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Biographical INFO

COLEMAN NEE

National Commander

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Coleman Nee, a service-connected disabled Marine veteran, was elected national commander for the nearly 1 million-member DAV at the organization's 2025 national convention in Las Vegas. Nee also currently serves as an advisor on DAV's national board of directors. He has previously served as the DAV National Executive Committee representative of District 1 from 2017 to 2019. He was elected by that body to serve on DAV's board of directors for the same period.

Nee served as secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services from 2011 to 2015, overseeing a \$120 million budget that included the commonwealth's municipal veteran benefits programs, the Veterans and Gold Star Families Annuity Program, long-term care facilities and cemeteries.

During Nee's tenure, the department created a number of new initiatives to increase access to services for Massachusetts veterans, including the more than 47,000 returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He oversaw the creation of the Statewide Advocacy for Veterans' Empowerment (SAVE) program. This first-in-the-nation initiative supports veterans and their families coping with the stresses of returning from war and assists them in obtaining veterans benefits and services. His team instituted many new veteran workforce development programs and student veteran support services. He led new outreach and case management efforts that helped significantly reduce the number of veterans and families experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts. Nee also oversaw management of the Massachusetts Women Veterans Network, one of the most successful women veteran advocacy organizations in the nation.

Before his service with the commonwealth, Nee worked in public policy development, public relations, commercial, nonprofit and private-sector management for over 20 years. He is a graduate of American University in Washington, D.C.

Nee is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War and a DAV life member of Chapter 3 in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Nee is a Boston native and resides in the city's Cape Cod neighborhood with his family.