



DIY & Auxiliary
2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 1-4, 2026

WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

Jerry L. Demings

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August 1, 2026

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the ***Disabled American Veterans 104th National Convention!***

I commend the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for its unwavering commitment to "*Keeping Our Promises to the Men and Women Who Served.*" For more than a century, DAV has been a powerful advocate for our nation's veterans, helping veterans and their families secure more than \$28 billion in earned benefits. Through its nationwide Transportation Network, DAV has provided millions of free rides to VA medical appointments, ensuring that veterans have access to the healthcare they have earned. With nearly 1,200 chapters, DAV continues to champion legislation, employment opportunities, caregiver support, and critical services that improve the lives of wounded, injured, and ill veterans and their families.

Florida proudly has the second largest Veteran population in the nation, with more than 1.4 million veterans. In Orange County, more than 72,000 veterans call our community home. For more than 80 years, the Orange County Veterans Services Office has played a vital role in connecting veterans and their families with the benefits, resources, and support they have earned through their dedicated service to our country.

On behalf of the 1.6 million residents of Orange County, thank you for your selfless service and sacrifice to our nation! We are truly honored to host this year's annual convention and wish you a memorable and successful event!

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

DON'T FORGET!

RSVP to the Introduction of National Officers Dinner

You must RSVP to attend.

Visit the designated table outside registration

Level 1, Gatlin Foyer

Thursday, July 30 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, July 31 – Saturday, Aug. 1 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 2 | 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Convention attendees who registered online and elected to attend the national officer dinner do not need to take further action, unless they need to cancel a reservation. Attendees who did not register for the dinner in advance may do so at the designated table outside registration. The deadline to make a reservation or cancel their existing reservation is **Sunday, August 2, at 4 p.m.**

Tickets will not be issued for this event. Instead, an email will be sent by the morning of Tuesday, August 4 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.

- 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



All social media information is located on Linktree. View by scanning the QR code or visit linktr.ee/socialdav.



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)
Level 1, Mobile Unit & Gatlin Foyer

Fri, July 31 – Mon., Aug. 3

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 4

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

VA Benefit Questions

Level 2, Suwannee 19-21

DAV national service officers will be available to provide counsel and answer questions about the benefits veterans have earned or pending claims. To take advantage of this free service, stop by the Claims Assistance Office during the hours listed below.

Fri., July 31 – Sun., Aug. 2

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 3

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 4

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

VA First Aid Room

Suite 10217

Provided by the Orlando VA Medical Center

Thurs., July 30

Noon – 4 p.m.

Fri., July 31 – Mon., Aug. 3

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 4

8 a.m. – Noon

Highly trained EMS will be located in Gatlin Foyer when meetings are in session.



Department/Chapter Portal Assistance

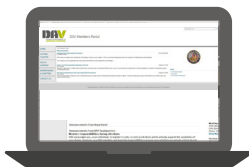
Level 1, Gatlin A1

Fri., July 31 – Mon., Aug. 3

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 4

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Trust and Foundation Donations

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

Fri., July 31 – Sun., Aug. 2

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 3

8 – 11 a.m.

Download the convention app

Scan the QR code to sign up for the
DAV 2026 National Convention event.





STORE HOURS

Level 1, Gatlin A3

Thurs., July 30

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fri., July 31 – Mon., Aug. 3

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 4 | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 30**Registration**

Level 1, Gatlin A1

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Will Call (Registration)

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 31**Registration**

Level 1, Gatlin A1

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Will Call (Registration)

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Veterans Information Seminar on VA Benefits

Level 1, Panzacola F1–F2

9 a.m.

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Level 1, Gatlin D

9 a.m.

DAV Board of Directors Meeting

Level 1, Gatlin D

*Immediately following NEC meeting***MyDAV.org/Membership Portal Training**

Level 1, Panzacola F3–F4

11 a.m. – noon

Benefits Protection Team Leader Workshop

Level 1, Panzacola F1–F2

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Veterans Information Seminar on VA Benefits

Level 1, Panzacola F1–F2

1 p.m.

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Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Even-Numbered District Meetings

1 – 2:15 p.m.

District 2	Level 2, St. John's 27
District 4	Level 2, St. John's 26
District 6	Level 2, Suwannee 15
District 8	Level 2, Suwannee 11
District 10	Level 2, St. John's 25
District 12	Level 2, St. John's 24
District 14	Level 2, St. John's 23
District 16	Level 2, Suwannee 12
District 18	Level 2, Suwannee 13
District 20	Level 2, Suwannee 14

Odd-Numbered District Meetings

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

District 1	Level 2, St. John's 27
District 3	Level 2, St. John's 26
District 5	Level 2, St. John's 25
District 7	Level 2, Suwannee 11
District 9	Level 2, Suwannee 15
District 11	Level 2, St. John's 28
District 13	Level 2, St. John's 24
District 15	Level 2, St. John's 23
District 17	Level 2, Suwannee 12
District 19	Level 2, Suwannee 13
District 21	Level 2, Suwannee 14

Caregivers Support Seminar

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1–F2

**Workshop: Preparing to Serve on
a Convention Resolution Committee**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3–F4

Patriots Pitch Contest

5 – 6 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**Registration**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

DAV/Auxiliary Joint Opening Session

8:30 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

- Convention Call to Order & Welcome
- Post Colors Honor Guard
- National Anthem
- Invocation **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Welcoming Remarks **Regina Johnson**, *Convention Chair*
- Introduction of National Officers
- Report **Coleman Nee**, *National Commander*
- Remarks **Melissa Pierce**, *Auxiliary National Commander*
- Presentation **Patty Corpus**, *Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year*
- Remarks **Paul R. Lawrence**, *Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
- Remarks **Ford Motor Company**
- Presentation **Noah Omura**, *DAV Scholarships*
- Awards **DAV and Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year**
- Presentation **Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick**
- Remarks **Golden Corral**
- Remarks **Camp Corral**
- Report **Barry Jesinoski**, *National Adjutant*
- Presentation **Sam Juan**, *Disabled American Veteran of the Year*
- Remarks **USAA**
- Remarks **Americans For Ibogaine**
- Award **Bugle Award**
- Adopt Policy
- Benediction **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

Root Beer Float Party

Level 1, Gatlin D

Immediately following Joint Opening Session

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DAV Convention Credentials Committee

Level 2, St. John's 33

1 – 2 p.m.

Service and Legislative Seminar

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

2 – 4 p.m.

DAV Auxiliary Overview: Q&A Session

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

4 – 6 p.m.

DAV Convention Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Level 2, St. John's 26-27

4:15 p.m.

DAV Convention General Resolutions and Membership Committee

Level 2, Suwannee 13-14

4:15 p.m.

DAV Convention Employment Committee

Level 2, Suwannee 11-12

4:15 p.m.

DAV Convention Nominating Committee

(committee members only) Level 2, St. John's 32

4:15 p.m.

Commanders & Adjutants Association

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

4:15 p.m.

DAV/Auxiliary National Commanders' Reception 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Foyer

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DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1- Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**Memorial Service**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

DAV Convention Credentials Committee

8 – 8:30 a.m.

Level 2, St. John's 33

Registration

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

DAV First Business Session

9 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

- Call to Order **Coleman Nee**, *National Commander*
- Invocation **Debra Varner Dancer**, *National Chaplain*
- Report **Credentials Committee**
- Report **Jim Marszalek**, *Executive Director, Washington Headquarters*
- Report **Cody VanBoxel**, *Executive Director, National Headquarters*
- National Commander Awards **Employment, Voluntary Services, Membership**
- Remarks **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

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Level 2, Suwannee 11-12

DAV Convention Legislative & Veterans Rights Committee 1 p.m.

Level 2, Suwannee 13-14

DAV Membership Seminar 1 – 2 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

DAV Convention Nominating Committee 1 – 4 p.m.

(committee members only) Level 2, St. John's 32

DAV Inspector General Workshop 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

DAV POW/MIA Seminar 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Level 2, St. John's 26-27

Ibogaïne-Assisted Therapy: Hope, Evidence and the Road Ahead Seminar 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

Commanders and Adjutants Association 4 – 6 p.m.

Level 2, St. John's 26-27

C&P Exams: What You Should Know Seminar 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3

**Leave Memories, Not Bills: Understanding
Final Expense Insurance & VETECARE
- the Fusion of Military and Medicare benefits**

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

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Humana.  **USAA®**

**Transforming Veteran Healthcare Through
the Federal Electronic Health Record**

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

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Health

**DAV Convention Nominating Committee
(committee members only)** Level 2, St. John's 32

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration

Level 1, Gatlin A1

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Will Call (Registration)

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Communications & Outreach Seminar

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

9 – 10 a.m.

DAV Chaplain Seminar

Level 2, St. John's 26-27

10 – 11:15 a.m.

Voluntary Services Seminar

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Veteran Debt, Entrepreneurship and the Financial Gap No One Talks About

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

11:15 a.m. – noon

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DAV Employment & Entrepreneurship Seminar

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

1 – 2:30 p.m.

National Service Foundation

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

2 p.m.

Charitable Service Trust

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

Immediately following NSF

Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

Immediately following CST

Planned Giving: Provide and Honor Seminar

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Women Veterans Seminar: Menopause

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

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Fun Night

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

8 – 10 p.m.



The War and Treaty is headlined by Michael Trotter Jr., who served in the Army in Iraq, and Tanya Trotter, a veteran spouse. The 2023 Academy of Country Music Award Duo of the Year recipients will bring something for everyone and have a special connection with the DAV community.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**Registration**

8 – 10 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

DAV Second Business Session

8:30 – 11 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

- Call to Order **Coleman Nee**, *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 – 2:30 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

- Call to Order **Coleman Nee**, *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

2 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin D

DAV Board of Directors Meeting*Immediately following NEC Meeting*

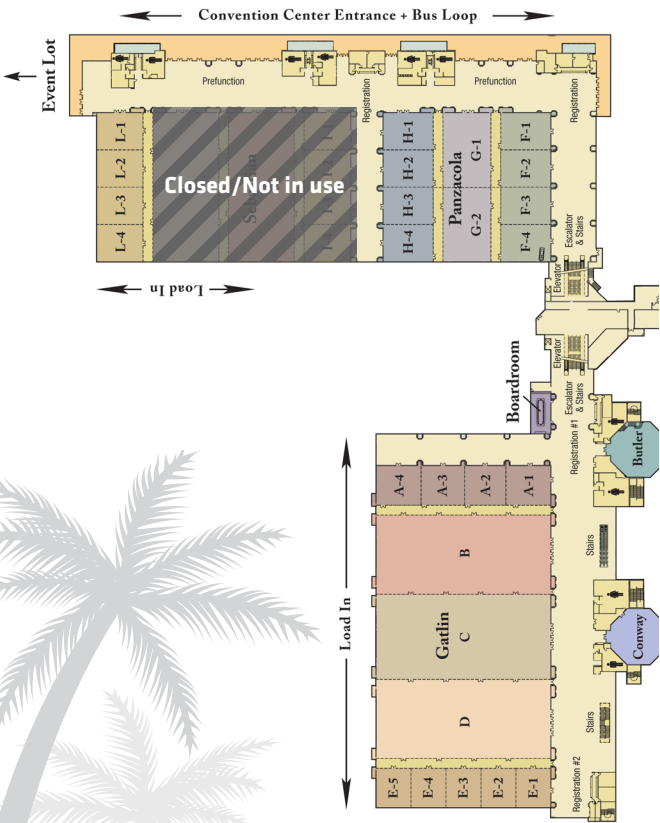
Level 1, Gatlin D

Introduction of National Officers Dinner

6:30 – 9 p.m.

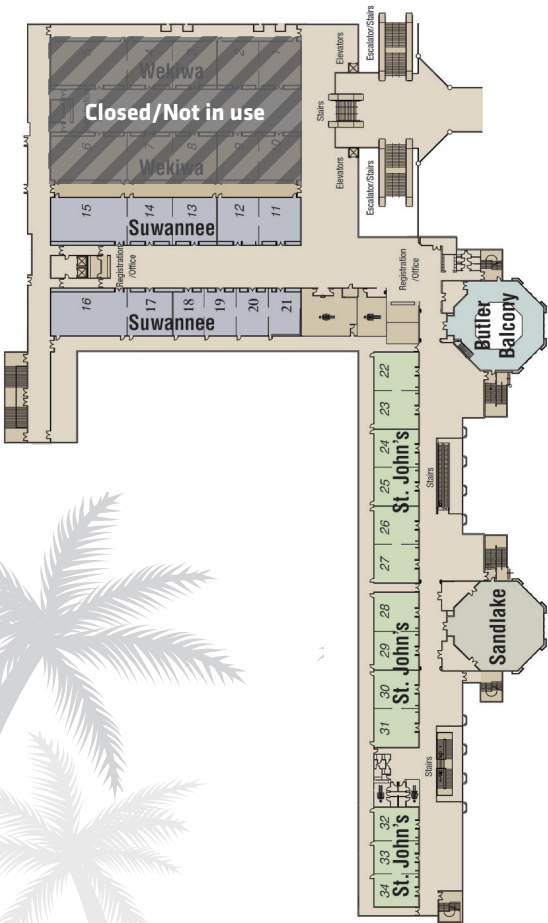
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LEVEL 2



Seminars are open to registered DAV and Auxiliary members and registered guests. Attend as many sessions as possible that interest you the most.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

◆ **Veterans Information Seminar on VA Benefits** 9 a.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Learn about benefits earned in service by service officers who help their fellow veterans get justice. Following the presentation, no-cost, professional claims assistance will be provided for veterans, family members, caregivers and survivors. A second, similar briefing will be held at 1 p.m.

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◆ **MyDAV.org/Membership Portal Training** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

Lamarr Couser, *National Membership Director*

An overview of the MyDAV portal and its key features, including data access and reporting updates (AFR & OER), member resources, and chapter website tools designed to support chapter operations and enhance member engagement.

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

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Jon Retzer, *National Legislative Director*

Naomi Mathis, *Deputy National Legislative Director*

Kevin Miller, *Assistant 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 the VA.

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◆ **Caregivers Support Seminar**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Ron Minter, *National Caregiver Support Program Director***Donna Joyner**, *Caregiver***Lindsey Niemeier**, *CEO, TCARE***Angel Torres**, *Strategic Advisor, Veteran Debt Assistance, U.S. Army (Ret)*

Please join us and our panel of experts as we engage in conversation surrounding critical issues and access to resources for caregivers. The panel discussion will be followed by an interactive Q&A with the audience and panel members.

◆ **Preparing to Serve on a Convention Resolution Committee**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

Jon Retzer, *National Legislative Director***Naomi Mathis**, *Deputy National Legislative Director***Kevin Miller**, *Assistant 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.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

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. Attendees will have a chance to enter a raffle and win a \$50 DAV Store gift card.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

◆ DAV Service and Legislative Seminar

2 – 4 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

Scott Hope, *National Service Director*

Jon Retzer, *National Legislative Director*

Jonathan Kaupanger, *Associate National Communications Director/Moderator*

This year's Service & Legislative Seminar will be taped live for DAV's podcast. It will be an ask-anything format, so don't miss this unique opportunity to hear directly from leadership on benefits advocacy and policy that impacts veterans and families.

◆ DAV Auxiliary Overview: Q&A Session

4 – 6 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

Bunny Clos, *DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant*

Ann Glende, *DAV Auxiliary Assistant National Adjutant*

DAV Auxiliary Line Officers

This session will provide an open forum for new delegates and DAV Auxiliary members to discuss key topics and procedures.

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DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2◆ **DAV Membership Seminar**

1 – 2 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Lamarr Couser, *National Membership Director*

A comprehensive look at DAV membership programs and services, member benefits and engagement opportunities, and proven strategies for recruiting new members and retaining existing ones to strengthen the organization.

◆ **DAV Inspector General Workshop**

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Ryan M. Burgos, *Inspector General*

This workshop will cover the election of chapter and department leadership, proper use of DAV funds, and members' responsibilities for maintaining financial accountability, including the timely submission of Annual Financial Reports as required by the Bylaws. It will also address the legal requirements of the Bequest Reporting Program.

◆ **DAV POW-MIA Seminar**

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Level 2, St. John's 26-27

Marty Pennock, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Chairman***Laymond Rose**, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member***Donald Peek**, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member***Tom Kimmet**, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member***Jennifer Walsh**, *Principal Deputy Director for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)*

Learn about Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency recovery and identification processes, including mission updates, legislative concerns and more.

DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

◆ **C&P Exams: What You Should Know Seminar** 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

Tony De Falco, *Senior Director - Stakeholder Engagement and International Services*

A compensation and pension (C&P) exam is one of the most important components used by the VA to determine your disability claim. Our expert will present an overview of what to expect during the C&P process, how VES can help, and frequently asked questions by advocates and veterans.

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◆ **Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy: Hope, Evidence and the Road Ahead**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

Matt Saintsing, *Assistant National Communications Director*

Robert Gallery, *former NFL offensive lineman*

Dr. James Hancock, *former Chief, U.S. Navy Medical Corps, and Medical Officer, U.S. Marine Corps, RADM (Ret)*

Bryan Hubbard, *CEO of Americans for Ibogaine*

Sam Juan, *2026 Disabled American Veteran of the Year*

Hear from experts and veterans about the current evidence surrounding the psychedelic medicine ibogaine, along with personal experiences and the evolving policy landscape for psychedelic-assisted therapy in treating PTSD, traumatic brain injuries and substance use disorders.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3

- ◆ **Leave Memories, Not Bills: Understanding Final Expense Insurance & VETECARE - the Fusion of Military and Medicare benefits** 8 – 8:45 a.m.

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

Yacer Rodriguez, *Life Solutions Specialist, USAA*

Cullen Wright, *Veterans' Initiatives Director, Advocate Health Advisors*
DAV partners USAA and Humana will discuss topics that impact end of life costs and clarify the impact of combining earned veterans and Medicare benefits.

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- ◆ **Transforming Veteran Healthcare Through the Federal Electronic Health Record** 8 – 8:45 a.m.

Level 1, Conway (Gatlin wing)

Dr. James Ellzy, *Presenter*

This fireside chat will explore recent Federal Electronic Health Record (EHR) deployments across the VA, highlighting successes in Michigan and Southern Ohio and preparations for upcoming deployments in Indiana and Alaska. Featuring Dr. Ellzy, a Veteran and former Navy physician, the discussion will examine how the program has evolved and how a single, longitudinal health record is improving the Veteran healthcare experience.

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◆ **Communications & Outreach Seminar**

9 – 10 a.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Dan Clare, *Chief Communications & Outreach Officer*

Rob Lewis, *National Communications Director*

Todd Hunter, *Deputy 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.

◆ **A Good Chaplain**

10 – 11:15 a.m.

Level 2, St. John's 26-27

Debra Varner Dancer, *National Chaplain*

Serving the spiritual needs of a DAV entity can present challenges and opportunities. DAV's national chaplain will offer guidance and advice on being a source of comfort to those who are called to serve in this often-misunderstood role.

◆ **Voluntary Services Seminar**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

John Kleindienst, *National Voluntary Services Director*

Oscar Olguin, *Assistant National Voluntary Services Director*

Brian Buckwalter, *Senior Communications Associate*

This event will look back on the following year's evolution in voluntary services and discuss the transportation network, VAVS, the Local Veterans Assistance Program and other initiatives.

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DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

◆ **Veteran Debt, Entrepreneurship and the Financial Gap No One Talks About**

11:15 a.m. – noon

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

Patrick Murphy, *Executive Director, HILCO Global, Former Undersecretary of the U.S. Army*

Angel Torres, *Strategic Advisor, Veteran Debt Assistance, U.S. Navy (Ret)*

Steve Parker, *Director Veteran Policy, Veteran Debt Assistance, U.S. Army (Ret)*

A focused fireside chat covering two tracks: the debt crisis veterans face post-separation, and the capital and financial barriers that stand between veterans and business ownership. No slides. No broad survey of every transition challenge. Just two topics, three voices, and a real conversation about what the data shows and what veterans actually need.

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◆ **Employment & Entrepreneurship: Empowering Veteran Success**

1 – 2:30 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

Dan Clare, *Chief Communications & Outreach Officer*

Jeremy Yost, *National Employment Director*

Jackie Graham, *Associate National Employment Director*

Helping veterans achieve their maximum professional potential is key to them being able to care for themselves and their families and pursue a purposeful future. This seminar will engage participants and provide the latest updates on DAV's efforts to empower veterans, spouses and families by connecting them with employers and making success accessible through their careers and companies. We'll be previewing the DAV Hiring Guide and educating attendees to become employment and entrepreneurship advocates for those who've served.



◆ **Planned Giving: To Provide and Honor**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Level 2, Sandlake (St. John's wing)

Eddie Rauen, *National Director Personal Philanthropy Programs*

Jason Belland, *Assistant National Director Personal Philanthropy Programs*

Planning to provide a legacy beyond life requires knowledge and careful planning. This seminar will discuss tax-wise giving strategies that benefit individuals and families. Each attendee will get a free DAV gift bag and be entered to win one of two \$50 gift cards.

◆ **Women Veterans Health Forum: Menopause**

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F1-F2

Naomi Mathis, *Deputy National Legislative Director*

Maria Luque, *Menopause Fitness Expert*

VA Guest Speaker

An inclusive seminar for women and male veterans to better understand menopause and its physical, emotional, and relational impacts. Participants will gain practical knowledge on managing symptoms and supporting overall health and well-being during midlife.

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THURSDAY, JULY 30

Registration

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

Auxiliary National Executive Committee

6:30 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3–F4

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Registration

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

Auxiliary Odd-Numbered District Meetings

9 – 10 a.m.

District 1	Level 2, St. John's 27
District 3	Level 2, St. John's 26
District 5	Level 2, St. John's 25
District 7	Level 2, Suwannee 11
District 9	Level 2, Suwannee 15
District 11	Level 2, St. John's 28
District 13	Level 2, St. John's 24
District 15	Level 2, St. John's 23
District 17	Level 2, Suwannee 12
District 19	Level 2, Suwannee 13
District 21	Level 2, Suwannee 14

Auxiliary Even-Numbered District Meetings

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

District 2	Level 2, St. John's 27
District 4	Level 2, St. John's 26
District 6	Level 2, Suwannee 15
District 8	Level 2, Suwannee 11
District 10	Level 2, St. John's 25
District 12	Level 2, St. John's 24
District 14	Level 2, St. John's 23
District 16	Level 2, Suwannee 12
District 18	Level 2, Suwannee 13
District 20	Level 2, Suwannee 14

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Registration

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

DAV/Auxiliary Joint Opening Session

8:30 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

See Page 8 for details.

Root Beer Float Party

Level 1, Gatlin D

Immediately following Joint Opening Session

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DAV Exhibit Space

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin D

Auxiliary First Business Session

2 – 4 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

DAV Auxiliary Overview: Q&A Session

4 – 6 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3-F4

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Auxiliary Convention Nominating Committee

2:30 – 8 p.m.

(committee members only) Level 2, St. John's 34**DAV/Auxiliary National Commanders' Reception**

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Foyer

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Health**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2****Memorial Service**

7:30 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B-C

Registration

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin Registration 1

Auxiliary Convention Nominating Committee

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

(committee members only) Level 2, St. John's 34**Auxiliary Committee Meetings**

9 a.m.

Americanism	Level 2, Suwannee 11-12
Community Service	Level 2, St. John's 25
Constitution & Bylaws	Level 2, St. John's 30
Junior Activities	Level 2, St. John's 28
Legislation	Level 2, St. John's 23
Mae Holmes	Level 2, St. John's 24
VAVS	Level 2, St. John's 29

DAV EXHIBIT SPACE

Level 1, Gatlin D

Sat., Aug. 1– Mon., Aug. 3 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Registration and Will Call (Registration)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Auxiliary Second Business Session

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3–F4

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

Forget-Me-Not National Commander

12:30 p.m.

Testimonial Luncheon

Level 1, Panzacola G1

Separate pre-paid ticket required

Fun Night, featuring The War and Treaty

8 – 10 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Registration

8 – 10 a.m.

Level 1, Gatlin A1

Auxiliary Final Business Session

9 a.m.

Level 1, Panzacola F3–F4

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

Auxiliary National Executive Committee

Level 1, Panzacola F3–F4

Immediately following Auxiliary Business Session

Introduction of National Officers Dinner

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Level 1, Gatlin B–C

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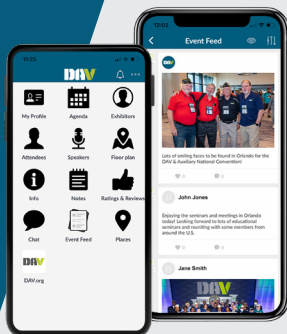


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