

OUR HISTORY

Formed by veterans who bore the wounds and scars of World War I, DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. A non-profit organization with more than 1 million veteran members, DAV was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932.

OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of earned benefits available to them, fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, providing access to employment resources and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

OUR PROGRAMS

National Service Program

The National Service Program provides free, professional assistance to all generations of veterans in obtaining benefits earned through service from the VA and other government agencies. Our national service officers assist in filing claims for VA compensation, pension and death benefits and many other programs.

Find your local office: benefitsquestions.org

Information Seminars

In an effort to reach out to more veterans, DAV implemented the Information Seminar program. This program is designed to educate veterans and their families about specific veterans benefits and services. A schedule of Information Seminar locations can be found on our website: dav.org/info-seminars

National Voluntary Services Program

During any given year, DAV volunteers contribute more than 2.5 million hours in VA medical facilities. They bring veteran patients comfort in knowing that their community remembers and cares about them.

Learn more: volunteerforveterans.org

Transportation Network

We believe no one in America should go without health care simply because they don't have a ride. That's particularly true of a man or woman whose sacrifices in our nation's armed forces have made the American way of life possible. Local chapters and state-level departments are actively involved in providing free transportation to veterans who have no way to get to VA hospitals and clinics for the medical care they need.

Learn more: dav.org/help-dav/volunteer/drive-a-van

National Employment Program

We are committed to ensuring the men and women who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment. Our employment program connects transitioning active-duty, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their spouses with employers. In doing so, we help address one of the greatest needs facing our nation's heroes.

Learn more: jobs.dav.org