My name is Beverly Wood and I am announcing my candidacy for Department Chaplain of Arkansas for 2023-2024. I was born and raised in Marion, Indiana. My late parents Everett and JoAnn Webb were born and raised in Bald Knob, Arkansas and Heber Springs, Arkansas. I attended Ohio Christian University and graduated in 2011 with an Associate's Degree in Christian Ministries, with a 3.94 GPA. I joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157 of Churubusco, Indiana in 2018 under my late husband David J. Weisbach. I joined the American Legion Riders Group of The American Legion Post 157 of Churubusco, Indiana in 2018 along with my fiancée Randal Lee Wood, and became a member of the Honor Guard of The American Legion Post 157 of Churubusco, Indiana. In May of 2019 Randal and I married and moved to Searcy, Arkansas. We visited The American Legion Post 91 of Beebe, Arkansas and soon joined this Post and Unit in 2019.

My father served in The United States Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Korea and Japan. He received an accommodation from President William Clinton for his devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our Country in the Armed Forces of the United States. My brother served faithfully during the Vietnam Era in the United States Air Force and retired as Master Sergeant. My husband Randal Lee Wood served faithfully during the Vietnam Era in the United States Air Force as Sergeant.

I have faithfully served for 6 months as the Commander of The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in Searcy, Arkansas in 2019 and have a lifetime membership. Upon transferring my American Legion Auxiliary membership from Unit 157, Churubusco, Indiana to Unit 91 of Beebe, Arkansas, I helped set up the Charter and served as Chairperson for The American Legion Riders of Post 91 in Beebe, in 2021. This included working closely with two other individuals and helped write the constitution and by-laws for this great organization. I have also worked on the Committee and helped Unit 91 of Beebe, Arkansas form an Honor Guard. I have successfully formed "Company B Coffee" upon approval from The American Legion Post 91 of Beebe. I currently serve as Chaplain for the American Legion Riders of Post 91; and also Chaplain for the American Legion Riders for the State of Arkansas; where I am currently working on the committee to update the Constitution and By-Laws for The American Legion Riders of the State of Arkansas. I am currently District 6 Auxiliary District President of Arkansas. I serve as the first, female Assistant Veterans Service Officer for Post 91, of Beebe. I also am a member of The American Legion Post 91 Honor Guard, and I play taps for military funerals for fallen comrades.

My objective is to obtain the position of Department Chaplain for The Arkansas American Legion Auxiliary. As Department Chaplain I will use my skills as an Ordained Minister of 7 years to fulfill this position. I will be aware of physical and spiritual needs of all Auxiliary members because it is important that all members learn, grow and succeed in their positions of the American Legion Auxiliary, not only with God, but with one another as well.

Thank you, Beverly Wood, District 6, District Auxiliary President.