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Volunteer Bio

VAN KARG

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U.S. Army veteran Van D. Karg serves as Judge Advocate for the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans. In this volunteer role for the Minnesota DAV, he is the keeper of the constitution and bylaws and keeps the chapters updated with any changes.

Karg has held multiple positions within the Minnesota DAV, including Department Commander from 1993-1994, National Sergeant at Arms from 1994-1995, and Judge Advocate three separate times.

Karg completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash. He also attended advanced individual training for non-commissioned officer academy at Fort Lewis. Following the completion of his training, he served in Vietnam from October 1966 to August 1967. In January 1967, while still in Vietnam, he was wounded in action. He returned stateside in August 1967 and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., until he was discharged in December 1967.

Following his service, Karg worked as a semi-truck driver for 3M.

His military awards and decorations include a Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal With Two Bronze Service Stars, Republic Of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with a Silver Star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation Badge, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal, First Class Unit Citation Badge, Expert Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, and Sharpshooter Qualification Badge with Automatic Rifle.

Karg resides in Hutchinson, Minn. with his wife, LeeAnn. They have three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

All the work done by the Minnesota DAV is a group effort, and Karg is proud to be a part of it. "The volunteer work we do has pulled all the veterans' organizations closer together and learn how to work together. Everything we do as DAV; our Auxiliary is also involved. Together as one, everything is easier."

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.