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FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

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SUBJECT: Staff Appointment

With the concurrence of National Commander Daniel Contreras, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jon Retzer to the role of deputy national legislative director at DAV Washington Headquarters effective May 21, 2025.

In this capacity, Retzer expands his leadership role in advocating for legislation and policies critical to veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors.

Retzer's DAV career began in 2003 as a national service officer trainee in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was first promoted to assistant supervisor of the Fort Snelling National Service Office and then to supervisor, where he served until his appointment as assistant national service director at DAV Washington Headquarters in August 2017.

In 2022, Retzer transitioned into legislative advocacy and joined DAV's legislative team as assistant national legislative director, working to shape policies that make a meaningful impact on the lives of veterans and their families. In August 2024, Retzer was appointed deputy national legislative director for health, where he focused on advancing key health-related policies until his current appointment.

A native of Fridley, Minnesota, Retzer served in the Army infantry from 1991 to 1995 and continued his service with the Army National Guard until his medical separation in 1999. He is a life member of Chapter 39 in Anoka, Minnesota.

We are thrilled to promote Jon to his expanded leadership role on the legislative team. As a proven and capable leader, he continues to champion our cause of veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors with unwavering commitment. Commander Contreras and I are fully confident that he will continue to help ensure that we keep our promise to America's veterans.

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