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3rd Junior Vice Commander
Minnesota DAV (Disabled American Veterans)

Ellsworth D. Fields has served as the 3rd Junior Vice Commander of the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans since May 2019. In his volunteer position, he serves as an active member of the Minnesota DAV Department Transportation committee. In this role, he assists in oversight of all aspects of the transportation program to ensure it continually meets the needs of veterans in Minnesota in an efficient manner.



Thousands of veterans across Minnesota depend on the Transportation Program. Those veterans, for a variety of reasons, are unable to drive and would not be able to access their health care without the service provided by the DAV and volunteer drivers. In 2019, the Minnesota DAV Transportation program provided rides to 25,701 Veterans at no cost to them. Prior to this position, Fields has held many other roles with the DAV. From 2016-2017, he was the Senior Vice Commander of the Mayo Southeast Chapter 28, from 2017-April 2020, he served as Commander of the Mayo Southeast Chapter 28.

After joining the U.S. Army in 1972, Fields graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He then attended advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga. to attend Field Radio Mechanic school. Fields later went to Heavy Wheel Vehicle Operator/Instructor training at Fort Ord, Calif., and from there was transferred to Pirmasens Army Depot, Germany, where he worked in communications and transportation. After his service in Germany, he was assigned to Fort George G. Meade, Md. as Military Police Communications. He then went to Fort Sill, Okla., where he re-enlisted and served as Communications Chief for the 593rd Engineers, and later as Headquarters Operations Sergeant for troop in processing. He was honorably discharged at Fort Sill, Okla. at the rank of Sargent E-5 in October 1978.

While stationed at Fort Sill, Fields earned a degree in Business Communications from Camaron University. After his service, he went on to pursue a career at IBM Corporation, where he was a Senior Program Manager and Global Product Support Executive.

His military awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Expert Rifle, Pistol and Grenade Medals.

Fields currently resides in St. Charles, Minn. with his wife Robin. They have four children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They enjoy spending summers at their lake home in Lake City, Minn. on the Mississippi river and their volunteer service to the communities in which they live.

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