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

**DATE:** October 15, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Death of Retiree David Autry

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It is with regret that I advise you of the death of retiree David E. Autry, who died Sept. 14, 2025. He was 78.

David entered the U.S. Navy on Sept. 12, 1965, and served through Sept. 13, 1969, including service in Vietnam.

He began his DAV career in April 4, 1994, as an associate national director of communications at the DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was promoted to deputy national director of communications on June 8, 1998, and served in that role until his retirement on May 23, 2014.

He was a member of DAV Chapter 4 in Wheaton, Maryland.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, in 2021. He is survived by his son, Michael.

Remembrances may be expressed [here](#).

We are grateful for David's many years of dedicated service to our organization and to the veterans we serve, and we grieve along with his son, Michael. David was a gifted communicator and will be remembered for his professionalism and his steadfast commitment to DAV's mission. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry A. Jesinoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a stylized "J".

Barry A. Jesinoski  
National Adjutant

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