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VFW, Department of Wisconsin welcomes new Commander.

MADISON — US Air Force Veteran and Kenosha resident Donald Lynch was elected as the VFW's new state commander at the organization's 98th State Convention last week. The Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars has 263 posts in 10 districts with over 28,000 members.

Lynch is retired after 23 years as a heating and cooling technician. Previously, he served 10 years in the US Air Force with 5 years in the Republic of South Korea. He belongs to VFW Post 6498 in Milwaukee and has been a life member for over 25 years. Lynch served in elected and appointed positions at the post, district, state and national levels for the VFW. He served as Supreme Commander in 2015-16 for the National Military Order of the Cooties (the honor degree of the VFW).

Lynch will lead the organization under the theme "Supporting Veterans and their Families," a phrase that represents the VFW charter. During his tenure as state commander, he will log thousands of miles across Wisconsin and the U.S. to promote veterans' issues and advocate for better quality of life programs for all veterans, service members and their families.