Preparing to Serve on a Convention Resolution Committee

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The DAV National Constitution and Bylaws states that the sole authority for our national legislative agenda lies with our annual national convention.
Importance of Resolutions

A resolution shapes DAV’s stance on critical veterans’ issues and policy concerns. It is our collective voice to improve and protect veterans’ benefits, health care, eligibility and access.
Importance of Resolutions

Resolutions allow DAV to engage our grassroots, national legislative team and national leadership to advocate for policies and legislative proposals.
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2022 DAV CAN

- 46 Alerts based on resolutions
- Over 450,000 emails to Congress on legislation based on DAV resolutions
Resolution Process
The DAV Resolution Process

How does the DAV resolution process work?
The DAV Resolution Process

1. You
2. Chapter approval
3. Department consideration and approval
4. National Legislative Director assigns to National Convention Committees
5. National Convention
Upon receipt of approved resolutions, the national legislative director will assign the resolutions to one of five national convention resolution committees for consideration at the national convention.
Resolutions & Committees at National Convention

Keeping our promise to America’s veterans
DAV’s annual legislative program is composed of resolutions adopted by the convention from only four of the five resolution committees.
Resolution Committees at Convention

Those committees are:

• Committee on General Resolutions & Membership
• Committee on Legislation and Veterans Rights
• Committee on Employment
• Committee on Hospital and Voluntary Services
Resolution Committees at Convention

Each convention committee is composed of a primary or an alternate delegate from each national district. These selections are made by each district. The national commander appoints two advisers to each committee to assist the committee and provide expertise on issues brought forth in the resolutions.
Resolution Committees at Convention

Each committee will review and consider each resolution with the recommendations from the appointed advisors.
In general, the committees will not read every resolution. Many of the resolutions brought forward have previously been vetted and reviewed; therefore, usually only the new resolutions will be read in their entirety.
Resolution Committees at Convention

Keep in mind:

• Be familiar with resolutions.
• You can ask for any resolution to be read.
• Read the new resolutions ahead of time.
• Ask questions during the meetings if you do not understand any of the discussions or votes.
Resolution Committees at Convention

• Convention App has current and new resolutions.
• You can review these prior to your Committee Meeting.
DAV Resolutions & Committees

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Questions
Thank You!

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