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Biographical **INFO**

DENNIS R. NIXON

National Commander
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Dennis R. Nixon, a combat disabled Marine Corps veteran, was elected National Commander for the more than 1 million member DAV at the organization's 2018 National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Nixon enlisted in the Marines in 1964, at the age of 17. He was trained to become a combat engineer and was stationed in California. On patrol in Danang, Vietnam in 1969, while on his second combat tour, he tripped a "booby trap." As a result of injuries to his abdomen and leg, he underwent eight surgeries. After months in the hospital, his leg was amputated.

After medical retirement from the Marine Corps in 1970, Nixon became a DAV national service officer and dedicated 36 years to helping his fellow veterans obtain the benefits they earned.

Since retirement from DAV's professional staff, Nixon has continued to serve as a volunteer, assisting in the certification training of department and chapter service officers, as well as mentoring the NSO trainees in the Waco, Texas national service office.

He has served in various leadership capacities at both the chapter and department levels. At the national level, he served on the National Executive Committee and on the DAV Charitable Service Trust Board of Directors. He also serves as the Judge Advocate for the DAV Department of Texas.

A life member of Chapter 20 in Fort Worth, Texas, Nixon has been an active DAV member for 43 years.