SATURDAY, February 25

Commanders & Adjutants Assoc. Registration 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Grand Registration Desk

SUNDAY, February 26

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DAV Headquarters Office 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Alexandria

Commanders & Adjutants Assoc. Business Session 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Welcome Remarks Salon A-B-J-K
- Teresa Johniken, President, Commanders & Adjutants Association
- David W. Riley, National Commander
- Dr. David M. Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant
- Fran Costa, Auxiliary National Commander

Benefits Protection Team Legislative Workshop 1 – 3 p.m.
Salon A-B-J-K
- Joy J. Ilem, National Legislative Director
- Adrian M. Atizado, Deputy National Legislative Director
- Paul R. Varela, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Shurhonda Love, Assistant National Legislative Director
- LeRoy Acosta, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Peter Dickinson, Senior Advisor

To help you have successful meetings with elected representatives in their Capitol Hill offices, please join us for an overview of the new landscape of the executive and legislative branches of government, an update on DAV’s 2017 legislative priorities and other important policy objectives. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about the Benefits Protection Team initiative that builds grassroots support for DAV’s legislative goals.

Membership Workshop 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
Salon A-B-J-K
- Douglas K. Wells, National Membership Director

Please join our national membership director for a discussion on new initiatives and existing membership programs, including the 'March Madness' membership recruiting competition for DAV state-level departments.

MONDAY, February 27

DAV Headquarters Office 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Alexandria
### Service Workshop
**8:45 – 10:15 a.m.**
- James Marszalek, National Service Director
- Chad Moos, Deputy National Service Director
- Scott Hope, Deputy National Service Director for Training
- Scott Trimarchi, Assistant National Service Director
- Justin Hart, Assistant National Service Director
- Steve Wolf, Assistant National Service Director
- Shane Liermann, Assistant National Service Director

*This workshop will include presentations by key officials from the Veterans Benefits Administration, providing valuable insight into the newest initiatives related to veterans benefits and services.*

### VA Health Fair
**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
- Salon C

### Voluntary Services Workshop
**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**
- John H. Kleindienst, National Voluntary Services Director
- Dan Clare, National Communications Director
- Ashleigh Byrnes, Deputy National Communications Director

*Next month, the organization will launch the DAV Forward March initiative. Its goal is to encourage veterans and the public to “pay it forward” by volunteering throughout the month of March. Learn about this, get updated on DAV’s volunteer efforts and find out about a new resource available to help utilize the media to recruit drivers.*

### Inspector General Workshop
**12:45 – 1:45 p.m.**
- Edward E. Hartman, Inspector General

*“Asset Protection—How do we protect our assets?” This workshop will focus on sound business practices to ensure DAV assets are properly accounted for, maintained and administered in accordance with our federally chartered purpose. This is a great opportunity for DAV leaders and members alike to learn and understand the basics of financial oversight and the importance of transparency and accountability to our donors and to those we serve.*

### Employment Workshop
**2 – 3:00 p.m.**
- Jeffrey C. Hall, National Employment Director

*This workshop will provide an overview of our employment program.*

### Communications Workshop
**3:15 – 4:15 p.m.**
- Dan Clare, National Communications Director
- Ashleigh Byrnes, Deputy National Communications Director
- Charity Edgar, Assistant National Communications Director
- Todd Hunter, Assistant National Communications Director
- Mary Dever, Assistant National Communications Director
- James Killen, Associate National Communications Director

*DAV is seeing increasing success with our brand visibility. Learn how you can leverage the tools and resources available to help DAV achieve our goals of service to veterans at every level.*
Social Networking Seminar

- James Killen, Associate National Communications Director
  Salon A-B-J-K

Social networking can help chapters increase involvement, fulfill volunteer needs, recruit members and effect legislation. This year, DAV Facebook fans surpassed our membership totals, with 1.4 million people following DAV. Get important information on DAV’s national social networking efforts, find out how you can become a digital advocate and learn how you can harness the power of information technology to support your department and chapters.

TUESDAY, February 28

DAV Headquarters Office 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Alexandria

DAV National Service Foundation 9 a.m.
Salon A–B

DAV Charitable Service Trust (immediately following the NSF Meeting)
Salon A–B

Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial Foundation (immediately following the CST Meeting)
Salon A–B

Presentation of DAV 2017 Legislative Program 2 p.m.
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD–G50

National Commander’s Reception 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Salon 4–6

WEDNESDAY, March 1

DAV Headquarters Office 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Alexandria

Board of Directors 9 a.m.
Salon 1–2

National Executive Committee (immediately following Board of Directors meeting)
Salon 3

STATE COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2016–17

President Teresa Johniken
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Past President Warren Tobin

Executive Committee John Donovan
Brian Wilner
Kirk Johnson
William Robinson
Cynthia Madison
Brigitte Marker
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28 2 p.m.

Presentation of the DAV Legislative Program
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room SD-G50

National Commander David W. Riley’s presentation to the House and Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committees

HOTEL INFORMATION

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1. At check-in, **$5 voucher** per room to use at any of the Marriott food and beverage outlets

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3. **$17 overnight self-parking** —a 40% discount over the hotel’s current rate. Again, these charges should be adjusted daily on the room folio.
Commander’s Testimony

- The Dirksen Senate Office Building is at the corner of First St. and Constitution Ave.
- Meeting room SD-G50 is near the rear entrance, located at 101 C St. NE, Dirksen Bldg.

Traveling by Metro Subway System

- Exit the metro at Capitol South or Union Station
- Crystal City Metro station is the nearest stop to the hotel. Please note the Blue Line will be closed during this time; however, the Yellow Line will remain open. Visit www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner to plan your Metro transportation and allow extra time for travel to accommodate for the closure.
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- Drop off point is **101 C St. NE, Dirksen Bldg.**
- Give the above address to your driver as the drop-off point for the Commander’s Testimony.

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- Dial “0” or “9–922” on the hotel phone.
- Individuals seeking treatment at the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center during normal working hours, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., should contact VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., at 202-745-8000.
MISSION STATEMENT

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America’s injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

This mission is carried forward by:

• Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government;

• Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically;

• Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government;

• Extending DAV’s mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level departments and local chapters; and

• Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.