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TO: Department Commanders and Adjutants
FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant
DATE: April 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Resolution Submittal to the National Convention

Following the conclusion of your upcoming department convention, we ask that you submit approved resolutions that require action by the national convention to the attention of the National Legislative Director Joy Ilem at resolutions@dav.org. **Resolutions can be sent via regular mail. However, we highly recommend sending them via email to ensure they are received in a timely manner.** If resolutions are sent electronically, sending a paper copy is not required. Mailed resolutions should be sent to the attention of DAV National Legislative Director Joy Ilem, 1300 I Street NW, Suite 400 West, Washington, DC 20005.

Article 3, Section 3.10, Rule 7(a) (Rules of the Convention), of the DAV Bylaws provides that all resolutions must be received by the Office of the National Adjutant no later than 14 days prior to the opening of the national convention. Once the resolutions arrive at DAV Washington Headquarters, they must be reviewed by our convention committee advisers and reports prepared. Generally, there are hundreds of resolutions submitted. Therefore, we ask that you forward your department's resolutions as soon as possible after your convention concludes, but no later than **Saturday, July 20**.

As a reminder, Article 3, Section 3.10, Rule 7(b) reads, in part: "Resolutions sponsored by chapters must have the approval of the department executive committee or state convention." Therefore, resolutions submitted by chapters without the approval of the department executive committee or state convention will be returned to the submitting chapter. State officials are urged to ensure that all chapters under their jurisdiction are fully aware of Rule 7(b).

To facilitate the handling of these resolutions:

- Submit one copy of each approved resolution.
- Only submit resolutions that require consideration by the national convention. Do not submit resolutions calling for legislation by state authorities, dealing with local issues, or falling outside DAV's legislative mission of fighting for the interests of America's ill and injured veterans on Capitol Hill.
- At the end of each resolution, indicate the approval of the state convention or department executive committee.

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You will receive an acknowledgement from the National Legislative Department when your resolutions are received. If you do not receive an acknowledgement letter or email within 10 days of submission, or the number of resolutions acknowledged does not coincide with your record, please contact the National Legislative Department at 202-554-3501.

The DAV 2024–2025 Legislative Program will be formulated based upon the resolutions adopted at our national convention. Therefore, it is important that chapters and departments actively participate in DAV’s resolution process. By doing so, you help to protect veterans benefits and improve health care programs and services administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies. Engaging in the process also strengthens our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and informs lawmakers about issues important to service-disabled veterans and their families, caregivers and survivors.

It is also important that we put forth new ideas and recommendations for expanding and improving veterans benefits and health care services. To help you prepare for your department convention and fully participate in the legislative process, we encourage you to review the webinar hosted by the National Legislative Department in January, noted below.

- [DAV Resolutions: Our Voice for Disabled Veterans, Survivors and their Families](#)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.



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cc: Joy Ilem, National Legislative Director