



**DONALD G. INNS, II**  
State Commander  
Department of Indiana  
Disabled American Veterans

Donald G. Inns, II was elected State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Indiana at the organization's convention in Indianapolis on June 12, 2010.

Commander Inns served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps. As a member of the Multi-National Peacekeeping Force, Beirut, Lebanon in 1983, he received the *Combat Action Ribbon* and *Commander Sixth Fleet Award*. Upon discharge, Commander Inns carried a full course load at the University of Cincinnati while working full-time.

The intensity of his efforts paid significant dividends as Commander Inns earned seven scholarships based upon superior academic achievement and was graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. However, as a result of combat-related disabilities incurred in Beirut he was disqualified from career opportunities in law enforcement. After ten years of supervisory experience in the private sector Commander Inns felt called to join the corps of DAV National Service Officers.

Since August 19, 2002 Commander Inns has been assigned to the Indianapolis National Service Office. He has received high praise from the veterans he represents, his superiors, and even the decision makers of the VA Regional Office for his skills in the following areas: attention to detail, oral presentations during hearings, and written arguments. Commander Inns completed the *DAV Management and Leadership Training Course* on March 17, 2005 and was promoted to Assistant Supervisor on April 9, 2007.

Additionally, Commander Inns serves as Adjutant and Treasurer of DAV Chapter 60. He has also served as Fourth District Commander, as well as on the audit, finance, membership, nominating, and service foundation committees for the department.

Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Commander Inns to the Indiana Military and Veterans' Benefits Board effective July 1, 2007, where he served until June 30, 2010. He has also served on the Mental Health Advisory Board at the Indianapolis VA Medical Center, the Board of Trustees for the Joseph House for Homeless Veterans in Cincinnati, OH, and the Board of Directors for the Beirut Veterans of America.

Commander Inns and his wife, Maryann, are the parents of a daughter, Sophia.