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## **NEWS** RELEASE

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## DAV WI elects Post 9/11 veteran Michael Hert as new State Commander

On June 9, 2018, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Wisconsin elected Michael Hert of Oshkosh as its new State Commander during its 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conventional held in Green Bay.

Hert, a U.S. Army veteran, served 2 tours in Iraq, 2 tours in the Horn of Africa and 1 tour in Afghanistan. He is the first Post 9/11 veteran elected as DAV Wisconsin Commander.

Upon his election, Hert said, "When DAV was started in 1920 by WWI veterans; the primary mission was to ensure that veterans would lead lives with respect and dignity. Each succeeding generation has advanced the mission. This election demonstrates Post 9/11 veterans are ready to carry the mission forward."

Hert began his military career as a private and medically retired as a Lt. Colonel after 31 years of combined service.

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