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Adrian M. Atizado, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, was appointed Deputy National Legislative Director for the nearly 1.3 million-member DAV in August 2015. He works at DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

As a member of DAV's legislative team, Atizado works to support and advance the organization's federal legislative goals and policies to assist injured and ill veterans and their families, and to safeguard current benefits and services for veterans from erosion.

Atizado joined DAV's professional national service officer (NSO) staff in January 2000 and was assigned to the Chicago, Illinois, DAV National Service Office. In 2002, he was transferred to DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and was appointed Associate National Legislative Director. He was appointed Assistant National Legislative Director in August 2003, serving in that capacity until his current appointment.

Atizado was born in Mountain View, California, and moved to Chicago at an early age. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1989. Following his initial training as a Navy Corpsman, Atizado's service included Company B and Battalion Aid Station Corpsman for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California, as well as duties at the San Diego Naval Hospital.

In March 1993, while preparing for a second six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Atizado sustained serious injuries in a vehicle accident. He was medically discharged from the Navy in December 1993 and spent an additional six months recuperating from his injuries after leaving the military.

Following his Naval service, Atizado attended the University of Illinois in Chicago, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics in 1999.

Atizado is a life member of DAV Chapter 36 in Chicago. He, his wife and son reside in Cheverly, Maryland.