



Welcome Benefits Protection Team!

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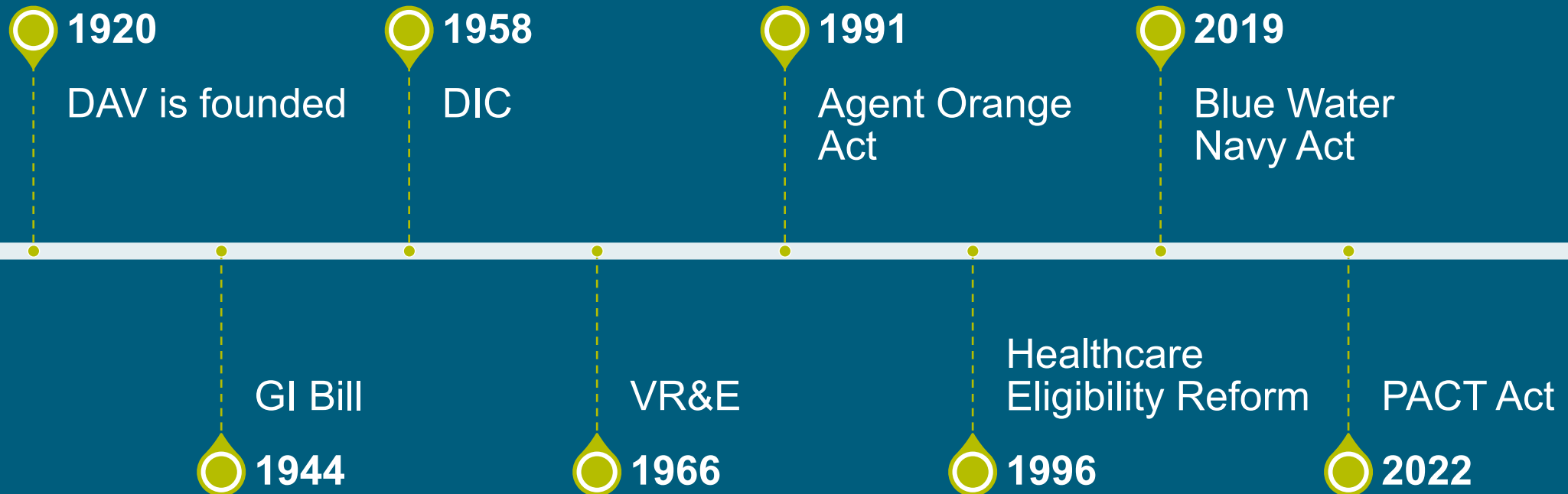


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DAV's Legacy of Advocacy



► What is Your Role?

Champion DAV's
legislative priorities

Hold government
accountable to
promises made to
veterans

Your leadership
ensures government
keeps its promises
to veterans

Legislative Resources

- Access Critical Policy Goals
- Review the Resolutions
- Read DAV Congressional Testimony
- Watch Legislative Webinars on BPTL duties
- DAV Benefits Protection Team webpage
- Benefits Protection Team Toolkit
- FAQs and links to other resources



Stay engaged

Sign up for **DAV CAN (Commanders Action Network)**

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- Learn about upcoming webinars



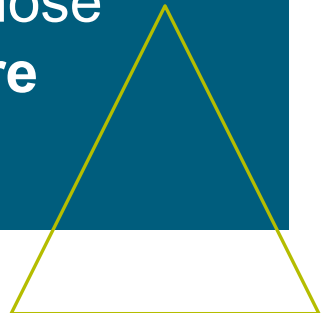
Legislative Webinars

- Strongly encouraged to join **live sessions** (Q&A opportunities)
- **Recorded webinars** available on [Legislative Webinars](#) page



VA News

- August 5, VA has launched a clinical trial called PIVOT to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of psilocybin for veterans with treatment-resistant depression, including those who also have PTSD.
- Aug 19, EHR No More Last Four
 - VA Medical Centers using Federal EHR
 - Check in by scanning in VHIC
 - No more last four
- August 24, Claims process streamlined for veterans affected by 1973 NPRC records fire. VA has simplified the disability claims process for veterans whose records were lost in the 1973 NPRC fire. **Veterans affected by the fire are encouraged to file or reopen claims.**





VA Office of Inspector General

Aug 5 – TBI Evaluations

- 95% of post 9-11 veterans were screened
- 50% screened positive with no follow up
- More than half were not completed in the required timeframe

Aug 6 – Non-Compensable Ratings

- Inconsistencies in painful motion
- Incorrect 0% disability ratings
- \$45 million in underpayments to veterans



Legislative Victories 119th Congress (2nd Session)

Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act

- Excludes VA disability compensation from income calculations for affordable housing eligibility. Enacted on January 20, 2026, and became Public Law 119–20.

FAST VETS Act

- VR&E requires VA to redevelop a veterans individualized rehabilitation plan only when their disability has changed. Enacted January 20, 2026, and became Public Law 119–72.

Fiscal Year 2025 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act

- Authorization of a major medical facility project in St. Louis, Missouri. Enacted on June 9, 2026, and became Public Law 119–97.

21st Century ROAD to House Act

- Excludes veterans' disability benefits from income calculations for rental and homeownership assistance. Enacted on July 11, 2026, and became Public Law 119–101.





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