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**FROM:** J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant

**DATE:** February 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** National Headquarters Staff Change

With the concurrence of National Commander Joe Parsetch, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Burgos to national employment director at DAV National Headquarters in Erlanger, Kentucky, effective February 24, 2023. Ryan, who currently serves as DAV's assistant national employment director, will succeed retiring National Employment Director Rob Lougee.

In his new role, Ryan will lead DAV's efforts to connect veterans with meaningful careers by spearheading our career fair program and assisting with other efforts that promote hiring and connect veterans with resources and benefits.

Ryan joined the DAV professional staff as a national service officer in Hawaii in 2011 and was the national service office supervisor in Waco, Texas prior to his appointment to assistant national employment director in 2022.

A Texas native, Ryan is a disabled veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force from 2005-2007 and the U.S. Army from 2007-2011. He is a member of DAV Chapter 19 in Erlanger, Kentucky.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in business management from University of Phoenix - Hawaii in Kapolei. He and his spouse, Bonnie-Lee, have three children.

Rob retires after 28 years of dedicated service to the organization. He joined DAV's professional staff as a national service officer apprentice in 1993. Three years later, he was promoted to national service officer supervisor and served as a national area supervisor from 2002 to 2008 until an appointment to serve as adjutant and executive director for the DAV Department of Colorado. He returned to serving as a national service officer supervisor and national area supervisor following more than a year in the Department of Colorado's top post. He joined the national employment team in 2016 as assistant national employment director.

A Boston native, Rob enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1983 and served until 1992 in the First Armored and First Cavalry Divisions, attaining the rank of specialist. His awards included the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Southwest Asia Medal with three bronze stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. He is a life member of DAV Chapter 19 in Erlanger, Kentucky.

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