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FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

DATE: November 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Staff Appointment

With the concurrence of National Commander John Donovan, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Buckwalter to the role of national communications director at DAV National Headquarters, effective November 3.

In this role, Brian will be responsible for directing the production of a wide range of written, electronic, photographic and digital media for DAV's internal and external communications programs, including DAV Magazine, the organization's internet presence, media relations, social networking, public service announcements and awareness campaigns.

A native of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, he enlisted in 2001 and served in various public affairs roles, including at American Forces Network in Okinawa, Japan; the Department of Defense's Pentagon Channel in Alexandria, Virginia; I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, California; and Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. He deployed twice to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2011.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 2021, Brian joined DAV as a senior communications associate, contributing to DAV Magazine, supporting legislative advocacy communications and leading media relations for special projects, including DAV Community Impact Day.

Brian is a life member of DAV Chapter 17 in Gainesville, Georgia, and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Maryland Global Campus.

Brian's experience in military public affairs and his work at DAV have prepared him to lead our communications efforts. National Commander Donovan and I look forward to his contributions in this new capacity. Please join us in congratulating Brian on his appointment.

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