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SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE ON VISIT OF DAV NATIONAL OFFICIAL

(Please fill in areas in parentheses with the information indicated or adapt this sample release to the requirements of your upcoming event. The "Biographical Information" sheet/s you'll find enclosed should be included with this release. Photos should go to newspapers and TV station, but radio stations don't need them. If you need additional copies of these supplies, call the National Communications Department at (859) 441-7300. The release should be mailed -- or preferably hand delivered -- several days before the event. And thank you for your interest and assistance in spreading the message about the DAV).

CONTACT: (Your Name)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(Date)

NATIONAL OFFICIAL OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS TO VISIT (NAME OF EVENT) FOR (NAME OF EVENT)

(CITY, STATE) -- (name of national official/s, (title/s) of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans), will be in (city) from (date) to (date) to attend (name of event).

(Last name of official), who has a service-connected disability incurred during (name of war), will be in town to participate in (name of event). The event is being hosted by (Name of Your Chapter or Department).

(Describe the event, number of DAV and Auxiliary members attending, and any other information you feel will be of interest to media representatives. You may also want to include information from the "Biographical Information" sheet on the visiting official).

The Disabled American Veterans is a Congressionally-chartered nonprofit organization made up of more than a million veterans disabled during wartime service or under conditions similar to war. The DAV devotes its efforts exclusively to issues involving benefits and services for America's 2.1 million disabled veterans and their families.

The organization maintains a staff of 270 professional National Service Officers (NSOs). Stationed in 100 offices across the United States and in Puerto Rico, DAV NSOs counsel veterans and family members concerning benefits and programs to which they are entitled by law. The NSO then assists these veterans and families in filing claims for these benefits and establishing eligibility.

More than 98% of the DAV's professional and management staff, including the NSOs providing these free services, are disabled veterans of the Vietnam War or later periods of military service.

(You're encouraged to include in this area, information about Department and Chapter service programs, including VAVS, the Transportation Network, the Older Veterans Assistance Program, and other worthwhile activities).

Biographical **INFO**

DELPHINE METCALF-FOSTER

National Commander
DAV (Disabled American Veterans)

Delphine Metcalf-Foster, a disabled U.S. Army veteran, was elected National Commander for the nearly 1.3 million-member DAV at the organization's 2017 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Vallejo, California native's military career included service with the U.S. Army Reserve, 689th Quartermaster Unit, 6253rd Hospital Unit and 6211th Transportation Unit, Letterman Army Medical Center. She retired from the Army Reserves with the rank of first sergeant in 1996.



Metcalf-Foster was injured in January 1991 while serving in Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Storm/Desert Shield. At the time she was supporting the Grave Registration Company mission. She was medically evacuated to Germany for care and treatment.

Metcalf-Foster is a life member of DAV Chapter 21, Vallejo, California. She currently serves on the First Data Military Advisory Council and is a member of the DAV Department of California Claims and Service Committee, and has served as Chairman for the DAV Department of California Resolution Committee. Metcalf-Foster also completed a four year appointment as a member of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Women Veterans in November 2015.

A retired Quality Assurance work leader from the Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda, California, Metcalf-Foster's leadership has been sought at the local, state, and national levels. She served as chairman of the Hospital/Volunteer Intern Committee, National 16th District Executive Committee, and has served as director and treasurer for DAV at the national level.

A graduate of Solano Community College and Sonoma State University, Metcalf-Foster majored in psychology and liberal studies. She currently resides in Vallejo, California, and is the mother of three children, Linda, Shawn and Dana.