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Nebraska American Legion Department Commander Elected

Lincoln (July 7, 2023) – John-Henry Percy of Papillion was elected and installed as the Commander of the Nebraska American Legion during the 105th Annual Convention held June 23 - 25, 2023, in Kearney.

Percy is eligible for The American Legion through his 30 years of service in the Air Force, where he was a B-52 aircraft navigator/bombardier. He has been a member of The American Legion and Post 32 for 48 years. Percy has served as Department Senior Vice-Commander, Area A Vice Commander, Department Sons of The American Legion Liaison, District 8 Commander, County Commander, and Post Commander. He also has served at the Squadron, District, and Detachment level for the Sons.

Percy graduated from The American Legion college in 2009. He has attended 12 national conventions and has served on the Aerospace Committee for 10 years.

John and his wife, Hyo-Suk, reside in Papillion. They have one daughter, Valerie, and one son, John Henry, Jr., and two grandchildren.

Other officers elected during the convention were Department Senior Vice Commander Boyd Yochum of Ashland, Area A Vice Commander Robert Neel of Winside, Area B Vice Commander Don Patras of Columbus, Area C Vice Commander Brendan Moore of Lincoln, and Area D Vice Commander Judy Walters of Ainsworth. District 1 Commander Gary Sones, District 2 Commander Kelly Hanvey, District 3 Commander Nick Tramp, District 4 Commander Steve Stanec, District 5 Commander Scott Bell, District 6 Commander Burdette Chappell, District 7 Commander Adam Schweitzer, District 8 Commander Rich Klinger, District 9 Commander Ron Wiest, District 10 Commander Don Nelson, District 11 Commander Tom Crisman, District 12 Commander Martin Neal, District 13 Commander Scott Buss, and District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Legionnaires in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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