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Dan K. Wiley **National Commander** **The American Legion** **2025-2026**

Dan K. Wiley was elected national commander of the country's largest veterans organization on August 28, 2025, in Tampa, Fla., during The American Legion's 106th national convention.

An Air Force veteran, Wiley is a retired state district court judge. He raises cattle in Leavenworth, Kan. Following his Air Force service, Wiley obtained a bachelor's degree in business at the College of Great Falls in Montana. He returned to his hometown of Lawrence, Kan., and earned a law degree at the University of Kansas.

Wiley has held many leadership positions at The American Legion post, department (state) and national levels. He is a paid-up-for-life member of Byron H. Mehl American Legion Post 23 in Leavenworth and is a past department commander of the Kansas American Legion. He also represented the state as a member of The American Legion's National Executive Committee.

Appointed by the Kansas governor as a district court judge in 2008, Wiley helped establish and preside over the Leavenworth County Veterans Treatment Court. He has been active in his community and is a past president of the Leavenworth / Lansing Chamber of Commerce, a past chairman of the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade Committee and a former member of the Unified School District 453 School Board.

As national commander, Wiley is a strong advocate for The American Legion's "Be the One" outreach mission to prevent veteran suicide. He emphasizes inclusivity in The American Legion Family through the theme, "better together!"

Wiley and his wife, Sonia, have two children, Austin and Christy, and one grandson. Dan and his son, Austin Wiley, are charter members of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 36 in Oskaloosa, Kansas. Sonia and Christy are members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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