

## Pinellas Park American Legion Post 104 7550 60<sup>th</sup> St. N Pinellas Park, Fl. 33782

November 08, 2025 American Legion Department of Florida Attn: Department Adjutant

Subj: ENDORSEMENT OF ROBERT ORDNER FOR 16TH DISTRICT COMMANDER

- 1. At the general membership meeting of American Legion Post 104 on 25 October 2025, the membership overwhelmingly voted to endorse our current Commander, Robert Ordner, to the office of 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Department of Florida for 2026-2027. This endorsement is entered in our official meeting minutes on file in Post 104.
- 2. Commander Ordner meets this qualification being an honorable discharged member of The United States Army, serving his Country before taking on responsibilities working with AMVET organizations and working himself up the chain of command in The American Legion. In his capacity as Commander Post 104, Robert Ordner has overseen our members safety and security through THREE major hurricanes. During hurricane Irma, Commander Ordner oversaw distribution of needed supplies to outlying Pinellas County communities for a period of 2 weeks. When Category 3 Helena took aim at Pinellas County, Commander Ordner quickly ensured that all members had safe housing and proper meals to last through the storm and its aftermath. Finishing up from Helelna and with little time to prepare, Commander Ordner took immediate charge of preparations for Category 5 Milton due to strike Pinellas County shortly after Helene. Commander Ordner ensured, once again, that all members were safe, secure, and housed. Under Commander Ordner's leadership, American Legion Post 104 has revamped its Boys State Program, Baseball Program, JROTC program, among other programs moving forward strongly.

- 3. Commander Ordner is actively involved in our American Legion Post Rider's program, serving as its Chapter Commander. Our American Legion Post 104, under Commander Ordner's leadership is presently over 70% renewal membership for 2026, which has had us in the top 3 of post's in district 16.
- 4. Commander Ordner has exemplified outstanding dedication and service to the community of Pinellas Park FL, American Legion Post 104. American Legion Riders and it is a privilege for this membership to endorse Commander Ordner's nomination to The 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander.

**Yours in Service** 

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1st Vice American Legion Post 104

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Service Officer, American Legion Post 104

CC: American Legion Post 104 Meeting minutes of October 25th