



2026 National Convention

Post-convention follow-up, review
key resolutions, and share the latest
legislative updates

DAV 2026 National Convention

What Orlando Set in Motion

A quick, visual recap for DAV leaders and Benefits Protection Team Leaders

311

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

4 committees

1 member-approved agenda

From Orlando to action

Three Things to Take Away

What delegates decided, what happened in Orlando, and what comes next.

1. Resolutions adopted

What passed — the 2026–2027 legislative program.

2. Committee rundown

Where the agenda is concentrated.

3. Convention accomplishments

The people, sessions and service behind the votes.

Leave ready to explain the decisions—and turn them into action.

Orlando, at a Glance

Four days of decisions, connection and member leadership.

Aug. 1-4

Orlando

**Rosen
Shingle Creek**

104th

**2026 convention
dates**

Florida location

Convention venue

National convention

DAV.org context

Advocate for veterans. Reconnect with members.
Set DAV's yearly agenda.

Why it matters now

Now the work moves home: explain what
passed and help members act on it.

How an Idea Became DAV Policy

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District meetings

Delegates joined convention committees.

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Committee work

Committees reviewed and reported resolutions.

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Business sessions

Reports went to the convention floor.

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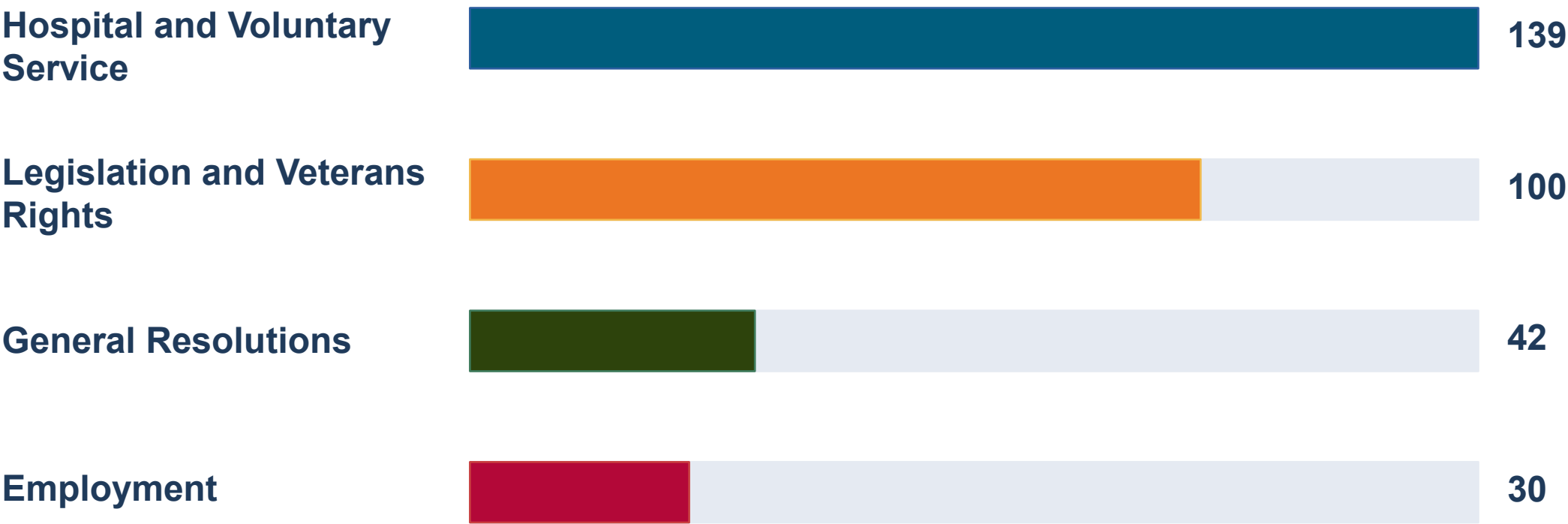
Adoption

Adopted measures became the 2026–2027 program.

The adopted list is now DAV's advocacy playbook for the year ahead.

311 Resolutions. Four Lanes of Action.

Health care and veterans' rights account for most adopted items.



Total adopted entries
311 total adopted entries.

Use in briefing
The agenda is broad—but clearly weighted toward care and benefits.

Protect Earned Benefits and Fair Decisions

100 adopted resolutions.

- Protect benefits from cuts, offsets and means testing.
- Make claims and appeals faster, clearer and fairer.
- Preserve disability compensation and rating protections.
- Expand recognition of toxic exposure and brain injuries.

Selected resolution examples

- **13**, Oppose Reductions, Offsets, Recoupment or Means Testing of VA Benefits
- **64**, Protect Veterans' Earned Benefits from Budget Enforcement Cuts
- **183**, Support Full Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and VA Disability Compensation
- **357**, Oppose Replacing Monthly VA Disability Compensation with Lump-Sum Payments
- **578**, Improve Recognition, Research and Benefits for Veterans with Brain Health Conditions Linked to Blast Overpressure and Repetitive Military Exposures
- **705**, Protect the VA Disability Rating Standard Based on Average Impairments of Earning Capacity

Bottom line: protect benefits, due process and access to justice.

Make Care Easier to Reach—and Better to Receive

139 adopted resolutions — the largest committee group.

- Strengthen VA staffing, access and infrastructure.
- Improve coordination across VA, DOD and community care.
- Expand mental health, suicide prevention and caregiver support.
- Advance care for women, rural and underserved veterans.

Selected resolution examples

- **6**, Strengthen and Protect the VA Health Care System
- **21**, Advance Rehabilitation, Screening and Research for Blast Related Brain Injury
- **122**, Recognize Tribal Communities' Mental Health Cultural Practices as Treatment
- **234**, Support Rights and Benefits for Native American and Alaska Native Veterans
- **370**, Strengthen Services and Protections for Family Caregivers of All Service Eras
- **724**, Support Robust Funding for VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Programs

Bottom line: access, quality and continuity of care lead the agenda.

Turn Service Into Long-term Opportunity

30 adopted resolutions.

- Protect education benefits for veterans and dependents.
- Recognize military training in civilian credentials.
- Strengthen employment rights and transition support.
- Expand VR&E, entrepreneurship and veteran-owned business access.

Selected resolution examples

- **15**, Protect Veterans from Chapter 35 Overpayments
- **37**, Strengthen Employment Services for Women Veterans
- **179**, Improve and Protect VA Education, Employment and Career Readiness Benefits for Service-Disabled Veterans, Their Survivors and Dependents
- **278**, Establish a VA Economic Opportunity Administration
- **510**, Protect Veteran Status Against Employment Discrimination
- **701**, Reform the Small Business Administration's Loan and Benefits Process

Bottom line: education, work and ownership build economic security.

Remove Barriers. Modernize Systems. Protect Trust.

42 adopted resolutions.

- Improve voting and language access.
- Expand burial and memorial support.
- Modernize VA technology with responsible AI.
- Fight scams, fraud and unauthorized fees.

Selected resolution examples

- **105**, Ensure Voting Access for Service-Disabled Veterans
- **148**, Strengthen Due Process Protections in VA Fugitive-Felon Determinations
- **271**, Improve Language Access for Veterans and Their Families
- **424**, Support Modernizing VA Information Technology Systems
- **681**, Support Meaningful Accountability Measures, With Due Process, for Employees of the VA
- **711**, Prioritize Scam and Fraud Protection for Veterans

Bottom line: dignity, access and accountability cut across every mission.

More Than Votes Happened in Orlando

Four days mixed governance, learning, service and recognition.

Business sessions

Opening, business and final sessions.

Committee work

Seven working committees.

Service support

Benefits help, claims support and Vet Center resources.

Education and engagement

Workshops on advocacy, caregivers, employment and women veterans.

Recognition and leadership

Awards, elections and new national officers.

Delegates set policy—and strengthened the people and network that carry it forward.

Six Conversations That Moved the Mission

BPTL Workshop

Policy goals + VA budget

Resolutions Committee Prep

How committee work gets done

Service & Legislative Seminar

Live benefits + policy Q&A

Women Veterans Seminar

Care designed for women veterans

Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy

Evidence, experience + policy

Caregiver Support

Resources for caregivers

New Leadership—and People Worth Celebrating

The convention closed with a leadership transition and national recognition.

National commander elected

John Donovan was elected national commander at DAV's 104th national convention.

Commander's stated focus

His focus: earned benefits, a strong VA, caregivers and survivors.

Disabled American Veteran of the Year

Sam Juan was named DAV's 2026 Disabled American Veteran of the Year.

Convention program recognition

Members and volunteers were recognized across DAV and the Auxiliary.

More than 2,000 members and supporters gathered in Orlando. Current DAV and Military.com coverage is linked below.

CURRENT COVERAGE [DAV.org](https://www.dav.org) • [DAV LinkedIn](https://www.dav.org/linkedin) • [Military.com](https://www.military.com)

Bring the Convention Home

A simple message for departments, chapters and BPTLs.

- Delegates adopted DAV's 2026–2027 legislative program.
- The agenda spans benefits, healthcare, employment and cross-cutting issues.
- Use the adopted list for resolution numbers and purposes.
- Explain what passed—then connect it to local veterans' experiences.

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Tone to emphasize

Member-driven. Clear.
Action-oriented.

A 15-minute Conversation—Not a Lecture

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| 1 | Opening | Set the purpose in one sentence. |
| 2 | Convention recap | Share three moments from Orlando. |
| 3 | Resolution rundown | Show the 311-resolution snapshot. |
| 4 | Department follow-up | Clarify dispositions and questions. |
| 5 | BPTL activation | End with one local action. |

ONE ASK Help members understand what delegates passed—and how it powers DAV advocacy this year.

The 311-Resolution Scorecard

A quick Q&A reference.

Hospital and Voluntary Service Committee

139

Care, caregivers, research and access.

Legislation and Veterans Rights Committee

100

Benefits, claims, appeals and due process.

General Resolutions

42

Access, technology and accountability.

Employment Committee

30

Education, work and economic opportunity.

From Orlando to Action

The convention set the direction. Leaders now make it real.

311 adopted resolutions give DAV a member-approved agenda for the year ahead.

Explain it clearly. Bring forward local stories. Turn adopted policy into consistent advocacy.

Adopted resolutions

Committed leadership

Informed departments

Ready BPTLs

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Thank You for All You Do

From the DAV Legislative Team

Your voice, leadership and commitment help protect what veterans earned — and ensure they receive what they need.