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Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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Subject: Endorsement of Joseph "JC" Kelleher for Department Chaplain 2026-2027

To the esteemed members of The American Legion, Department of Florida,

It is with immense pleasure and without reservation that Frank Marston American Legion Post 33 of Pensacola, Florida, formally endorses Joseph "JC" Kelleher for the position of Department Chaplain for 2026-2027. This endorsement was unanimously approved by the members present at our regular meeting held on Monday, April 14th, 2025.

Chaplain Kelleher has been a dedicated and invaluable member of the American Legion for the past thirteen years, consistently demonstrating his commitment to our organization's principles and the well-being of his fellow veterans. He has faithfully served in numerous capacities during his tenure, showcasing his leadership and unwavering dedication.

Notably, JC has served as the Chaplain for Post 78 in Milton and has admirably fulfilled the duties of District 1 Chaplain since 2024. In these roles, he has provided spiritual guidance and support with compassion and diligence.

Beyond his service within the American Legion, Chaplain Kelleher is a veteran of the United States Air Force and an ordained minister. His experience further extends to his time as Chaplain Commander for the NYS Chaplain Task Force, where he honed his skills in providing spiritual care and leadership. He has also demonstrated his ability to effectively train chaplains through both in-person and virtual platforms, highlighting his capacity to educate and mentor others in this vital role.

Adding to his commitment to our Post, we are proud to announce that Chaplain Kelleher will be the Commander-Elect for Frank Marston American Legion Post 33, effective our May 2025 meeting. This upcoming leadership position underscores the trust and respect he has earned within our local ranks.

Chaplain Kelleher's dedication extends beyond our Post and District, reaching into our community and even across state lines to support our neighbors in Alabama. He consistently serves with honor and a genuine desire to make a positive impact.

We firmly believe that JC Kelleher possesses the spiritual fortitude, leadership qualities, and extensive experience necessary to excel as the Department Chaplain. His deep commitment to serving veterans, coupled with his diverse background and proven track record, make him an exceptional candidate.

The members of Frank Marston American Legion Post 33 are confident that as Department Chaplain, JC Kelleher will serve the Department of Florida with the same dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment he has consistently demonstrated at the Post and District levels.

Sincerely,

Nicole Dickson, Commander

Dan Woodcock, Adjutant