

Mid-Winter Conference

March 7-9, 2024

Arlington, Virginia



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KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO
AMERICA'S VETERANS

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Jackson

DAV Midwinter Conference Registration,
Administered by Commanders & Adjutants Association

9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Grand Registration

Presentation of DAV 2024 Legislative Program

Thursday, March 7 | 10 a.m.

Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-G50
or Grand Salon A-C of Crystal Gateway Marriott

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

All members are highly encouraged to attend National Commander Nancy Espinosa's testimony before congress to show our strength as an organization. However, DAV understands mobility issues can present challenges for some, so there will be a livestream in Grand Salon A-C of Crystal Gateway Marriott for those who are not able to attend in-person.



DAV Midwinter Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

- William Robinson, President, Commanders & Adjutants Association
- Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Nancy Espinosa, National Commander
- Barry Jesinoski, National Adjutant
- AnnMarie Hurley, Auxiliary National Commander

1:30 p.m.
Grand Salons A-C

Commanders & Adjutants Association

Business Session

(Immediately following Opening Session)

National Commander's Reception

6:30–8:30 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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Benefits Protection Team Workshop

8:30–10:30 a.m.
Grand Salons A-C

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

Please join us for an update on DAV's 2024 legislative priorities for the second session of the 118th Congress. Key issues include: Address gaps in toxic exposure benefits; Correct inequities for veterans receiving compensation benefits and provide parity in benefits for survivors; Ensure access to comprehensive long-term care services and supports for service-disabled veterans; Advance equity in health services for women, underserved and minority veterans; Bolster mental health and suicide prevention services; Expand VA's capacity to deliver timely, high quality health care.

Service Workshop

10:45–11:45 a.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- Jim 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
- Matt Jahn, Associate National Service Director

The 2024 National Service Workshop will include a presentation on the DAV Caregivers Program and Predatory Claims Practices.

Membership Workshop

1:15–2:15 p.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- 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.

VAVS Workshop

2:30–3:30 p.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- John Kleindienst, National Voluntary Services Director
- Ron Minter, Deputy National Voluntary Services Director
- Oscar Olguin, Assistant National Voluntary Services Director
- DAV Interim Hospital and Voluntary Services Committee

During this seminar, we will provide an overview of our newest initiative—DAV Community Impact Day. Please join our voluntary services team as we provide an overview of this program and how you, at the state and local levels, can engage veterans in your local communities. This is yet another way for us to showcase our DAV volunteer actions while helping meet the needs of veterans, their families and survivors.

**Benefit Protection Team Leaders Grassroots Advocacy:
Sharing Best Practices and Tips on Resolution Writing**

3:45-5:15 p.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- Shane Liermann, Deputy National Legislative Director
- Marquis Barefield, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Jon Retzer, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Naomi Mathis, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Al Labelle, Chairman of the Interim Legislative Committee, Department of Wisconsin
- Trent Dilks, Interim Legislative Committee, Department of Minnesota

Please join us for a discussion on the best practices of Benefits Protection Team Leaders from across the country. Additionally, the national legislative department will explain the importance of the DAV resolution process as well as ideas for new resolutions.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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Employment & Entrepreneurship Workshop

8:30-9:30 a.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- Dan Clare, Chief Communications & Outreach Officer
- Ryan Burgos, National Employment Director
- Jeremy Yost, Assistant National Employment Director
- Lamarr Couser, Assistant National Employment Director

Please join our National Employment department as they recap their efforts from 2023 and share how DAV plays a vital role in ending veteran and spouse unemployment as well as underemployment.

Communications Workshop

9:45-10:45 a.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- Rob Lewis, National Communications Director
- Todd Hunter, Deputy National Communications Director

This seminar focuses on the tools available for DAV chapters and volunteer coordinators to conduct outreach at the local level. Learn the best practices and effective strategies for tools including DAV PSAs and publicity kits. Additionally, the seminar offers a focused approach to working with local media in order to amplify DAV's message. Discuss the tools and resources available to help you amplify your outreach and to achieve DAV's publicity goals in your local community.

Inspector General Workshop

11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Grand Salons A-C

- Ed Hartman, Inspector General

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.

National Service Foundation

- Andy Marshall, President

1:30 p.m.
Arlington Salon IV

Charitable Service Trust

- Richard E. Marbes, President

2:15 p.m.
Arlington Salon IV

Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial Foundation

- Dennis Joyner, President

3 p.m.
Arlington Salon IV

National Executive Committee

- Nancy Espinosa, National Commander

3:30 p.m.
Arlington Salon IV

Board of Directors

- Joseph Parsetich, Chairman

4 p.m.
Arlington Salon IV

HOTEL INFORMATION

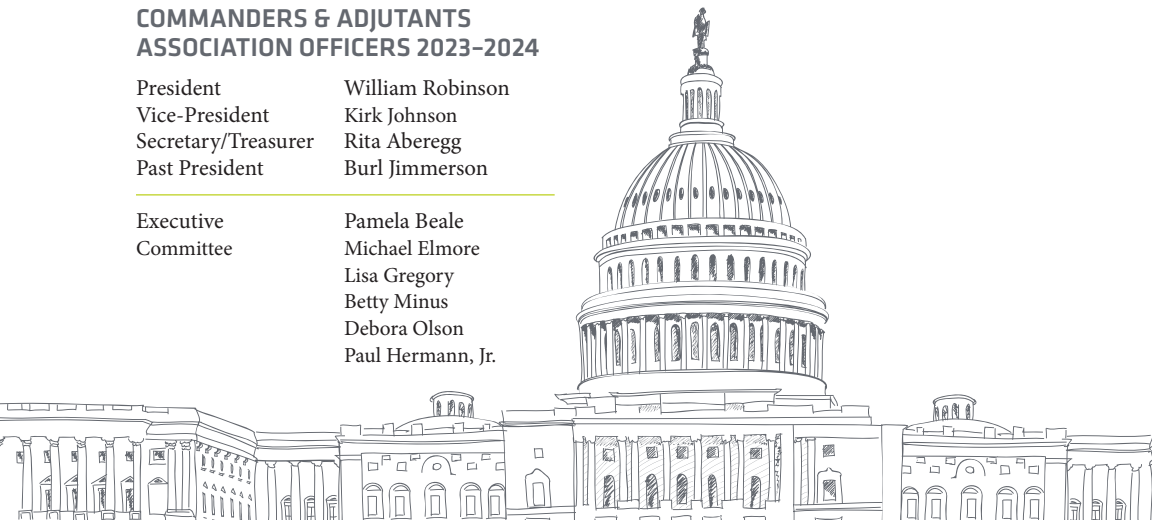
Overnight guests at the Crystal Gateway Marriott receive these negotiated perks:

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 three days that the majority of our members will be onsite: Thursday, March 7, Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2023–2024

President	William Robinson
Vice-President	Kirk Johnson
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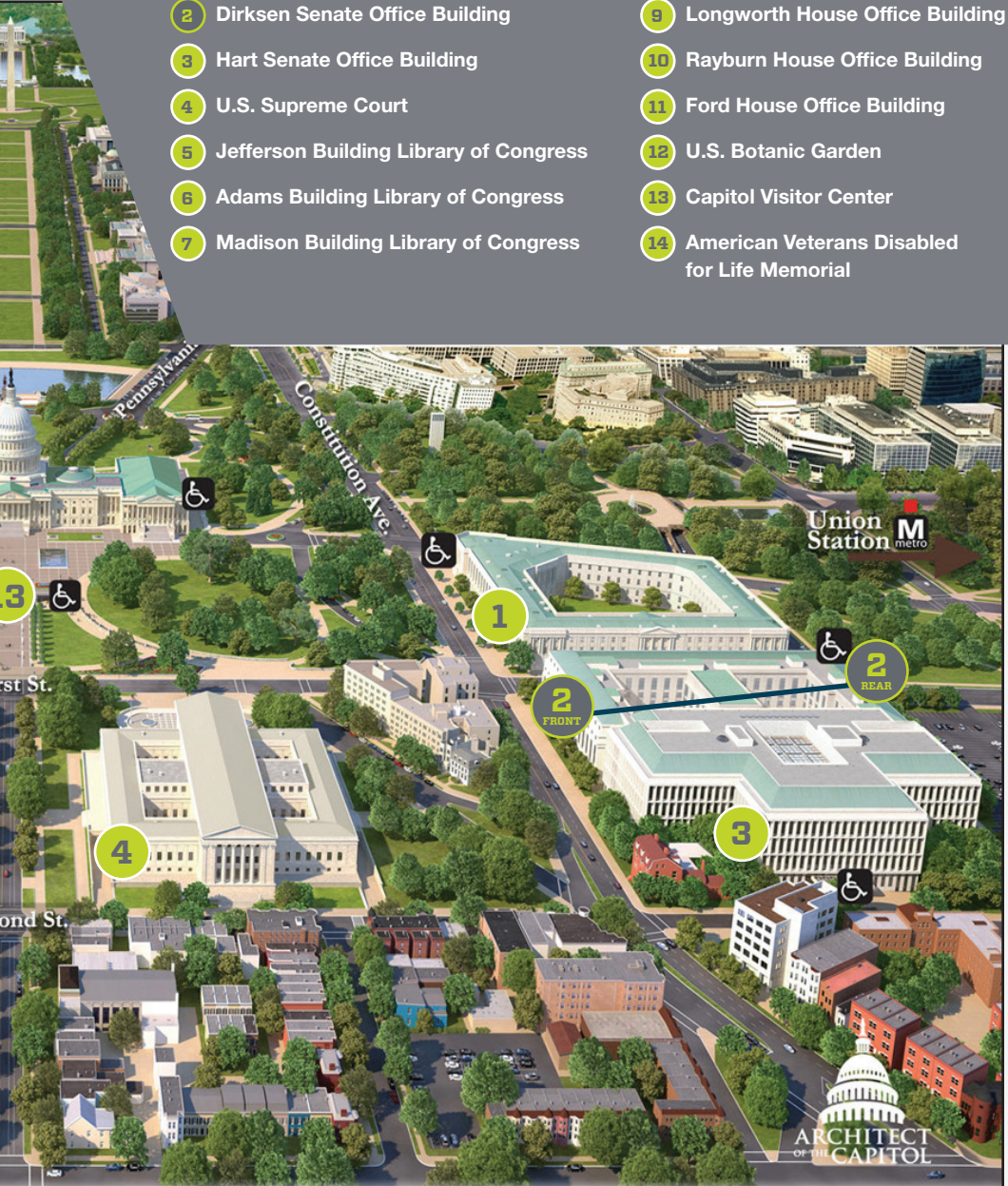


In Case of Medical Emergency

- 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.



- 1 Russell Senate Office Building
- 2 Dirksen Senate Office Building
- 3 Hart Senate Office Building
- 4 U.S. Supreme Court
- 5 Jefferson Building Library of Congress
- 6 Adams Building Library of Congress
- 7 Madison Building Library of Congress
- 8 Cannon House Office Building
- 9 Longworth House Office Building
- 10 Rayburn House Office Building
- 11 Ford House Office Building
- 12 U.S. Botanic Garden
- 13 Capitol Visitor Center
- 14 American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial



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.



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