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TO: National Executive Committee
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SUBJECT: NEC Regulation 13: Donor Intent Policy

The Bequest Reporting Program (BRP) was created in 2020 in an effort to validate the intent of donors who may have left a bequest, or other testamentary gift to DAV, or a subordinate entity of DAV. In all cases in which a gift is received at National Headquarters, our legal staff reviews the documentation to determine if the gift is truly intended for the National Organization. In cases where a gift is clearly intended for a Department, Chapter, or an Auxiliary entity, those gifts are forwarded to the specific entity. However, reciprocation has not always occurred as required, and many gifts intended for the National Organization have been deposited into accounts of subordinate entities, and utilized in contrast of the donor's intention.

Accordingly, National Adjutant Jesinoski submitted NEC Ballot #34 on May 1, 2025, recommending approval of NEC Regulation 13 in order to solidify the BRP, standardize the management of donations received by DAV subordinate entities, and ensure consistent handling of contributions received at National Headquarters. The NEC approved the new Regulation, **NEC Regulation 13: Donor Intent Policy**, which states the following:

"General Rule. All bequests and/or other testamentary gifts like IRAs, bank accounts, and life insurance policies regardless of size, type, or designation, must be submitted to the Bequests Reporting Program (BRP) to ensure distribution is pursuant to the donor's intent. It is the responsibility of all subordinate entities to promptly report all bequests received, or upon notification of a potential gift, to the BRP, by submitting an image of all paperwork or checks received to legaldepartment@dav.org.

Additionally, if a subordinate entity receives any donation and the payee is: Disabled American Veterans; DAV National Headquarters; or DAV, and the donor does not specify a Department, Chapter or Auxiliary entity, that entity is required to forward the donation to Remittance Processing at National Headquarters. Conversely, if National Headquarters receives a donation intended for a Department, Chapter or Auxiliary entity, Remittance Processing will distribute the funds accordingly, in alignment with the donor's expressed wishes."

With the implementation of NEC Regulation 13, we are taking a critical step toward preserving the integrity of donor intent and ensuring proper stewardship of every gift made to DAV. This policy is not only a matter of compliance, it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to honoring the trust placed in us by our donors. We appreciate the cooperation of all subordinate entities in supporting the BRP and upholding the high ethical standards that define our organization. Should there be any questions regarding the implementation of this policy or the handling of specific gifts, please feel free to contact me or Deputy Inspector General Burgos at National Headquarters for guidance and clarification.



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