Herman Jenkins Memorial
American Legion Post 4
Lakeland, FL 33803

To: American Legion Department of Florida
Attn: Department Adjutant

Subject: Endorsement of Dr. Karen Albert Warren for 7th District Commander

At the regularly scheduled General Membership meeting of Herman Jenkins Memorial Post 4, which was held October 3, 2026, the membership of Post 4 voted to approve the endorsement of Dr. Karen Albert Warren for the office of 7th District Commander of the Department of Florida for the 2027-2028 membership year.

Karen Warren earned her eligibility to be a member of the American Legion as a 20-year U.S. Navy Retiree, who served during the Vietnam Era. She served four years active duty (1974-1978), with an additional 16 years of Active Reserves and Individual Ready Reserves (1994-2010).

Karen Warren has been a proud member of the American Legion for 10 years and a four-year member of the Auxiliary. Karen is a Paid Up for Life Member. Karen has held various offices at the post and District levels as follows: Post Chaplain 2022-2025, Post Adjutant 2023-2025, District 7 Chaplain 2022-2023, District 7 Membership Chairman 2023-2024, currently serving as District 7 Adjutant 2024-2026, and District 7 2nd Vice Commander 2025-2026, District Commander 2026-2027. Karen received an appointment from the National Commander to serve on the National Marketing Commission. She served as chairman of the Patriotic Memorial Service at the 2025 National Convention in Tampa. Karen was instrumental in changing post 4's name to Herman Jenkins Memorial in honor of a local WWII Veteran.

Additionally, Karen has completed the American Legion Basic Training course and is a graduate of the Department of Florida American Legion College.

Karen has a desire for all legionnaires to know the true meaning of the American Legion and the four pillars on which it was founded. She feels that all members should be equipped with the basic knowledge and tools to continue the legacy of the Legion.

Larry Boudreau
Commander Post 4

Samantha Smith
Adjutant Post 4