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## VFW, Department of Wisconsin Welcomes New State Commander

Madison—U.S. Army Veteran and Oregon, WI resident, Jason E. Johns ascended as the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, new state commander at its 99<sup>th</sup> state convention this past weekend.

Johns served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-04, earning numerous decorations including the Purple Heart Medal and Combat Action Badge. During his tenure as state commander his mantra is "Be Relevant." Be relevant in our communities, be relevant to our members, and be relevant in all one does to advocate for quality of life programs for all veterans, service members and their families.

Jason Johns becomes the first post-9/11 veteran in the department's history to serve as state commander. His ascension is a reflection of the VFW's efforts to assure that <u>all</u> veterans, of <u>any</u> generation, are welcomed with open arms and encouraged to carry on our organization's tradition of service.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin has 258 posts in 10 districts with almost 27,000 members and an Auxiliary of over 8,500 members. "No One Does More for Veterans."