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Volunteer Bio

RICK JARVIS

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Rick Jarvis serves as the Past Department Commander for the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans. In his current volunteer position with the Minnesota DAV, his responsibilities include being a senior member on the Executive Board, Chapter Advisor, volunteer for outdoor events and special assignments given by the current commander.



Previously, he served as the Chapter Adjutant and Treasurer. On the state level, he served as the Second Junior Vice Commander, First Senior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Department Commander, and Chairman for assigned committees.

Jarvis attended basic training at Fort Lewis, Wa., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Tex., where he was trained to be a medic (91B20). He served on active duty for two years and seven months. He served two tours in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry and 75th Rangers.

After his time in the Army, Jarvis earned a degree in Distribution and Logistics from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He went on to be the Director of Distribution and Transportation. He has since retired.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Sharpshooter M-14.

Jarvis was born and raised in Brainerd, Minn., and now resides in Little Falls. He has been married for 33 years to his wife, LuAnn. Together they have six children and two grandsons.

He lives by the words, “true leadership starts by example”

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.