Mid-Winter Conference
Feb. 26–March 1 | Arlington, Virginia
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Commanders & Adjutants Association Registration 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Arlington Registration Desk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Commanders & Adjutants Association Registration 8–9 a.m.
Arlington Registration Desk

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

DAV Midwinter Opening Session 9 a.m.–Noon
Salons 3–4

Welcome Remarks
- Burl Jimmerson, President, Commanders & Adjutants Association
- Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Joseph Parsetich, National Commander
- J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant
- Darlene Spence, Auxiliary National Commander

Benefits Protection Team Workshop 1–3 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Joy Ilem, National Legislative Director
- Peter Dickinson, Senior Executive Advisor
- Shane Liermann, Deputy National Legislative Director
- Marquis Barefield, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Jon Retzer, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Naomi Mathis, Associate National Legislative Director

Please join the national legislative team for an overview of DAV’s critical policy goals for the first session of the 118th Congress.

Membership Workshop 3:15–4:15 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Doug Wells, National Membership Director

Join National Membership Director Doug Wells and the Interim Membership Committee as they share important updates and tools related to DAV’s membership programs and recruitment efforts.

Resolution Writing Workshop 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Shane Liermann, Deputy National Legislative Director

Have you ever thought, ”There ought to be a law…?” Please join the national legislative department as they explain the importance of the DAV resolution process and a step-by-step analysis of resolution writing as well as ideas for new resolutions.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

DAV Headquarters Office 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria
Service Workshop  9–10:15 a.m.
• Jim Marszalek, National Service Director  
  Salons 3–4
• 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
• Matthew Jahn, Associate National Service Director

The 2023 National Service Workshop will include a presentation by a key official from the Veterans Benefits Administration providing valuable insights into the newest initiatives related to the PACT Act.

Voluntary Services Workshop—Overview on VAVS and Local Veterans Assistance Program  10:30–11:30 a.m.
• John Kleindienst, National Voluntary Services Director  
  Salons 3–4
• Ron Minter, Assistant National Voluntary Services Director
• Oscar Olguin, Assistant National Voluntary Services Director

Join us for a presentation in regards to the importance of recruitment and retention of volunteers.

Inspector General Workshop  12:45–1:45 p.m.
• Ed Hartman, Inspector General  
  Salons 3–4

This workshop provides current and practical information on matters related to the day to day activities and operations of departments and chapters. This is a great opportunity for new department and chapter leaders to learn the basics of the National Constitution, Bylaws and National Executive Committee Regulations of our Organization.

Employment & Entrepreneurship Workshop  2–3 p.m.
• Dan Clare, Chief Communications & Outreach Officer  
  Salons 3–4
• Ryan Burgos, National Employment Director
• Jeremy Yost, Assistant National Employment Director

In addition to accessing the care and benefits promised to veterans, DAV continues to expand its efforts to empower veterans by connecting them with resources and opportunities to succeed in business and their careers. This seminar will discuss DAV’s efforts to help veterans connect with employers, recognize companies who hire veterans, and support veteran and military connected entrepreneurs through DAV Patriot Boot Camp.

Communications Workshop  3:15–4:15 p.m.
• Rob Lewis, National Communications Director  
  Salons 3–4
• Todd Hunter, Deputy National Communications Director – Outreach & Media

DAV chapters and volunteer coordinators are increasingly engaging the media to promote DAV’s mission at the local level. This seminar focuses on the tools available to member leaders, including DAV PSAs and publicity kits. Additionally, the seminar will offer a focused approach to working with local media in order to amplify DAV’s message. Learn about tools and resources available to help you use outreach to achieve DAV’s publicity goals in your community.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

DAV Headquarters Office

Presentation of DAV 2023 Legislative Program
Please plan to arrive and be seated by 9:30 a.m.

National Service Foundation
• Joseph W. Johnston, President

Charitable Service Trust
• Richard E. Marbes, President

Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial Foundation
• Dennis Joyner, President

National Commander’s Reception

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

DAV Headquarters Office

National Executive Committee
• Joe Parsetich, National Commander

Board of Directors
• Andy Marshall, Chairman

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Presentation of DAV Legislative Program

National Commander Joe Parsetich’s testimony before Congress will be on Tuesday February 28, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-G50. All members are highly encouraged to attend in-person to help show our strength. However, DAV understands mobility issues can present challenges for some, so there will be a simulcast in Salon 3 for those who are not able to attend in-person.*

*Please plan to arrive and be seated by 9:30 a.m.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Overnight guests at the Crystal Gateway Marriott receive these negotiated perks:

1. Attendees booked within the DAV room block will receive a $5 coupon at check-in to use at 15th & Eads or The Market.

2. Free high-speed internet in guest rooms. When accessing the internet, activate the high-speed option, accept the terms, and the charge(s) will be removed from the room folio each evening.

3. Daily Commuters who self-park in the hotel garage can receive a discount ticket in the DAV Headquarters Office. These charges should be adjusted daily on the room folio.

4. The restaurant at the Crystal Gateway Marriott (15th and Eads) is open for breakfast each day from 6:30–10:30 a.m. and dinner beginning at 4 p.m. They will be open for DAV on the two days that the majority of our members will be onsite: Sunday, February 26 and Monday, February 27 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
In Case of Medical Emergency

- 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 NW, 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.