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Volunteer Bio

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Senior Vice Commander & Board of Directors
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Ron Haugen currently serves as the Senior Vice Commander for the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans. In addition to this volunteer position for the Minnesota DAV, he also serves on the Executive Board, Foundation Board, Chairman of the membership committee, and a member of the financial committee.



Prior to these positions, he also served as the 3rd Junior Vice Commander and 2nd Junior Vice Commander of the Minnesota DAV, and the Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Treasurer of Mankato Chapter 10.

He is a Veteran of the U.S. Army, Aviation. He attended basic training at Fort Lewis, Wa., and advanced individual training at Fort Ord, Calif. for PRC25 School. He also attended advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga., for Communications, Radio Teletype & Noncommissioned Officer Training. In May 1969 he was assigned to the 18th Aviation company, Fixed Wing (II Corp) in Qui Nhon, South Vietnam. He ended his active duty in 1970.

Following his service, Haugen earned a degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato in Business Administration. He then went on to a 33-year career as a Territory Manger in sales for Ziegler Inc. He retired in 2009.

His military awards and decorations include an array of medals for a “two-year draftee, ‘Boots-on-the-ground’ Vietnam Veteran, and a Honorable Discharge.”

Haugen currently resides in the rural Kasota Township near Mankato, Minn. He has two children, Anne, and Joseph.

He is passionate about continuing to serve through the Minnesota DAV. “Let us not forget our Veterans, the sacrifices that were made by these men and women and what we as Americans owe these Veterans in care and benefits”.

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.