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# DAV National Convention: Resolution Committee Basics

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# Resolutions & National Convention

## DAV Resolutions

- Importance
- Department Conventions
- Resolutions adopted at national convention make up **DAV**

## **Legislative Program**

- Video on DAV website under **Legislative Resources**

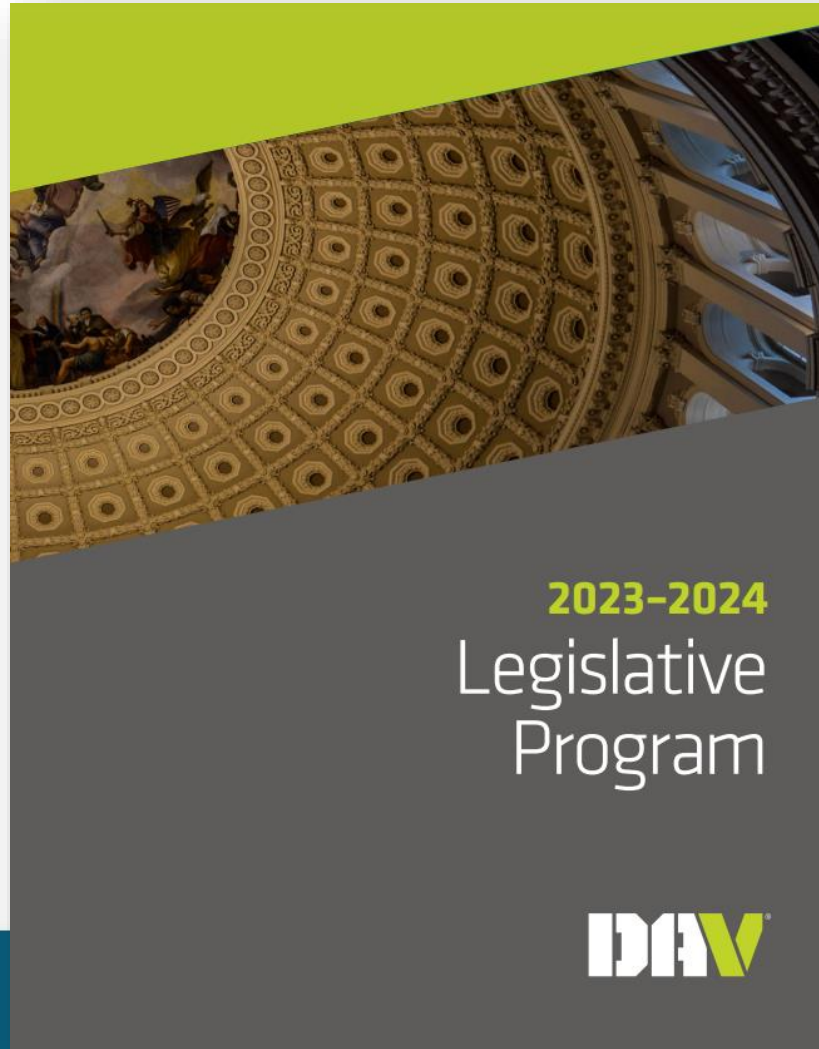
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# Resolutions & National Convention

In 2023, **36** DAV departments submitted **520** resolutions  
for consideration at national convention

# Resolutions & National Convention



**242** resolutions were adopted —  
making up DAV's Legislative  
Program for 2023-2024.

# Resolutions & National Convention



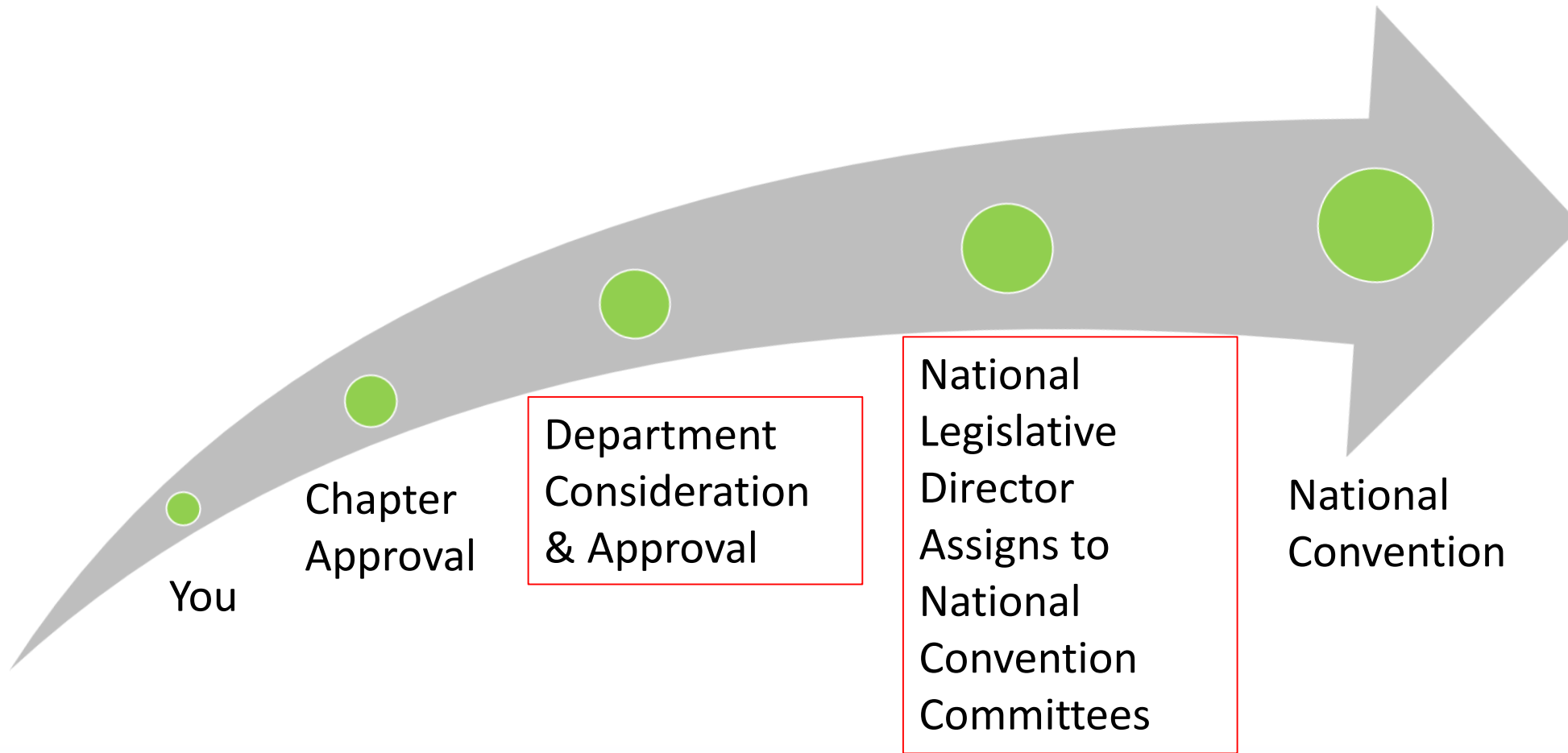
*How Can You and Your Department Help?*

# Resolutions & National Convention

- BPTLs can talk about the legislative Process
- Explain why it is important to submit resolutions to national convention
- Help prepare resolutions for consideration at chapter and department level



# District/ Department(s) Resolutions:





# Resolutions & National Convention



**DAV 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION & EVENTS**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA 6-4-24**  
Phoenix Convention Center  
100 North Third Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Hyatt Regency Phoenix  
122 N Second Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
\$154 Single/Double

Sheraton Grand Phoenix  
340 North 3rd Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
\$149 Single/Double

## DAV National Convention and Exhibition at the Phoenix Convention Center

<b>Thursday- 08/01/24</b>	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Registration/ Will Call
	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibitor Move-in/ Set-up
	6:30 pm	Auxiliary NEC Meeting
<b>Friday- 08/02/24</b>	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Registration/ Will Call
	9:30 am	DAV NEC Meeting
	Immediately following NEC	DAV Board of Directors Meeting
	9:00 am - 10:00 am	District Meetings - Auxiliary (odd numbers)
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm	DAV Convention Exhibition, Food & Beverage- Open Hours
	10:15 am - 11:30 am	District Meetings - Auxiliary (even numbers)
	11:00 am	Benefits Protection Team Leader Workshop
	11:00 am	Seminar- My DAV.org/ Membership Portal Training
	1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	District Meetings - DAV (even numbers)
	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	District Meetings - DAV (odd numbers)
	3:00 pm	Memorial Service Rehearsal (DAV & DAVA NEC)
	3:45 pm	Preparing to Serve on a Conv. Resolution Committee
	5:00 pm	Patriot's Pitch -New Event!

**District Meetings:**  
selection of Delegates  
and Alternates to Serve  
on Convention  
Committees.



# Delegates & Alternates Responsibilities:

- Understand the resolution process
- Work of convention committees
- Review current legislative program
- Participate—your vote counts!



***“Always be  
prepared...”***

# DAV Legislative Program/Resolution Book

- ✓ Resolutions are available online:

<https://www.dav.org/about-dav/legislation/dav-resolutions/>

- ✓ Resolutions books are available in the resolution coordinating office
- ✓ Learn about key issues in your convention committee



# Primary Convention “Resolution” Committees:



- Legislation and Veterans Rights
- Hospital and Voluntary Services
- Employment
- General

# Committee on Legislation and Veterans Rights

Considers all resolutions and matters regarding disability

compensation, pensions, legal and guardianship matters, appeals, and insurance.

# Committee on Hospital and Voluntary Services

Considers resolutions concerning VA medical care, health services and programs, community-based outpatient clinics and all matters related to DAV Voluntary Service Programs.

# Committee on Employment

Considers the employment of disabled veterans in federal civil service, state, county, and city governments, and vocational rehabilitation, education and training for veterans and their eligible dependents.

# Committee on General Resolutions and Membership

Considers matters not covered by resolutions referable to other convention committees to include: issues related to citizenship, Americanism, POW/MIA, resolutions expressing thanks or appreciation and matters concerning membership.



# DAV STATEMENT OF POLICY

Guiding principle for resolutions

Focus on benefits, programs and health care services for wartime service-disabled veterans

## DAV STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Disabled American Veterans was founded on the principle that this nation's first duty to veterans is the rehabilitation and welfare of its wartime disabled. This principle envisions:

1. High-quality hospital and medical care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans with disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in America's armed forces.
2. Adequate compensation for the loss resulting from such service-connected disabilities.
3. Vocational rehabilitation and/or education to help the disabled veteran prepare for and obtain gainful employment.
4. Enhanced opportunities for employment and preferential job placement so that the remaining ability of the disabled veteran is used productively.
5. Adequate compensation to the surviving spouses and dependents of veterans whose deaths are held to be service-connected under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
6. Enhanced outreach to ensure that all disabled veterans receive all benefits they have earned and that the American people understand and respect the needs these veterans encounter as a result of their disabilities.

It therefore follows that we will not take action on any resolution that proposes legislation designed to provide benefits for veterans, their surviving spouses and dependents which are based upon other than wartime service-connected disability.

We shall not oppose legislation beneficial to those veterans not classified as service-connected disabled, except when it is evident that such legislation will jeopardize benefits for service-connected disabled veterans.

While our first duty as an organization is to assist the service-connected disabled, their surviving spouses and dependents, we shall within the limits of our resources assist others in filing, perfecting and prosecuting their claims for benefits.

Since this represents the principle upon which our organization was founded and since it is as sound at this time as it was in 1920, we hereby reaffirm this principle as the policy for the Disabled American Veterans.



# Participation: Convention Committee Meetings



- Advisors and Advisor's Report
- Participate (delegates)
- Observe (alternates/back-up)
- Take notes to **report back** to  
District/Departments

# Convention Committees: What to Expect

- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Delegates
- Statement of Policy
- Elect Chair and Secretary
- Resolution disposition: Adopt, Reject, or Reject as Duplicate
- Oral report to National Convention

# SUMMARY:

## **Benefit Protection Team Leaders Role:**

- Review Legislative Program
- Help get resolutions submitted by chapters/departments(s)
- Help delegates prepare for convention committees
- Participate, observe and report back

# Resolutions & National Convention

- ☐ Preparing your Convention Committee Delegate and Alternate

- ☐ Attend workshop: **Preparing to Serve on a Convention “Resolution” Committee:**

**August 2nd 3:45 pm (following district meetings)**

- ☐ DEADLINE for submitting resolutions July 20



# Thank You!

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