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# Nebraska American Legion Honors Firefighter and EMS Officer of The Year

Lincoln (January 16, 2018) – The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, has selected Jonathan R. Fisher of Bennet as their 2017 Firefighter/EMS-of-the-Year for his hard work and dedication with the Offutt Air Force Base Fire & Emergency Services.

Fisher was commended for his action when he rushed to the scene of a smoke engulfed C-135 aircraft on the tarmac. He immediately evacuated the crew of the distressed aircraft and began to ventilate the smoke from inside the aircraft. In another incident onboard Offutt at the elementary school, he was quick to identify a gas leak at the elementary school and evacuated more than 500 people to safety.

In his spare time, he enjoys being a member of Team Rubicon; Team Red, White, and Blue; Disabled American Veterans; and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. He serves on the Bennet Volunteer Rural Fire and Rescue Department and is a Nebraska State Fire Instructor.

Fisher is a proud American Legion member and served his country in the Air Force during the Iraq and Afghanistan war-era. He, his wife, Liz, and two-year-old son, Mace, live in Bennet.

To his credit, Fisher has also been awarded the 2017 Firefighter-of-the-Year for Bellevue American Legion Martin Graves Post 339 and the 2017 Offutt AFB Fire and Emergency Services Firefighter-of-the-Year. His application will be forwarded to the National organization for competition in the National Firefighter/EMS-of-the-Year.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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