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Biographical **INFO**

ALAN W. BOWERS

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Alan W. Bowers, service-connected disabled veteran of the Vietnam War, was elected national commander of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) at the 82nd DAV and DAV Auxiliary National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2002. In 2006, Bowers was elected director of the DAV National Service Foundation, where he served until being elected secretary/treasurer in 2015.

A native of Royalston, Massachusetts, Bowers earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in computer science from The Pennsylvania State University. He is also a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School and the Command and Staff College.

Bowers enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1957. Following basic training, he entered the Aviation Cadet program. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and earned his navigator wings from the program in 1958. In September 1972, he suffered a compression fracture spinal cord injury while ejecting from a disabled OV-10 aircraft over Vietnam. Due to his service-connected disability, Bowers was medically retired from the Air Force in 1974. He immediately joined DAV.

A life member of DAV Chapter 46 in Athol, Massachusetts, Bowers has held most appointed and elected positions, including commander and adjutant. At the DAV department level, he has served as junior and senior vice commander, and 1996-97 department commander. He is also a past president of the DAV Department of Massachusetts Past State Commanders' Association.

Bowers was consecutively elected DAV's national 4th through 1st junior vice commander and senior vice commander, beginning in 1998. He served as a member of the DAV National Executive Committee and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors from civic entities. Following his year as DAV national commander, Bowers was elected chairman of the DAV board of directors at the organization's 2004 national convention in Reno, Nevada, and served one term in that position.

Bowers and his wife, Theresa, reside in Royalston, Massachusetts. They are the parents of three grown children, two sons and a daughter; and grandparents of six grandchildren.