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Convention Program

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July 8, 2025

Greetings:

As Governor of Nevada, I am honored to deliver my warmest regards as you gather for the Disabled American Veterans 2025 National Convention. This convention stands as a powerful testament to the enduring mission of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV); a mission rooted in service, respect, and unyielding support for those who have selflessly defended our nation.

Since its founding in 1920, DAV has remained devoted in its commitment to empowering disabled veterans and their families to lead lives of dignity and purpose. Through comprehensive advocacy, professional benefit assistance, community outreach, and unwavering legislative efforts, DAV ensures that our nation's injured heroes are never left to navigate life's challenges alone.

This convention offers a powerful opportunity to reflect on the remarkable efforts underway across the nation. From local chapters to Capitol Hill, dedicated advocates, like many of you, are working to ensure that the voices of disabled veterans and their families are heard, their needs are met, and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

To the members, volunteers, advocates, and supporters of Disabled American Veterans, thank you. Your devotion continues to make a profound difference in the lives of countless veterans and in the communities they call home. May this year's convention inspire new ideas, strengthen bonds, and reaffirm our collective allegiance to honor and uplift those who have given so much.

On behalf of the Silver State, I extend my deepest appreciation for your tenacious commitment to our nation's veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Lombardo".

Joe Lombardo
Governor

DON'T FORGET!

RSVP to the Introduction of National Officers Dinner

You must RSVP to attend.

**Visit Registration
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4**

Thursday, Aug. 7 | 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8 – Sunday, Aug. 10 | 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All who are attending national convention events
must be registered and display credentials.

If a convention attendee did not RSVP for the national officer dinner when pre-registering online, they must do so onsite in registration no later than Sunday, August 10, at 4 p.m.

Tickets will not be issued for this event. Instead, an email will be sent by the morning of Tuesday, August 12 to attendees who RSVP'd noting their assigned table number, and further instructions regarding how to check in at the entrance to the dinner.

Attendance is free for children under 18,
but they must still be registered as a guest.



National Districts

- District No. 1:** Massachusetts
- District No. 2:** New York
- District No. 3:** Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont
- District No. 4:** Connecticut, Delaware & New Jersey
- District No. 5:** Pennsylvania
- District No. 6:** District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia & Puerto Rico
- District No. 7:** Florida
- District No. 8:** Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi & Tennessee
- District No. 9:** Georgia, North Carolina & South Carolina
- District No. 10:** Michigan
- District No. 11:** Ohio
- District No. 12:** Illinois & Wisconsin
- District No. 13:** Indiana & Kentucky
- District No. 14:** Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota
- District No. 15:** Iowa, Kansas, Missouri & Nebraska
- District No. 16:** California
- District No. 17:** Colorado, New Mexico, Utah & Wyoming
- District No. 18:** Arizona, Hawaii & Nevada
- District No. 19:** Idaho, Oregon & Washington
- District No. 20:** Texas
- District No. 21:** Arkansas & Oklahoma



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Vet Centers, which are forerunners of the DAV Vietnam Veterans Outreach Program, have been proudly providing counseling, referral, and community engagement services since 1979. With 300 Vet Centers in both rural and urban areas, 83 Mobile Vet Centers (MVCs), 23 Vet Center Outstations, the 24/7 Vet Center Call Center, and over 1,000 Community Access Points, Vet Centers are here for our Veterans, service members, and their families.

Vet Center (Appointments and information)

Horseshoe-Resort Tower-Ground Floor,

Association Office 1-2, Group Information Desk (Palace Complex)

Sat., Aug. 9 – Mon., Aug. 11

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 12

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

VA Benefit Questions

Paris-Conference Center, Versailles 1

DAV national service officers will be available to counsel you and answer questions about the benefits you've earned or the claim you've filed. To take advantage of this free service, stop by the Claims Assistance Office during the hours listed below.

Fri., Aug. 8 – Sun., Aug. 10

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 11

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 12

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

VA First Aid Room

Bordeaux Hotel Tower (see signs at elevator bank on ground level)

Provided by the Las Vegas VA Medical Center

Thurs., Aug. 7

Noon – 4 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 8 – Mon., Aug. 11

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 12

8 a.m. – Noon

Highly trained EMS will be located in the Paris-Conference Center when meetings and events are in session.



Department/Chapter Portal Assistance

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Fri., Aug. 8 – Mon., Aug. 11

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 12

8:30 – 2 p.m.



Trust and Foundation Donations

Paris-Conference Center, Registration Desk

Fri., Aug. 8 – Mon., Aug. 11

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Download the convention app

Scan the QR code to sign up for the DAV 2025 National Convention event.





STORE HOURS

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 1

Thurs., Aug. 7 – Mon., Aug. 11
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 12 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Thursday, August 7, 2025

- Registration** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4
- Will Call (Registration)** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

Friday, August 8, 2025

- Registration** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4
- Will Call (Registration)** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer
- Information Seminar on VA Benefits #1** 9 a.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A
- DAV National Executive Committee** 9 a.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3
- DAV Board of Directors Meeting** *Immediately following NEC meeting*
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3
- MyDAV.org/Membership Portal Training** 11 a.m. – noon
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A
- Benefits Protection Team Leader Workshop** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B
- DAV Exhibit Space** 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

Fri., Aug. 8 – Sun., Aug. 9 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Information Seminar on VA Benefits #2

1 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Odd-Numbered District Meetings

1 – 2:15 p.m.

District 1	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 6-7 (Third Floor)
District 3	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 5 (Third Floor)
District 5	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 3 (Second Floor)
District 7	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)
District 9	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)
District 11	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 4 (Third Floor)
District 13	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)
District 15	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 2 (Third Floor)
District 17	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 2 (Twenty-sixth Floor)
District 19	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 1 (Twenty-sixth Floor)
District 21	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 3 (Twenty-sixth Floor)

Even-Numbered District Meetings

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

District 2	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 6-7 (Third Floor)
District 4	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 5 (Third Floor)
District 6	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)
District 8	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)
District 10	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 3 (Second Floor)
District 12	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 4 (Third Floor)
District 14	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)
District 16	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 2 (Third Floor)
District 18	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 1 (Twenty-sixth Floor)
District 20	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 2 (Twenty-sixth Floor)

Caregivers Support Seminar

2:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Workshop: Preparing to Serve on a Convention Resolution Committee

3:45 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Patriots Pitch Contest

5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

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Saturday, August 9, 2025

Registration

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

DAV/Auxiliary Joint Opening Session

8:30 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

- Convention Call to Order & Welcome
- Post Colors **Black Mountain, Chapter 12, Nevada Honor Guard**
- National Anthem **Amanda Wirtz, Violinist**
- Invocation **Debra Varner Dancer, National Chaplain**
- Remarks **Colonel Mary L. Devine, Nevada Department of Veterans Services Director**
- Remarks **Shelley Berkley, Mayor of Las Vegas**
- Welcoming Remarks **Jerome Washington, Convention Chair**
- Introduction of National Officers
- Report **Daniel Contreras, National Commander**
- Remarks **Christopher Easley, Auxiliary National Commander**
- Presentation **Lorether Colbert, Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- Remarks **Doug Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs**
- Remarks **Coyle Render, Ford Pro Commercial EV Growth Manager**
- Presentation **Nihar Kummetha, DAV Scholarships**
- Awards **Van Karg and Hattie Lambert, Volunteer of the Year**
- Remarks **Phil Kowalczyk, CEO of Camp Corral**
- Report **Barry Jesinoski, National Adjutant**
- Presentation **Ken David, Disabled American Veteran of the Year**
- Remarks **Bob Whittle, SVP, Chief of Staff at USAA**
- Adopt Policy
- Benediction **Debra Varner Dancer, National Chaplain**
- Recess

DAV Exhibit Space

11:30 a.m. –4:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

DAV Convention Credentials Committee Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)	1 – 2 p.m.
Service and Legislative Seminar Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B	2 – 4 p.m.
DAV Auxiliary Overview: Q&A Session Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3	4 – 6 p.m.
DAV Convention Constitution and Bylaws Committee Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 3 (Second Floor)	4:15 p.m.
DAV Convention General Resolutions and Membership Committee Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)	4:15 p.m.
DAV Convention Employment Committee Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 6-7 (Third Floor)	4:15 p.m.
DAV Convention Nominating Committee Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)	4:15 p.m.
Commanders & Adjutants Association Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B	4:15 p.m.
DAV/Auxiliary National Commanders' Reception Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B	7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Memorial Service 7:30 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

DAV Convention Credentials Committee 8 – 8:30 a.m.

Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)

Registration 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Will Call (Registration) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

DAV First Business Session 9 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

- Call to Order **Daniel Contreras**, *National Commander*
- Invocation **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Report **Credentials Committee**
- Report **Randy Reese**, *Executive Director, Washington Headquarters*
- Report **Cody VanBoxel**, *Executive Director, National Headquarters*
- National Commander Awards **Employment, Voluntary Services, Membership**
- Remarks **Fern Sumpter Winbush**, *Principal Deputy Director for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)*
- Remarks **American Battle Monuments Commission**
- Report **Board of Directors/Treasurer**
- Report **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**
- Benediction **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

DAV Exhibit Space 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

DAV Convention Hospital & Voluntary Services Committee 1 p.m.

Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)

DAV Convention Legislative & Veterans Rights Committee 1 p.m.
Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)

DAV Membership Seminar 1 – 2 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

DAV Convention Nominating Committee 1 – 4 p.m.
Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)

DAV Inspector General Workshop 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

DAV POW/MIA Seminar 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

C&P Exams: What You Should Know Seminar 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

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**Thriving Through Whole Health:
Women Veterans Workshop** 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2

Commanders and Adjutants Association 4 – 6 p.m.
Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

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DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

Fri., Aug. 8 – Sun., Aug. 9

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Monday, August 11

Monday, August 11, 2025

A Hidden Crisis Beyond the Uniform

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

8 – 8:45 a.m.

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Retirement Readiness: Medicare & Retirement Income Planning (for Veterans)

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

8 – 8:45 a.m.

sponsored by **Humana.** **USAA®**

DAV Convention Nominating Committee

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 2 (Third Floor)

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Will Call (Registration)

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Your VA Health Record - Past, Present, and Future Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

9 – 9:45 a.m.

sponsored by **ORACLE**
Health

Communications & Outreach Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

9 – 10 a.m.

DAV Chaplain Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 3 (via 2)

10 – 11:15 a.m.

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Voluntary Services Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Exploring Psychedelics: A New Frontier in Veteran Care Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

1 – 2:15 p.m.

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DAV Employment & Entrepreneurship Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

1 – 2:30 p.m.

National Service Foundation

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

2 p.m.

Charitable Service Trust

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

2:45 p.m.

Women Veterans Seminar: Insights on Cardiovascular and Mental Wellness - All are Welcome

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

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Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

3:30 p.m.

Planned Giving: Provide and Honor Seminar

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Fun Night

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

8 – 10 p.m.



The Lt. Dan Band is a DAV favorite. There's something for everyone, and each show highlights the passion and energy each member brings to the stage.

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Registration

8 – 10 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

DAV Second Business Session

8:30 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

- Call to Order **Daniel Contreras**, *National Commander*
- Invocation **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Report **Convention Committees**
- Report **Charitable Service Trust**
- Report **Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation**
- Remarks **Commanders & Adjutants Association**
- Report and Awards **National Service Foundation**
- Benediction **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

DAV Final Business Session

1:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

- Call to Order **Daniel Contreras**, *National Commander*
- Invocation **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Announcement **Close of Registration**
- Report **Credentials Committee, Final**
- Report **Nominating Committee, Final**
- Nomination and Election of Officers
- Remarks **Newly Elected Officers**
- Benediction **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

DAV National Executive Committee

*Immediately following
Final Business Session*

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

DAV Board of Directors

Immediately following NEC Meeting

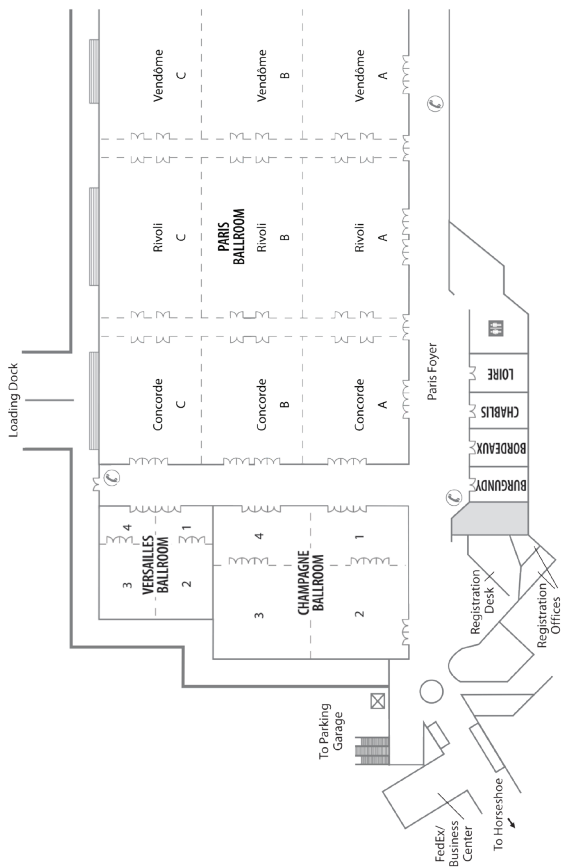
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Introduction of National Officers Dinner

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

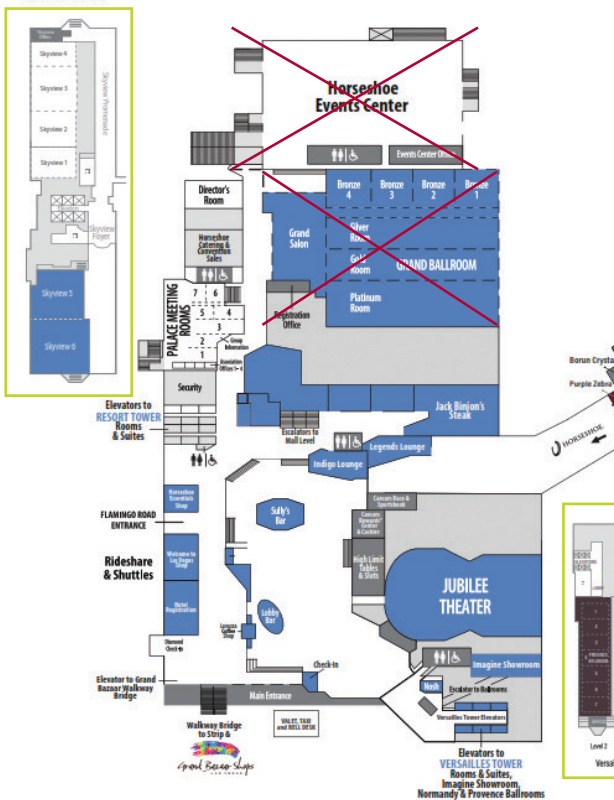
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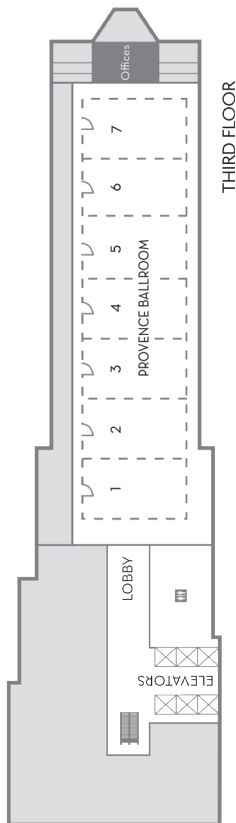
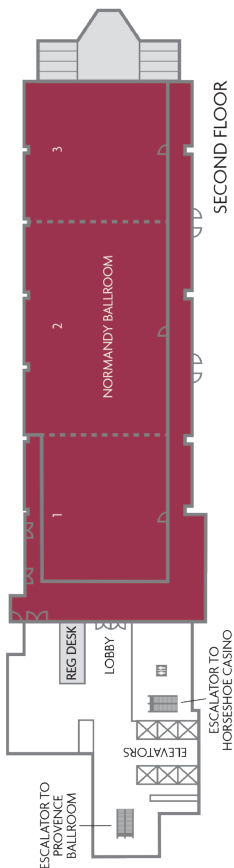
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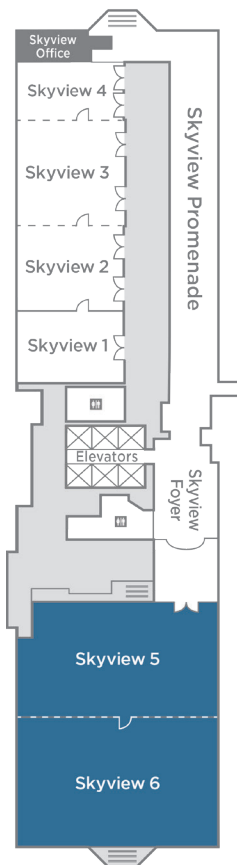
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Paris-Versailles Tower



Horseshoe-Resort Tower (26th floor)





Friday Seminar or Workshop

Seminars are open to every registered DAV and Auxiliary member and registered guest. Attend as many sessions as possible that interest you the most.

Friday, August 8, 2025

◆ **Information Seminar on VA Benefits #1**

9 – 10 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Joseph M. Kauffman, *National Area Supervisor*

Kwan C. Tillman, *National Area Supervisor*

We warmly welcome you to attend our upcoming Veterans Information Seminar, where a DAV benefits advocate—who is a veteran, like you—will help explain your earned benefits and guide you to free professional claims assistance.

◆ **MyDAV.org/Membership Portal Training**

11 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Doug Wells, *Assistant National Membership Director*

Instruction will be offered on MyDAV.org and DAV's new department and chapter websites. MyDAV.org provides members and leaders access to important information, to include reports and other functionality. DAV websites allow chapters and departments the ability to promote their events, share information, and so much more!

◆ **Benefits Protection Team Leader Workshop** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Joy J. Ilem, *National Legislative Director*

Jon Retzer, *Deputy National Legislative Director*

Peter Dickinson, *Senior Executive Advisor*

Naomi Mathis, *Assistant National Legislative Director*

Joseph Lemay, *Associate National Legislative Director*

Shamala Capizzi, *Associate National Legislative Director*

Please join the national legislative team for an update on our critical policy goals and legislative agenda, including budget recommendations for Department of Veterans Affairs.

◆ Information Seminar on VA Benefits #2

1 – 2 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Andrea Y. Navarrete, *National Service Officer*

Mary Grace Velasco, *National Service Officer*

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◆ Caregivers Support Seminar

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Ron Minter, *National Caregiver Support Program Director*

M. Christopher Saslo DNS, APRN-BC, FAANP, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer

Please join us as we provide an overview of our DAV Caregivers Support. We will discuss program enrollment and the importance of caregiver respite. We will also be joined by VA for an update on VA caregiving programs and initiatives.

◆ Preparing to Serve on a Convention Resolution Committee

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Jon Retzer, *Deputy National Legislative Director*

Naomi Mathis, *Assistant National Legislative Director*

Joseph Lemay, *Associate National Legislative Director*

Shamala Capizzi, *Associate National Legislative Director*

First time being selected to serve on a convention committee?

Please join the national legislative department for an overview on the resolution process, discussion on what to expect, duties and responsibilities and how to best prepare to serve as a delegate on a convention “resolution” committee.

◆ Patriots Pitch Contest

5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

Matthew Feldhaus, *Patriot Boot Camp Director*

Come support veteran entrepreneurs as they compete for \$10,000 during a very special DAV Patriots Pitch contest. Viewers vote for the winner.

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**◆ **DAV Service and Legislative Seminar**

2 – 4 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

Jim Marszalek, *National Service Director***Scott Hope**, *Deputy National Service Director for Training***Joy Ilem**, *National Legislative Director***Jon Retzer**, *Deputy National Legislative Director***Jonathan Kaupanger**, *Associate National Communications Director/
Moderator*

This year's Service & Legislative Seminar will be a special taped live for DAV's podcast. It will be an ask-me-anything format, so don't miss this unique opportunity to hear directly from leadership in DAV's service and legislative teams.

◆ **DAV Auxiliary Overview: Q&A Session**

4 – 6 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

Bunny Clos, *DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant***Ann Glende**, *DAV Auxiliary Assistant National Adjutant***DAV Auxiliary Line Officers**

Educate and inform new delegates and/or members of DAV Auxiliary topics and procedures.

Sunday, August 10, 2025◆ **DAV Membership Seminar**

1 – 2 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Doug Wells, *Assistant National Membership Director*

Join us for information and updates on DAV's exciting recruitment programs, membership incentives and new initiatives.

◆ **DAV Inspector General Workshop**

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Edward E. Hartman, *Inspector General***Ryan M. Burgos**, *Deputy Inspector General*

This workshop will provide information pertaining to the acceptable expenditure of DAV funds, and the responsibilities of members to ensure financial accountability within chapters and departments.

◆ DAV POW-MIA Seminar

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2

Marty Pennock, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Chairman*

Kevin Grantier, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member*

Donald Peek, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member*

Tom Kimmet, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member*

Fern Sumpter Winbush, *Principal Deputy Director for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)*

POW/MIA Seminar will provide information about Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency recovery and identification processes, including mission updates, legislative updates, and more.

◆ C&P Exams: What You Should Know Seminar 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Tony De Falco, *Senior Director, International Operations and Stakeholder Engagement, Veterans Evaluation Services (VES)*

A Compensation and Pension (C&P) exam is one of the most important components used by the VA to determine your disability claim. Veterans Evaluation Services (VES), a Maximus company, will present an overview of what to expect during the C&P exam process, how VES can help, and frequently asked questions by VSOs and Veterans.

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◆ Thriving Through Whole Health: Women Veterans Workshop

3:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2

Naomi Mathis, *Assistant National Legislative Director*

Jennifer Childers, *MSSA, LISW-S VA Special Populations Program Manager VISN 21*

Introduction to the VA's Whole Health System of Care, including practical tools for self-care, mindfulness and other supportive resources.

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Monday Seminar or Workshop

Monday, August 11, 2025

◆ **A Hidden Crisis Beyond the Uniform**

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Angel Torres, *Presenter*

Steve Parker, *Presenter*

Financial hardship is a hidden but urgent crisis affecting many military veterans after their service ends. Join us for an interactive seminar to explore why veterans are more likely to face overwhelming debt, and to discuss a veteran-centric financial wellness course being designed to simplify money management and support post-service financial stability.

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◆ **Retirement Readiness: Medicare & Retirement
Income Planning (for Veterans)**

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

Stephanie Muckey, *Humana, Veterans Population Health Strategy Lead*

Lloyd Ramirez, *Humana, Senior Market Manager*

Mark Shoultz, *USAA, Retirement Income Specialist*

Navigating Medicare and retirement finances? Join Humana and USAA as they help to breakdown the basics of Medicare and share what you need to know about retirement income strategies. Take control of your financial future. Leave equipped to ask the key questions about Medicare and your retirement income, setting yourself up for a secure future into your golden years.

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DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

Fri., Aug. 8 – Sun., Aug. 9

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

◆ **Your VA Health Record - Past, Present, and Future Seminar**

9 – 9:45 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

Dr. James Ellzy, *Presenter*

Electronic Health Records (EHRs) are a transformative force in healthcare. In 2026, EHRs will expand in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Alaska. Oracle Health's panel discussion with Dr. James Ellzy will focus on questions related to the past, present, and future of EHR deployments and why it's important for you.

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◆ **Communications & Outreach Seminar**

9 – 10 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Dan Clare, *Chief Communications & Outreach Officer*

Rob Lewis, *National Communications Director*

Kevin Miller, *Assistant National Communications Director*

DAV chapters and volunteer coordinators are increasingly engaging the media to promote DAV's mission at the local level. This seminar focuses on strategies and available tools member leaders can leverage to gain an increased media presence. The seminar will also include ways to support DAV's PSA campaign and best practices for social media. We'll also provide an update on DAV's latest outreach initiative—streaming on our Twitch channel.

◆ **DAV Chaplain Seminar**

10 – 11:15 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 3 (via 2)

Debra Varner Dancer, *National Chaplain*

In this presentation, we'll discuss the important, but often misunderstood responsibilities of a DAV chaplain. To bring comfort and facilitate the spiritual needs of a diverse organization, it's critical that leaders know the role these elected officers play and collaborate and communicate effectively so they can properly interface and serve our members.

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◆ **Voluntary Services Seminar**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

John Kleindienst, *National Voluntary Services Director***Oscar Olguin**, *Assistant National Voluntary Services Director*

Please join us for a presentation on the importance of reporting volunteer activities.

◆ **Exploring Psychedelics: A New Frontier
in Veteran Care Seminar**

1 – 2:15 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Justin Carlisle, *Program Facilitator and Rostering Coordinator,
Save a Warrior***AnneClaire Stapleton**, *former CNN reporter, military spouse,
ibogaine advocate***Robert Gallery**, *Retired NFL star and psychedelics advocate***Otsuka Representative**

As psychedelics grow in popularity as a potential treatment for mental health conditions and brain injuries, a panel of experts discuss the unmet need for new therapies within the veteran community, the science behind these powerful compounds and the current legal landscape veterans face when seeking out these treatments.

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◆ **DAV Employment & Entrepreneurship Seminar**

1 – 2:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Dan Clare, *Chief Communications & Outreach Officer***Lamar Couser**, *National Employment Director***Jeremy Yost**, *Assistant National Employment Director***Matthew Feldhaus**, *Patriot Boot Camp Director*

The path from injury to recovery isn't complete until a veteran discovers a renewed sense of purpose. For many, that means returning to the workforce to support their families. Join us to learn how DAV empowers veterans and their spouses with essential employment resources from job connections to entrepreneurial support through DAV Patriot Boot Camp.

◆ **Planned Giving: Provide and Honor Seminar** 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Eddie Rauen, *National Director Personal Philanthropy Programs*

Jason Belland, *Assistant National Director Personal Philanthropy Programs*

This seminar will provide valuable information on planning your legacy that will be beneficial for you and your family. In addition, we will discuss tax wise giving strategies that can be advantageous for your philanthropic giving. Join us for this session and each attendee will get a free DAV gift bag as well as be entered for the chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards!

◆ **Women Veterans Seminar: Insights on Cardiovascular Health and Mental Wellness - All are Welcome** 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde A

Naomi Mathis, *Assistant National Legislative Director*

Dr. Ilse Weichers, *Deputy Executive Director VHA Office of Mental Health*

Dr. Le (Elizabeth) Dai-Trang, *Cardiologist, VA Portland Health Care System*

Join us to hear from experts on critical aspects of cardiovascular wellness and mental health support.

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Thursday, August 7 – Friday, August 8

DAV AUXILIARY SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Registration 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Will Call (Registration) 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

Auxiliary National Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Friday, August 8, 2025

Registration 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Will Call (Registration) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

Auxiliary Even-Numbered District Meetings 9 – 10 a.m.

District 2	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 6-7 (Third Floor)
District 4	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 5 (Third Floor)
District 6	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)
District 8	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)
District 10	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 3 (Second Floor)
District 12	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 4 (Third Floor)
District 14	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)
District 16	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 2 (Third Floor)
District 18	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 1 (Twenty-sixth Floor)
District 20	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 2 (Twenty-sixth Floor)

DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

Fri., Aug. 8 – Sun., Aug. 9 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Auxiliary Odd-Numbered District Meetings

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

District 1	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 6–7 (Third Floor)
District 3	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 5 (Third Floor)
District 5	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 3 (Second Floor)
District 7	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)
District 9	Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)
District 11	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 4 (Third Floor)
District 13	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)
District 15	Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 2 (Third Floor)
District 17	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 2 (Twenty-sixth Floor)
District 19	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 1 (Twenty-sixth Floor)
District 21	Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 3 (Twenty-sixth Floor)

DAV Exhibit Space

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Registration

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

DAV/Auxiliary Joint Opening Session

8:30 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

See Page 8 for details.

DAV Exhibit Space

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

Auxiliary First Business Session

2 – 4 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

DAV Auxiliary Overview: Q&A Session

4 – 6 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 2-3

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Sunday, August 10 – Monday, August 11

Auxiliary Convention Nominating Committee

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 1 (Third Floor)

2:30 – 8 p.m.

DAV/Auxiliary National Commanders' Reception

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Memorial Service

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B

7:30 a.m.

Registration

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Will Call (Registration)

Paris-Conference Center, Paris Foyer

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Auxiliary Convention Nominating Committee

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 1 (Third Floor)

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Auxiliary Committee Meetings

9 a.m.

Americanism

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 2 (Third Floor)

Community Service

Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 1 (Second Floor)

Constitution & Bylaws

Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 3 (Second Floor)

Junior Activities

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 6-7 (Third Floor)

Legislation

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 5 (Third Floor)

Mae Holmes

Paris-Versailles Tower, Provence 3 (Third Floor)

VAVS

Paris-Versailles Tower, Normandy 2 (Second Floor)

DAV Exhibit Space

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde C

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, August 11, 2025

Registration and Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Auxiliary Second Business Session

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

- First Reading of Constitution & Bylaws
- Education Scholarship Report
- Awards
- Second Reading of Constitution & Bylaws

Forget-Me-Not Luncheon

12:30 p.m.

Horseshoe-Resort Tower, Skyview 5-6 (Twenty-sixth Floor)

Fun Night, featuring the Lt. Dan Band

8 – 10 p.m.

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Registration

8 – 10 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Champagne 4

Auxiliary Final Business Session

9 a.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

- Installation of NEC
- Nomination and Election of Officers
- Unfinished Business

Auxiliary National Executive Committee

Paris-Conference Center, Concorde B

Immediately following Auxiliary Business Session

Introduction of National Officers Dinner

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Paris-Conference Center, Rivoli A-B, Vendome A-B



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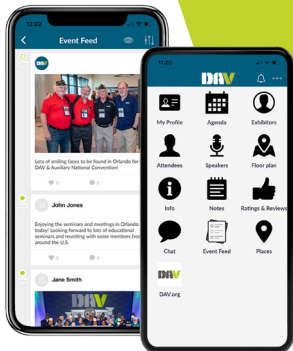
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