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Biographical **INFO**

STEPHEN “BUTCH” WHITEHEAD

National Commander
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Stephen “Butch” Whitehead, a combat-disabled veteran of the Iraq War, was elected national commander for the more than 1 million-member DAV at the organization's 2019 national convention in Orlando, Florida.

A native of Trimont, Minnesota, Whitehead has served nearly 30 years in the Minnesota Army National Guard. He currently serves as command sergeant major of the Army National Guard’s 34th Infantry Division, a role he assumed in November 2019.

Whitehead joined the Army in 1991 and completed two overseas deployments, receiving the Bronze Star in 2007 for combat service in Iraq. During his nearly three decades in military service, he has also received the Combat Action Badge, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. Additionally, he was awarded the Veterans Voices Award in 2012 by then-Gov. Mark Dayton of Minnesota.

Currently, Whitehead serves as adjutant for the DAV Department of Minnesota and is chair for multiple department-level committees. He was appointed to the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center Consumer Advisory Board in 2020, where he will serve for three years. In 2020, he was appointed as an ambassador for the White House PREVENTS initiative focused on preventing suicide among veterans.

He earned a Bachelor of Science business degree from the University of Phoenix in 2009.

Whitehead and his spouse, Kim, live in Rosemount, Minnesota. He is a life member of Chapter 10 in Mankato, Minnesota.

