



## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

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### ***The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Announces Frank Kostka as Department Commander, “Legion Proud”***

Portage, WI – Frank Kostka was elected Department Commander of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at its 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Oshkosh on July 15, 2018. The responsibilities of the Department Commander for 2018-19 will be unique as The American Legion celebrates 100 years of service to veterans, their families and the communities in which they live.

Commander Kostka was born and raised in Northern Wisconsin and proudly served for 20 years in the United State Air Force, culminating his career as Project Manager for the GPS Navstar Ground System Equipment at the Air Force Command Headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO. He returned to Ashland where he became a business owner and an active participant in the community, as well as in the Kelly-Johnson American Legion Post 90, serving as Post Commander from 2004 to 2017. He has also served as the 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander and as Department Vice Commander in 2017. Commander Kostka has been active in numerous committees including Camp American Legion Committee, Communications Committee, and the Department Executive Committee. He currently serves on the National Media and Communications Committee and the Legislative Council as a liaison to Congressman Duffy. He has been a member of The American Legion Riders for the past nine years. The Commander and his wife, Linda, have four children and eight grandchildren, all of whom are members of The American Legion Family.

Commander Kostka’s project for the year will be fundraising to build the “Families of the Fallen Cabin” at Camp American Legion. This cabin will provide a safe place for families who have lost a loved one in military service to grieve and heal together.

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*The American Legion celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 as the largest and most influential veterans service organization in the U.S. The Wisconsin American Legion is the state’s largest veterans’ service organization with over 53,000 members and 506 posts in communities across Wisconsin serving troops, veterans and youth since 1919. For more information on the Legion’s programs and membership, please visit [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org).*

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*The mission of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is to provide service to veterans, their families and their communities.*