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**FROM:** Barry Jesinoski, National Adjutant

**DATE:** March 10, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Staff Appointment

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With the concurrence of National Commander Coleman Nee, I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Burgos to the role of inspector general at DAV National Headquarters effective March 7.

Burgos steps into the role previously held by Ed Hartman, who retired after 31 years of dedicated service. A service-connected Army veteran of the Persian Gulf War, Hartman was appointed inspector general in 2009 and throughout his tenure ensured compliance with the DAV National Constitution and organizational bylaws while overseeing the solicitation and fundraising activities of DAV and its departments, chapters and subordinate affiliations.

Hartman began his DAV career after graduating from the DAV National Service Officer Training Academy in 1995 through the University of Colorado at Denver. His first assignment was as a national service officer apprentice at the Washington, D.C., National Service Office. He was promoted a year later to national appeals officer at DAV's Board of Veterans Appeals office and later served as assistant supervisory national service officer in Washington before moving to the National Voluntary Services Department in 1999. He was appointed director of that department in 2002. He was then appointed deputy inspector general before assuming the role of inspector general in 2009.

In this role, Hartman helped strengthen accountability and compliance across the organization while supporting the continued growth of DAV and its mission. We're deeply grateful for his dedication, professionalism and integrity, and we wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement.

A native of Texas, Burgos is a service-disabled veteran of the Iraq War who enlisted in the Air Force in 2005 and transitioned into the Army's 25th Infantry Division in 2007.

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Following his military service, he began his DAV career as a national service officer apprentice and went on to serve veterans in multiple roles—including national employment director—before joining the Office of the Inspector General as deputy inspector general in 2024.

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

We thank Ed for his decades of exemplary service and congratulate Ryan on this well-deserved appointment. Commander Nee and I are confident that Ryan will continue to uphold the highest standards of accountability, professionalism and integrity while helping ensure that DAV remains a trusted steward of our mission and resources.

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

Barry A. Jesinoski  
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