women in Military Service to America.) In addition, she served at Sky Pilot (Chaplain) facilitating nondenominational Memorial Services for departed female veterans.

Diane was ordained in 1991 as a nondenominational minister and served as Co- Pastor at Colby Memorial Temple; provided prayers for Volusia County Council Meetings & participated in Volusia County Minister Breakfasts.

She is very dedicated to Veterans and their families in providing guidance for those facing incarceration at Veterans Court, Spiritual Counsel at Hospice and honoring those who are now with the Supreme Commander with Post Everlasting Ceremonies, Church Memorials and Gravesite Funerals.

We ask for your support in electing Diane Schmidt as your next Department Chaplain and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Tom McGuirk
Vice Commander

Dave Halstead
Executive Committee