



Preparing for Department Conventions

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Department Convention Prep

What do I need to do???

Our 3 Suggestions:

- Understand Your Department Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)
- Coordinate Within Your Department
- Resolutions



Resolutions and Department Convention

Coordinate within Your Department

- Establish a meeting with your department leaders, Commander, Adjutant, BPTL to discuss the C&B and coordinate plans accordingly



Resolutions and Department Convention

Coordinate within Your Department

- Request resolutions from your Chapters prior to Convention
- Assign resolutions to the appropriate Committees if applicable



Resolutions and Department Convention

Resolutions

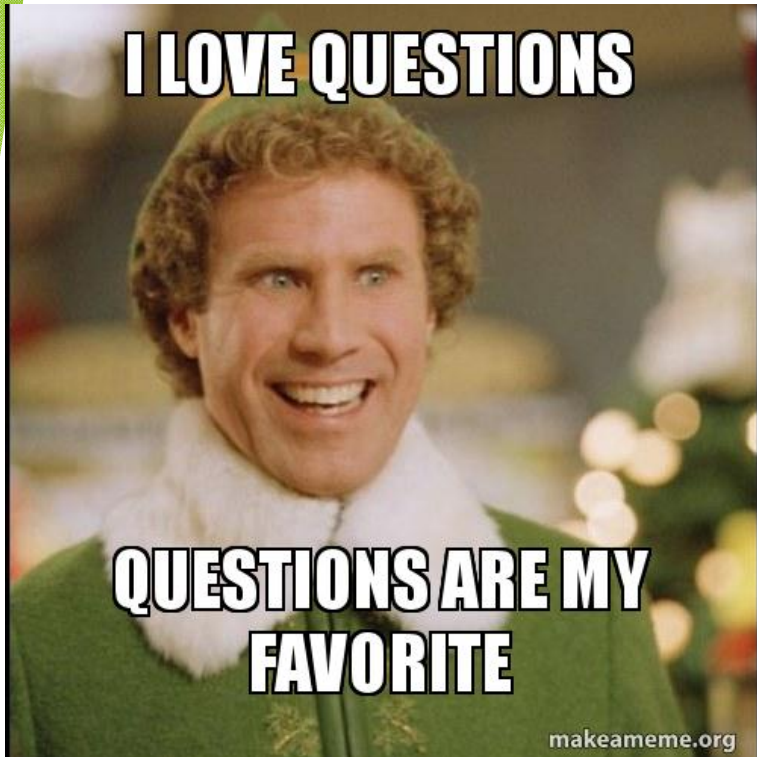
- How to write resolutions?
 - Check out our resources page to review past webinar!
- Chapters & Committees can write resolutions.

Resolutions can involve issues:

- Locally
- State/Department Level
- Federal/National Level



Resolutions and Department Convention



What is the difference between a local Resolution and a federal or national Resolution?

Resolutions and Department Convention

A local issue Resolution will be one that deals solely within a local or state jurisdiction. These **should not** be submitted to the National Legislative Director.



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Local Issues:

- Property tax exemption
- License plates, disabled vet or handicapped
- Hunting and/fishing licenses
- Reduced/free tolls or express passes

These **should not** be submitted to the National Legislative Director.

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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 VA.

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- VA Compensation Benefits
- VA Education & Employment
- VA Health Care
- VA National Cemeteries



After Department approval, these **must be submitted** to the National Legislative Director.



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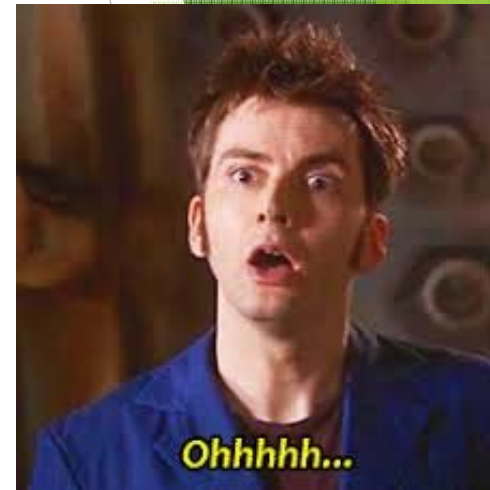
What if you do not
have any Resolutions
from Your Chapters?



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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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Committees Can Re-Introduce current Resolutions

<https://www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/resolutions/>



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

In Summary:

1. Know and Understand Your Department's C&B
2. Coordinate within Your Department
3. Resolutions, Resolutions, Resolutions
 1. Write 'em or Re-Introduce 'em
 2. Pass 'em
 3. Get 'em to National ASAP



Department of Wisconsin

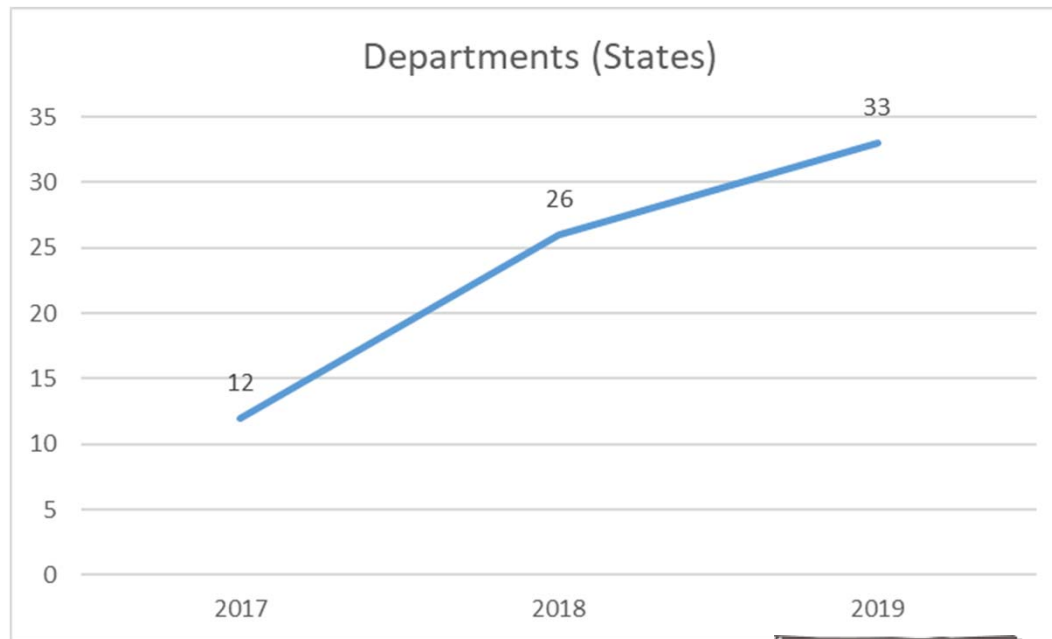


The Challenge

We Challenge **each Department** to submit at least 5 Resolutions for our National Legislative Agenda for the upcoming year.



The Challenge





Thank You For Your Time

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