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**TO:** National Executive Committee  
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**FROM:** Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

**DATE:** December 16, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Death of Alan W. Bowers

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It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Alan W. Bowers, past national commander of DAV and former secretary/treasurer of the DAV National Service Foundation. Our beloved past national commander passed away on December 12, 2024, at the age of 87.

Alan, a service-connected disabled U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, dedicated his life to serving his fellow veterans. A native of Royalston, Massachusetts, he earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in computer science from The Pennsylvania State University and was a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School and Command and Staff College.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1958, Alan navigated an impressive career in the Air Force until a service-connected spinal cord injury in Vietnam led to his medical retirement as a major in 1974. Following his retirement, Alan joined DAV and became an unwavering advocate for veterans.

A life member of DAV Chapter 46 in Athol, Massachusetts, Alan held numerous leadership roles at the chapter, department and national levels. He was elected national commander in 2003 for the 2003/2004 year, was elected to a one-year term as chairman of the DAV Board of Directors in 2004, and in 2006 was elected director of the DAV National Service Foundation. He was elected the NSF's secretary/treasurer in 2015 and held that role until his retirement in 2023.

Alan's leadership, vision and tireless commitment to DAV have left an enduring legacy. He was also a devoted husband to his wife, Theresa, a loving father to their three children, a proud grandfather of six and great-grandfather of three.

In lieu of flowers, the Bowers family has requested that donations be made to the DAV National Service Foundation in his honor. Donations can be made [here](#).

Calling hours will be Wednesday, December 18 from 5-7 p.m. at Witty's Funeral Home, 158 S. Main St., Orange, Massachusetts. A funeral mass will be held Thursday, December 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 101 Main St., in Athol, followed by a burial at the Massachusetts Veteran's Cemetery, 11 Glenallen St., in Winchendon at 1 p.m.

Alan's dedication to our mission and the veterans we serve will never be forgotten. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry A. Jesinoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a trailing flourish.

Barry A. Jesinoski  
National Adjutant

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