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TO: Department and Chapter Commanders and Adjutants
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SUBJECT: 2023 DAV Transportation Network & Columbia Trust Vehicle Request Application

Thank you for your service to our nation's veterans! We are pleased to announce the availability of vehicles in conjunction with the DAV Transportation Network. Attached is the DAV Transportation Network Vehicle Information Summary, which includes a description, total cost and minimum shared expense requirements. The vehicles available for 2023 are listed below:

- Ford Explorer RWD 7-Passenger
- Ford Explorer 4WD 7-Passenger
- Ford Transit Wagon Van (T-350) RWD 12-Passenger
- Ford Transit Wagon Van (T-350) AWD 12-Passenger

Due to the discontinuation of the Transit Connect, they will not be available for 2023.

The value of this program and the impact it can have on veterans' lives is amazing. However, we must be very thoughtful in how we determine the best use of these resources when it comes to placing vehicles. Due to the limited availability of vehicles, we ask that a 2023 vehicle only be ordered if your program has an immediate need. As such, there are some very important factors that interested applicants must consider:

1. Do you have a current availability of drivers to operate a new, replacement or additional vehicle?
2. Have you verified with complete confidence that your VA Medical Center director will accept a donated vehicle?
3. Please consider the limited usage of vehicles during the COVID pandemic as well as the delayed supply of vehicles due to parts shortages across the automotive industry as a whole before placing a 2023 vehicle order.
4. As you review this document, please note that minimum shared expenses are determined annually based upon fleet pricing received from Ford Motor Company.
5. Departments and chapters are encouraged whenever possible to pay the full cost of the vehicle(s). However, when sufficient financial resources are not available, the National Service Foundation's Columbia Trust may assist with a grant.

Please download the attached document to view the full memo regarding the 2023 DAV Transportation Network and Columbia Trust Vehicle Request Application.

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