Preparing Resolutions for Department Conventions

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Department conventions during COVID

• These are extraordinary times
• To get back to a “new normal” requires an “all hands on deck” attitude
  • Commanders, adjutants, BPTLs
• Resolutions must be resubmitted
• Legislative efforts are counting on departments’ action
Department Convention Prep

What do I need to do???

Our three suggestions:

• Review your department constitution and bylaws (C&B)
• Coordinate within your department
• Resolutions
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Coordinate within your department

• Establish a meeting with your department leaders, commander, adjutant, BPTL to discuss the C&B and coordinate plans accordingly
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Coordinate within your department

• Request resolutions from your chapters prior to convention

• Assign resolutions to the appropriate committees if applicable
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- How to write resolutions?
  - Check out our resources page to review past webinar
- Chapters and committees can write resolutions
- Resolutions can involve issues:
  - Locally
  - State/department level
  - Federal/national level
What is the difference between a local resolution and a federal or national resolution?
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A local issue resolution will be one that deals solely within a local or state jurisdiction.

These \textit{should not} be submitted to the National Legislative Director.

"Now I get it!"
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Local issues:

• Property tax exemption
• License plates (disabled veteran or handicapped)
• Hunting and fishing licenses
• Reduced/free tolls or express passes

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A federal or national resolution will be one that relates to federal programs under the jurisdiction of the United States government, generally the Department of Veterans Affairs.
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• VA compensation and benefits
• VA education and employment
• VA health care
• VA national cemeteries

After department approval, these *must* be submitted to the National Legislative Director.
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What if you do not receive any resolutions from your chapters?
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Re-introduce current resolutions!

We can only support or oppose issues that we have resolutions for, so we generally need existing resolutions to be re-introduced each year.
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View the most current resolutions:

www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/resolutions
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Before July 17th, submit **ONE COPY** of your resolutions to:

Resolutions@dav.org
Resolutions due by July 17th!!!

Resolutions@dav.org
Need Assistance?

If you need assistance with your resolutions, please check out our recent webinar on resolution writing, and reach out to us for assistance:

202-554-3501
Lbogle@dav.org
Summary

- Know and understand your department’s C&B
- Coordinate within your department
- Resolutions, resolutions, resolutions
  - Write ‘em or re-introduce ‘em
  - Pass ‘em
  - Submit ‘em ASAP
Thank You For Your Time

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