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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

JESSE BROWN  
Executive Director, Washington Office  
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Jesse Brown, a combat-disabled Vietnam veteran, was appointed Executive Director of the one-million-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in 1989. The Marine Corps veteran works at the DAV's National Service and Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

As Executive Director, Brown directs the activities of the DAV's Washington Office, including supervision of the DAV's National Service, Legislative, Employment and Voluntary Service programs. In addition, he acts as manager of the DAV's Washington Headquarters' property.

Brown was promoted to his current position from that of Executive Assistant to the National Adjutant. He has been employed by the DAV for more than 25 years in a variety of supervisory and executive-level positions. He is the principal author of the DAV's extensive, continuing training program for NSOs. This training program has achieved status as the hallmark of excellence in the field of veterans' benefits and programs.

Brown enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1963. Two years later, while on patrol in the DaNang area of Vietnam, Brown sustained serious injury due to a gunshot wound while engaged in combat.

An honors graduate of Chicago City College, he also attended Roosevelt University in Chicago and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He joined the DAV's professional staff in 1967 as an NSO trainee in Chicago. He moved to Washington in 1973 to supervise the DAV's National Service Office there.

In 1976, he was promoted to supervisor of the DAV National Appeals Staff. In 1981, he moved to the DAV's National Service & Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C., as Chief of Claims. In 1983, he was named Deputy National Service Director.

Brown is a life member of DAV Chapter 6 in Chicago and has served as vice president of the Vietnam Civic Council, as well as a member of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals and the Chicago Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. In addition, he is active in church affairs.

Brown and his wife, Sylvia, live in Virginia. He has two children, Scott and Carmen.