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# Nebraska American Legion Elects New State Commander

Lincoln (June 24, 2019) – Gary D. Wooten of Wilber was elected as the Commander of the Nebraska American Legion during the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention held June 21-23, 2019 in Kearney.

Wooten is eligible for The American Legion through his service in the U.S. Air Force from 1969-73. He has been a member of The American Legion and Post 101 in Wilber for 13 years. He has served as District 11 Vice-Commander, District 11 Commander, Area C Vice-Commander, Department Sergeant-at-Arms, and Senior Vice Commander.

Other state officers elected and installed were: Larry Mach of Weston, Senior Vice Commander; Daryl Harrison of Thurston, Area A Vice Commander; Boyd Yochum of Ashland, Area B Vice Commander; Bonnie Brewer of Elmwood, Area C Vice Commander; and Dennis Kennedy of Culbertson, Area D Vice Commander.

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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