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## Volunteer Bio

### **MICK AGUIRRE**

1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander  
Minnesota DAV (Disabled American Veterans)

Mick Aguirre currently serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander for the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans. He is also the chairperson of the Outdoors Committee. In these volunteer positions for the Minnesota DAV, he works with and coordinates outdoor events with the Department Outdoors representative. Events he has worked with include the Camp Ripley deer and turkey hunts, Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake fishing trips, the Texas hog hunt, and the South Dakota prairie dog hunt.



Aguirre has been active in the Minnesota DAV for many years. Prior to his current position he served twice as the Chapter 2 commander, Minnesota Department 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander (2014), Minnesota Department Senior Vice Commander (2015) and Minnesota Department State Commander (2016-2017).

In October 1967, Aguirre graduated from the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot in San Diego, Calif., as well as the Motor Transport 2<sup>nd</sup> Echelon Mechanic School in January 1968. He received his second military specialty in Motors in July 1968. He was promoted to Corporal (E-4) at MCAS Yuma, Ariz. in 1971.

After his service, Aguirre earned a degree in Truck Mechanics from St. Paul Technical Vocational Institute. He went on to work 20 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Ramsey County public works, and 18 years as a Diesel Mechanic for Interstate Power Systems. He retired in 2011.

Aguirre's Military awards and decorations include a Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Stars, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation Ribbon and a Good Conduct Ribbon.

He currently lives in Forest Lake, Minn. with his wife, Christy. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Aguirre is thankful to the Minnesota DAV, for giving him direction, and a chance to give back. "I believe that my role with the DAV Leadership has given me a purpose in life. I will not be content unless I have helped any veteran, or their spouses receive all of their benefits that they have earned and deserve".

### **About DAV Minnesota**

One of the driving forces behind DAV's mission is empowering veterans to lead high-quality and fulfilled lives. With more than 19,000 members in the state, DAV of Minnesota is an organization of veterans helping veterans, and it receives no government funding. The 32 chapters statewide work independently alongside community non-profits and advocacy organizations to fulfill promises made to the men and women who have served. DAV advocates for the men and women who defend the American way of life, and our leadership structure reflects that. Since our founding, our State Commander has been democratically elected by member veterans, ensuring that DAV will always put service for America's veterans first.