



9 December 2025

American Legion Department of Florida

Attn: Department Adjutant

Subj: ENDORSEMENT OF E. FRED PIERCE FOR Southwest Area Commander

1. The American Legion Post 25 Executive Board met at 1800 hours on 8 December 2025 and unanimously endorsed Commander E. Fred Pierce for the position of Southwest Area Commander, Department of Florida for 2026 – 2027.
2. At the general membership meeting of the American Legion Post 25 on 8 December 2025, at 1900 hours, the membership unanimously voted to endorse our current Commander, E. Fred Pierce, to the office of Southwest Area Commander, Department of Florida for 2026 – 2027. This is entered in the official minutes of the meeting of Post 25.
3. Commander Pierce meets all qualifications having served for over 20 years in the United States Air Force. Commander Pierce started as Finance officer before being elected Post Commander, a position he has held for 6 years. As Commander, he guided the Post to be a central distribution Point during hurricane Ian. Providing much needed supplies to many Posts. He is also involved in scouting and has sponsored an Eagle Scout. He also is involved in JROTC and presents the annual awards to the recipients.
4. Commander Pierce is actively involved in the Riders and Sons of the American Legion Programs, attending their meetings and offering assistance and guidance. He makes bi-monthly visits to assisted living centers and nursing homes to ensure that Veterans are well cared for.
5. Commander Pierce's leadership has guided Post 25 to be a family oriented, friendly Post where all are welcome. It is a privilege for this membership to whole heartily endorse him for the Southwest Area Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pete Ruiz

1st Vice Commander Post 25

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Denise Williams

2nd Vice Commander Post 25