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## Biographical **INFO**

### **DENNIS R. NIXON**

National Commander  
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Dennis R. Nixon, a combat disabled Marine Corps veteran, was elected National Commander of the nearly 1.3 million-member DAV at the organization's 2018 National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

He enlisted in the Marines in 1964, at the age of 17, and was trained to become a combat engineer while stationed in California. On patrol in Da Nang, Vietnam in 1969, while on his second combat tour, he tripped a “boobie trap.” As a result of injuries to his abdomen and leg, he underwent eight surgeries. After months in the hospital, his leg was amputated.

After medical retirement from the Marine Corps in 1970, he became a DAV national service officer and dedicated 36 years to helping his fellow veterans obtain the benefits they earned.

Since retirement from DAV’s professional staff, Nixon has continued to serve as a volunteer, assisting in the certification training of department and chapter service officers, as well as mentoring the NSO trainees in the Waco, Texas national service office.

He has served in various leadership capacities at both the chapter and department levels. At the national level, he served on the National Executive Committee and on the DAV Charitable Service Trust Board of Directors. He also serves as the Judge Advocate for the DAV Department of Texas.

A life member of Chapter 20 in Fort Worth, Texas, Nixon has been an active DAV member for 48 years.

