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Nebraska American Legion Department Commander Elected

Lincoln (July 8, 2022) – Don Suchy of Valparaiso was elected and installed as the Commander of the Nebraska American Legion during the 104th Annual Convention held June 24 - 26, 2022, in Columbus.

Suchy is eligible for The American Legion through his service in the Nebraska Air National Guard during the Vietnam War era, where he was a Jet Engine Mechanic. He has been a member of The American Legion and Post 371 for 36 years. Suchy has served as Department Senior Vice-Commander, District 7 Commander, District 7 Vice-Commander, County Commander, County Vice-Commander, Post Commander, and Post-Vice Commander. He also served as the Sons Squadron Vice-Commander and Commander.

He has held many committee appointments at the National level including the National Children and Youth Committee, National Children and Youth Vice Chairman, National Children and Youth Advisory Committee, and member of the Child Welfare Board of Directors. Don also dedicated a year of his life as the Aide to National Commander Mike Helm.

Don and his wife, Marge, reside in Valparaiso. He has one daughter, Jennifer (Matthew), one son, Kyle (Maggie), and four grandchildren. He is a member of First Christian Church and is retired from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Other officers elected during the convention were Department Senior Vice Commander John Henry Percy of Papillion, Area A Vice Commander Carl Lorenzen of Blair, Area B Vice Commander Ken Meyer of Creighton, Area C Vice Commander Dick Binder of Minden, and Area D Vice Commander Gene VonForell of Crawford.

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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