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South Dakota Veterans Commission Elects Leadership for Coming Year

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Veterans Commission elected new officers to lead the Commission in enhancing the lives of South Dakota veterans.

Lori Vosika of Hot Springs was elected chair, and Kella With Horn of Aberdeen was elected vice chair. Vosika succeeds Helen Parr of Sioux Falls.

“The partnerships that have been cultivated to support, honor and serve our veterans, their families, and our military here in South Dakota through the vision and leadership of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs are remarkable,” said Vosika. “I am grateful to be one of those partners as a member of, and now in a leadership role, on the Veterans Commission. I’m excited about what the future will bring for our heroes of South Dakota. I look forward to creating new opportunities for the Commission, to further shape and influence that future.”

Brooks Schild, of Yankton, has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the Veterans Commission. Schild succeeds Mike Birnbaum who served on the Commission since 2005.

“Brooks Schild is an outstanding candidate for the South Dakota Veterans Commission,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “His military career continues as a First Sergeant in the South Dakota National Guard. He is also a science teacher at Yankton Middle School and mentors students in athletics while serving as their coach. His combat experience gives him vast knowledge for our new era veterans and all the matters they may have. We are truly blessed to have him serve in this capacity for our state and all of our veterans.”