

# Big Results From DAV Information Seminars

DAV National Service Officers work directly with veterans, family members and survivors one-on-one every day, but they also provide valuable seminars to groups around the county.

These information seminars include a comprehensive rundown of what benefits are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government agencies. They last about an hour and can be held just about anywhere.

“The work of DAV’s National Service Officers extends well beyond their offices and deep within the veterans community,” DAV National Service Director Jim Marszalek said. “Our Veterans Information Seminars program empowers veterans and their families with great information on what benefits are available, how eligibility is determined and what to do to obtain these important services.”

One topic often discussed is the Department of Veterans Affairs’ home loan guaranty program. The VA recently guaranteed its 21 millionth home loan since that program was established in 1944 as part of the original Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the “GI Bill.”

The milestone came during the year-long commemoration of 70 years of the “GI Bill,” which established a wide range of benefits for veterans returning from World War II, including low-cost home loans, education and vocational training.

The most recent 1 million home loans all came in just the past year. That huge number is a sure sign veterans are becoming better aware of the benefits they have available to them.

“There are many veterans just starting to learn what they have available to them because of their sacrifices,” Marszalek

said. "We're committed to enhancing their lives, so putting in the time to go into their communities and help them find what benefits they have earned makes for a good use of their time and ours."

If you would like to attend a seminar in your area, contact the closest DAV National Service Office to request one be held. <https://www.dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office/>