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## **General Assembly Helps Veterans' Group Mark its Centennial**

**March 8, 2019** -- State Reps. Danny Short & Steve Smyk joined other lawmakers in welcoming the American Legion's National Commander to Legislative Hall on Thursday (3/7).

Chartered in 1919, the American Legion was founded "as a patriotic veterans' organization focusing on service to veterans, service members, and communities." Today, the group has approximately 13,000 posts worldwide with a national membership of about two million. Each year, the American Legion reportedly provides assistance on more than 181,000 Veterans Administration benefits claims and cases; and donates more than 3.7 million hours of volunteer community service.

Reps. Short & Smyk were two of the prime sponsors on [House Concurrent Resolution 9](#), recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion and celebrating March 4th through March 10th as American Legion Week in Delaware.

**In photo, from left:** State Reps. Steve Smyk, Earl Jaques, and Danny Short; Robert L. Michael (NEC, Delaware); Maryanna Moderhak (Past Commander, Delaware 2017-18);

Tammy Hull (First Lady, Delaware 2018-19), Brett Reistad (National Commander); James H. Stewart (Commander, Delaware); Linda Santos; State Rep. William Carson; Richard J. Santos (Adjutant, Delaware); Ken Knight (Aide to the National Commander); and Michael Havel (Vice Commander, Delaware).