Preparing for National Convention

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What do I need to do?

Our 3 Suggestions:

• Review our Legislative Program
• Know our National Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)
• Prepare for District & Convention Committee Meetings
What is DAV’s Legislative Program?

“There ought to be a law!”
What is DAV’s Legislative Program?

Resolutions:
- DAV member
- Chapter
- Department
- National Convention
DAV National Resolutions

A resolution that relates to federal benefits and programs under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, generally the VA.
Constitution and Bylaws
(Resolutions)

Constitution, Article VI – Legislation
• Supreme Legislative Powers

Bylaws: Article 2, Section 2.2 – Legislative Activities;
Article 3, Section 3.2 – Duration of Mandates
• National Legislative Program
• Duration of Resolutions

Bylaws, Article 3, Section 3.10, Rule 7(a) (Rules of the Convention)
• Resolution Consideration for Adoption
Resolutions passed at your Department Convention should be sent to:

- **Email**: resolutions@dav.org
- **Snail mail**: National Legislative Director Joy Ilem
  DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters
  807 Maine Avenue, SW
  Washington, DC 20024
At National Convention

District Meetings:

• Delegates and Alternates
• Delegate/Alternate Information Packet
National Convention Committees

- Committee on General Resolutions
- Committee on Legislation and Veterans Rights
- Committee on Constitution and Bylaws
- Committee on Employment
- Committee on Hospital and Voluntary Services
At National Convention

Prepare for Convention Committees:

• Review current resolutions
• Report the disposition of resolutions
In Summary:

1. Review the Purpose (Legislative Program)
2. Understand the Rules (Constitution and Bylaws)
3. Participate and Report the Results (Resolutions)
Thank You For Your Time

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