



# 2024 Mid-Winter Conference FAQs

## 1. When and where is the National Commander's testimony before Congress?

National Commander Nancy Espinosa's testimony before Congress will be on **Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-G50**. We highly encourage all members to attend in-person to help show our strength. However, DAV understands mobility issues can present challenges for some, so there will be a simulcast in Salons A-C of the Crystal Gateway Marriott for those who cannot attend in-person beginning at 10:00 a.m. **\*Please plan to arrive at the Dirksen Building and be seated by 9:30 a.m.**

## 2. When does the Mid-Winter Conference kick off?

Our opening session will take place at **1:30 p.m. in Salons A-C at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, after National Commander Espinosa's testimony**. Please return promptly from the testimony to ensure you make it back in time to eat and then attend the Opening Session of the Mid-Winter Conference, where the VA Secretary Denis McDonough will deliver remarks. All other normally scheduled workshops will take place on Friday and Saturday, including our National Executive Committee and Board of Directors' meetings.

- **Thursday, March 7** - The hotel restaurant, 15th and Eads will be open with a limited lunch menu from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. to accommodate attendees before the opening session begins at 1:30 p.m.
- **DAV Commander's Reception, Thursday, March 7, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.** - Please join us for a reception honoring National Commander Nancy Espinosa in the Grand Ballroom. Registered attendees and invited guests are welcome. Dress is business casual. DAV provides hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar.
- **Friday, March 8** - Our morning sessions end at 11:45 a.m. and afternoon sessions start at 1:15 p.m. The hotel restaurant, 15th and Eads, will be open with a limited lunch menu from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 9** - The hotel restaurant, 15th and Eads, will be open with a limited lunch menu from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

## 3. What if your elected officials are unable to meet during our Mid-Winter Conference?

If you can't meet with your elected officials or their staff due to the compressed DAV Mid-Winter Conference schedule this year, please schedule a meeting with them back in their home office.