



## **John-Henry Percy District 8 Commander**

**John-Henry enlisted directly from high school into the United States Air Force at the tail end of the Viet Nam War in 1974. As an enlisted member in the military, he performed duties in the intelligence agency for 7<sup>1/2</sup> years before becoming an officer. He spent the next 21<sup>1/2</sup> years as an officer in the United States Air Force in the B-52 aircraft as a Navigator, Radar Navigator (Bombardier), and an Instructor Radar Navigator.**

**His assignments included Lackland Air Force Base; Misawa Japan; RAF Chicksands, England; Osan Air Base, South Korea; and a year at the National Security Agency. As an officer, John-Henry spent time at Mather Air Force Base and Castle Air Force Base for training in B-52 aircraft. His other assignments include Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana; Castle Air Force Base; Fort Drum New York with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division as a Ground Forward Air Controller; his last assignment was Offutt Air Force Base. John-Henry retired in 2003 as a Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force.**

**He has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland (Politics & Business); a Bachelor's degree from Peru State University (Secondary Education); a Master's Degree from Louisiana Tech (Counseling). In addition, John-Henry has a Doctor of Philosophy from Bryson University (Organization & Leadership).**

**John-Henry graduated from the American Legion Institute in 2006, then attended the American Legion College in 2009, and took the American Extension Course again in 2013. He attended the training of trainers session and is now qualified to teach fellow Nebraskan Legionnaires the American Legion Extension Course.**

**His post positions include being a member-at-large for 3 years, service officer for 5 years, Judge Advocate for 7 years, Executive Board member for 7 years, Chaplain for 2 years, a 100-percent Adjutant, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice –Commander for 2 years. At the county level, John-Henry was the Sarpy County Sergeant-at-Arms, Vice-Commander, and Commander for 4 years. As commander of Sarpy County, John-Henry completely revitalized the County Government Day program turning it from a mediocre program into an outstanding program that is still continued today. The schools involved in this program are two high schools in Bellevue, Plattview in Springfield, two high schools in Papillion, and Gretna High School.**

**At the district level, John-Henry held the following positions: Service Officer (5 years); Vice-Commander (2 years); and is the current District 8 Commander. John-Henry also held the position of Area A Vice-Commander under Department Commander Ron Corbett. Under Ron Corbett, John-Henry was directly involved in the revitalization of David City post in District 3 – a successful turn-around of the post. In addition, he has been to the last six conventions and has been a member of the Aerospace Committee.**

**He has been a member of the Sons of the American Legion for 32 years in Connecticut from 1964 – 1995. Then after retirement he joined Squadron 32 in Papillion in 1996. John-Henry held every position in the state of Connecticut to include being the youngest ever National Executive Committeeman for the SAL in Connecticut in 1972 – 1974. As a result, this has provided Nebraska with outstanding leadership in the Sons of the American Legion program. He has been a 100 percent commander for the past 5 years.**

**John-Henry joined the American Legion in 1974 – 1995 in Connecticut; then after retiring he became a member of the Harry Bossard Post 32 of Papillion in 1996.**

**His other military affiliations include the VFW, DAV, Air Force Sergeants Associations, and the Military Officer Association.**

**John-Henry's American Legion goals: To aid the Department, District, & Post Commanders in any way they need help. To improve our state organization so each year turns out to be better than the previous year. I live by the creed of Honesty, Integrity, and Commitment.**