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

DATE: August 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Staff Appointments

With the concurrence of National Commander John Donovan, I am pleased to announce the appointments of Jackie Graham to the role of assistant national employment director at DAV National Headquarters and Shamala Capizzi to the role of assistant national legislative director at DAV Washington Headquarters, effective Aug. 4, 2026.

Jackie Graham

In this capacity, Graham will continue advancing DAV's employment program by strengthening relationships with employers, supporting the organization's nationwide job fairs and employment initiatives, and expanding opportunities that connect veterans, spouses and caregivers with meaningful careers.

Graham is a disabled Army veteran who enlisted in 1994 and served more than 13 years on active duty and in the reserves, including roles as a medic and drill sergeant.

Before her appointment as associate national employment director in August 2025, Graham supervised the national service office in Montgomery, Alabama. She joined DAV's professional staff as a national service officer apprentice in 2015 and later served as a national service officer in Bay Pines, Florida.

She is a member of Chapter 9 in Enterprise, Alabama and has been recognized as the top national service officer recruiter in both the Departments of Florida and Alabama.

She earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She has two adult children and is the proud grandmother of two young granddaughters.

Shamala Capizzi

In this capacity, Capizzi will continue advancing DAV's federal legislative priorities and advocating for policies that improve the lives of ill and injured veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. She will help develop and execute legislative strategies, engage with Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and represent DAV on key veterans policy issues.

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A service-connected disabled veteran, Capizzi enlisted in the Marine Corps and served from 2000 to 2008. She served as an airfield technician and administration specialist.

Capizzi began her DAV career in 2021 as a transition service officer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Later that year, she joined the Washington, D.C., office as a national service officer. She was appointed associate national legislative director in January 2026.

She is a life member of DAV Chapter 10 in Fairfax, Virginia, where she and her family reside.

We are thrilled with the contributions these veterans will continue to make through their elevated roles. Both have proven themselves to be highly capable leaders, who continue to champion our cause of veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors with unwavering commitment. Commander Donovan and I are fully confident that they will continue to help ensure that we keep our promise to America's veterans.

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Barry A. Jesinoski
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