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### **Nebraska American Legion Honors Firefighter/EMT-of-the-Year**

Lincoln (February 11, 2026) – The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, has selected Jeremy J. Genier of Omaha as their 2025 Firefighter/EMS-of-the-Year for his hard work and dedication to the Offutt Air Force Base Fire & Emergency Services.

Genier has been commended at multiple scenes saving lives, assets, and facilities. His knowledge of medical treatment has been useful in multiple special operations. He has also been active in the community with a highlight of raising money for the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation 9/11 memorial stair climb at Werner Baseball Park. He has a strong dedication to improving himself, his surroundings, and improving the workplace for everyone.

He has also been awarded the 2025 Firefighter-of-the-Year for Bellevue American Legion Martin Graves Post 339 and the 2025 Offutt AFB Fire and Emergency Services Firefighter-of-the-Year.

In his spare time, he devotes countless hours as a youth baseball coach, fundraises for Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure and the Firefighter Benevolent Association that provides funds to members in need. He also launched “Red Shirt Friday” in support of military troops deployed.

He served his country in the Air Force from 2005 – 2009 as a Firefighter. He and his wife, Lauren, have one child, Nolan.

Department Commander Judy Walters will present Genier with a certificate and plaque and thank him for his dedication to duty at the Department Convention in June. Following selection as Nebraska’s Firefighter/EMT-of-the-Year, Genier’s name has been submitted for consideration as the National Firefighter-of-the-Year.

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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