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## DAV Names Arizona Attorney Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year

**WASHINGTON, DC** — DAV (Disabled American Veterans) has named Roger K. Ferland, a combat-injured Army veteran of the Vietnam War, as the 2014 Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year. While serving as a squad leader and platoon sergeant during the war in 1968, Ferland lost both legs and sustained severe injuries to his arm. For his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” device, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Ferland will be presented the Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year award by DAV National Commander Joseph Johnston at the organization’s 93rd National Convention at Bally’s Las Vegas Hotel and Casino Aug. 9.

“Roger has been such an active and invaluable part of the veterans community through both his professional and personal endeavors,” said Johnston. “And he is an inspiring reminder that continuing to serve others and remaining active after an injury is a positive way to heal and continue moving forward in life.”

Following a lengthy recovery, Ferland graduated from Duke University School of Law and began a long and distinguished career as an environmental attorney in his home state of Arizona. Having represented clients in both the private and public sectors on a number of precedent-setting issues, Ferland has been recognized as a top lawyer at the state and national levels.

After practicing for more than 35 years and serving on the Arizona state bar’s Military Legal Assistance Committee, he worked with his local DAV Chapter to spearhead legal clinics where more than 300 lawyers would provide pro bono legal assistance to veterans, particularly in the much-needed area of family law. Thanks to his efforts, DAV and the Arizona Disabled Veteran Foundation have now piloted two of these clinics, with additional clinics planned to better serve the veteran community.

In addition to his professional work, Ferland volunteers to produce a weekly radio program for the visually impaired on personal finance issues; is a member of U.S. VETS Phoenix Advisory Board; has served various civic, art and charitable organizations; and advised as a member of multiple legislative ad hoc committees on environmental issues.

Ferland is a life member of DAV Chapter 1 in Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife Sandy, who passed away in December 2012, raised three daughters together.

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