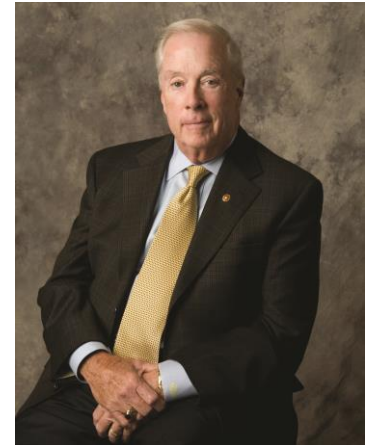


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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

ARTHUR H. WILSON

National Adjutant/Chief Executive Officer
DAV (Disabled American Veterans)



Arthur H. Wilson, a disabled Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force, was appointed National Adjutant of the 1.2 million member DAV (Disabled American Veterans) in June 1994. As the DAV's senior staff official, National Adjutant Wilson serves as the organization's Chief Executive Officer and leads the 650 member DAV staff, managing all operations of the association of wartime injured and ill veterans, one of America's largest charitable institutions.

Mr. Wilson, the first Vietnam veteran to enter the DAV's National Service Program, previously served as Executive Director of DAV Washington Headquarters, guiding the organization's National Service, Legislative, Employment and Voluntary Service Programs. He also served 12 years as National Service Director in Washington.

Mr. Wilson's DAV career began in 1966 as a National Service Officer (NSO) trainee in Atlanta, followed by NSO assignments in Buffalo and Philadelphia, and later in supervisory positions at DAV National Service Offices in Syracuse, New Orleans, and Boston. He became supervisor of the DAV's National Appeals Office at the Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D.C. in 1974. He also served as President of the National Guild of Attorneys-in-Fact in 1973-74. In 1976, he was appointed to management duties at the DAV Washington Headquarters.

A highly respected leader in the veterans' community, Mr. Wilson's expertise is sought at many levels by numerous organizations. In addition to serving as DAV National Adjutant, he is President of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, working to erect a National Disabled Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., and a member of the Intrepid Museum Foundation Advisory Council of the USS Intrepid Museum Foundation.

A graduate of Lynn Classical High School in Lynn, Mass., Mr. Wilson attended Burdette College in Lynn until enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in September 1962. He served as a runway construction specialist in Vietnam, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Taiwan from 1964 to 1966. Shortly after his discharge, he was admitted to a VA medical center for major surgery.

Mr. Wilson, a native of Nahant, Mass., has been active in a number of DAV chapters and departments, and holds membership in several other military and veterans organizations. He and his wife, the former Mary Robinson also of Nahant, have four children and five grandchildren.