



# DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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MEMO TO: National Convention Attendees  
FROM: Raymond E. Dempsey, National Commander  
SUBJECT: 2009 National Convention  
DATE: March 2009

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We're gearing up for what promises to be an eventful National Convention in Denver, Colorado, and I want you to join us. The 88<sup>th</sup> DAV and Auxiliary National Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Denver, August 22 – 25, 2009.

The supreme power of our organization is vested in a national convention with its thousands of DAV delegates converging from each state department and its chapters. With our nation at war, you need to hear firsthand about the issues facing our newest generation of disabled veterans and how the DAV will address those issues. I sincerely hope you will participate in this year's historic convention. There is a lot of work to accomplish and you'll have fun doing it.

Denver has a wide collection of museums, cultural facilities, sports stadiums and attractions that makes for an excellent location for the DAV and members and guests. Denver is a gateway to all the adventures and excitement that the Rocky Mountains have to offer. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall in the heart of Denver is a 1.6 mile long pedestrian promenade that makes everything in downtown Denver easy to reach, with free shuttle buses leaving either end as often as every 90 seconds and stops on every corner.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Sheraton Hotel Denver at 1-303-893-3333, or by logging on to our web site at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org). You can locate the convention information by clicking on the *News and Events* icon, Special Events, and following the links for Upcoming Events and the 2009 National Convention. You should ensure that you get the DAV's special group rate of \$119.00 per night (plus applicable taxes). In order to confirm a room reservation, a first night's prepayment is required. Checks and major credit cards are acceptable to establish prepayment.

I also encourage you to contact your chapter and let them know if you plan on attending the convention. Pre-registration as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate will ensure a smooth process upon your arrival. On the reverse of this letter I have provided a tentative agenda for your use.

If you have any questions, please call National Headquarters and ask for Michael J. Walsh, Deputy Inspector General, and our Convention Coordinator, at (859) 442-2065 or you may direct inquiries by e-mail to [membershipinfo@davmail.org](mailto:membershipinfo@davmail.org).

  
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