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SUBJECT: Staff Appointments

With the concurrence of National Commander Daniel Contreras, I am pleased to announce the following new appointments effective Jan. 6, 2025:

Joseph Lemay and Shamala B. Capizzi

Joseph Lemay, national service office supervisor and Shamala B. Capizzi, national service officer in the Washington, D.C. office, have been appointed as associate national legislative directors at DAV's Washington Headquarters.

In this capacity, Lemay and Capizzi will support efforts to advance a broad range of federal legislative goals and policies to assist injured and ill veterans and their families.

Lemay is a native of Mashpee, Massachusetts, and served in the Army from 1990-1994 and 1997-2014, achieving the rank of sergeant first class. He served as a logistical specialist and his service included three deployments to Iraq and one to Afghanistan.

Lemay began his DAV career in 2018 as a national service officer in Decatur, Georgia. In 2022, he was first promoted to assistant supervisor of the Washington, D.C. national service office before being promoted to supervisor there later that year.

He is a life member of Chapter 14 in Washington, D.C., and earned a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Georgia Southern University. Lemay and his wife, Tina, reside in La Plata, Maryland, and have three adult children.

A service-connected disabled veteran, Capizzi enlisted in the Marine Corps and served from 2000-2008. She served as an airfield technician and administration specialist and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, from 2007-2008.

In 2021, Capizzi began her DAV career as a transition service officer at Fort Belvoir in Virginia. Later that year, she joined the Washington, D.C. office as a national service officer.

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

Todd Hunter

Todd Hunter has been appointed assistant national communications director at Washington Headquarters.

In this capacity, he will support a variety of DAV's public relations and internal communications programs, including strategic planning, media relations and content creation, such as press releases, op-eds, magazine articles, e-newsletters and podcasts.

Hunter's DAV career began in 2014 when he was appointed associate national communications director in Washington, D.C. He was subsequently appointed to assistant and deputy national communications director. He returns to DAV after directing public affairs for an association based in Washington, D.C.

A native of Orlando, Florida, Hunter enlisted in the Marine Corps from 2005-2013. He served as a combat correspondent with American Forces Network Okinawa, American Forces Network Afghanistan and at Defense Media Activity Headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Hunter is a life member of DAV Chapter 10 in Fairfax, Virginia, and has earned a master's degree in strategic communication from American University and a bachelor's degree in communications from Thomas Edison State University. He resides in Herndon, Virginia, with his wife, Karen, and three children.

I am excited to see how these three strong, capable leaders will continue to contribute in impactful ways to advance our mission. Commander Contreras and I are fully confident that they are dedicated advocates who will continue to help ensure that we keep our promise to America's veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors.



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