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Biographical INFO

DAN CLARE

**Chief Communications and Outreach Officer
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Dan Clare, a Marine veteran of the Persian Gulf era and an Air Force veteran of the war in Iraq, was appointed chief communications and outreach officer for the nearly 1 million-member DAV in August 2019.

Clare first joined DAV's professional staff in November 2004 as senior communications specialist at the organization's national headquarters.



In his position, Clare provides strategic direction and oversight of DAV's overarching communications, branding and reputation management efforts and DAV's entrepreneurship program Patriot Boot Camp. Prior to his appointment, Clare served as the national communications director. He is responsible for improving outreach support and DAV's ability to serve and empower members and leaders in the field.

Clare enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1994 and graduated from the Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, California, where he served as a journalist, and later at American Forces Network, Okinawa, Japan. He was named the Marine Feature Broadcaster of the Year in 1997.

He joined the California Air National Guard in 2001, and supported the airlift of Federal Emergency Management Agency teams to McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, on 9/11. In 2007, he was activated and deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq. While directing news production and helping manage media relations there, he leaked information about burn pits to the media through DAV. Clare was named the Air National Guard Print Journalist of the Year for 2007 for coverage of the hospital and combat in Iraq.

His military awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. He represents DAV on the U.S. Small Business Administration's Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs, where he chairs the subcommittee on subcontracting. He is a past president and board member for the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association.

He is a member of DAV Chapter 19 in Erlanger, Kentucky.