



DAV CONVENTION 2024

Where: Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center Alexandria

When: April 25 - April 27, 2024

Room Rates: \$99 + tax per night (Room Upgrades available for an extra fee and upon availability)

*Waterpark Passes are NOT included in this room rate

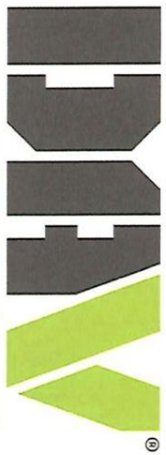
DAV of Minnesota Convention 2024 is just around the corner! We are in the planning stages keep an eye on the website and your email for updates!!

Registration \$80 per attendee. Pre-registration may be paid via our website or mailing a check to DAV MN Department to 20 West 12th Street, Saint Paul MN 55155. Make sure to include the list of delegates with registration payment. (Registration includes Friday Breakfast Lunch, dinner & Saturday Breakfast)

For room reservations please call (320-762-1124) mention the DAV State Convention to get the discounted rate! For information on the hotel visit www.arrowwoodresort.com

Room rates are guaranteed thru **March 25!** After that date room rates will increase to the full price rate.

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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants
FROM: Stephen Whitehead, Adjutant Dept. of MN
DATE: January 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Delegates to the State Convention

Enclosed is the Chapter/State Officer delegate form and new credentials to be used by the Chapters/State Officers to submit the names of their elected delegates to the State Convention. In addition, there is a sample Convention resolution to be used as a template for any resolutions submitted by the Chapters and a proposed copy of the Convention Rules for you to comment on before the convention as the Dept prepares.

NOTE: In accordance with the Department Constitution and Bylaws, all “Business sessions” and “election of Officers” will be recorded by the Department.

DELEGATES:

- 1. MUST BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED BY THE CHAPTER**
- 2. A SINGLE DELEGATE FORM LISTING ALL OFFICIAL DELEGATES (AND ANY ALTERNATES) MUST BE SUBMITTED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2024.**

- 3. CREDENTIALS ARE TO BE TURNED IN WHEN THE DELEGATE REGISTERS AT THE CONVENTION!!! PLEASE HAVE YOUR DELEGATES & ALTERNATES COMPLETE ONE OF THESE TO BRING TO THE REGISTRATION DESK. DO NOT MAIL TO DEPARTMENT. **Must be signed by the Chapter Commander and Adjutant****

As the bylaws state:

Each Chapter shall elect 1 delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof, and 1 alternate for each 2 delegates and 2 delegates and 2 alternates for Chapter charter.....said delegates must be elected and their names certified by their respective Chapters and submitted to the Dept office at least 15 days prior to the first day of the convention. Only Chapter delegates and alternates will serve on convention committees.

So... if a Chapter has 110 members:
5 delegates for 1st 100 members
1 delegate for major fraction (10) (so total of 3 alternates)
2 delegates for the charter (plus 2 alternates)
Total is 8 delegates and 5 alternates.
State officers can participate as a Chapter delegate and vote with Chapter... or
attend/participate as a Department delegate.

National will provide us with the April membership list to be used to calculate Chapter voting strength for the convention.

RESOLUTIONS:

Bylaws state: Any and all resolutions shall be presented to the Department Convention by a Chapter, Department Officer, NSO or Department Legislative Chairman and prepared properly. These resolutions must be received at the Department Office at least 15 days prior to the convening of the convention. That date is: 4/10/2024. Please note, all resolutions submitted to the department must be voted on and approved and signed by the chapter commander.

Please ensure you comply with the above so as to prevent confusion and disappointment at the convention.

As a reminder I would encourage the Chapters to begin discussing/preparing for the following which are also part of our convention:

- 1) A Chapter/individual donation to the DAV of MN Foundation Parade of Donors at the Banquet Friday Evening
- 2) Collect items from your members and local community for the DAVA Auxiliary's Basket Raffle and inform your Auxiliary in advance as to what you have.
- 3) Nominate outstanding DAVers for an award (nomination form included). There a lot of great individuals in our organization that are doing great things, let's recognize them!!
- 4) If you have specific topics of concern reach out early to see if they can be addressed at Convention.

Serving you and the DAV,

Stephen "Butch" Whitehead
Adjutant, MN DAV

Resolutions: A Breakdown

The lifeblood of the DAV's legislative and organizational process is the resolution. The resolution is how our members literally control what we do, and how we do it as an organization. If our members want to see a law changed at the state or federal level, they start that process as a resolution. If our members want to see something change in VA Healthcare, a resolution sets the DAV on the path to make those changes. It is also how our members can change how the DAV runs our organization, if you'd like to see a change in the Constitution and Bylaws at the Department or National level, you guessed it... Resolution.

Resolutions fall into 5 major categories at two distinct levels.

The two levels are:

1) Local and State Level Resolution

- a. These are the resolutions used for things like property tax relief, lowered registration fees, state level employment incentives, etc..
- b. These are presented to Department Convention, and held at the state level of action.

2) National Resolution

- a. These are for changes to be made in national law or policy.
- b. These are considered at the Department Convention and those passed are forwarded to the National Convention for consideration.

The resolutions themselves breakdown into 5 main categories to be considered by specific Committees consisting of members of the organization.

1) Constitution and Bylaws

- a. These are pretty self-explanatory, if you would like to see a change to rules we must follow as an organization this is where members can suggest those changes.
- b. **Example:** A change to allow for "distance meetings". 100+ years ago being able to use a computer to meet from your home or office wasn't imaginable, so the rules didn't allow it. The pandemic pointed out that those rules needed to be updated.

2) General and Membership

- a. This is a little bit of a catch-all category for general stances the DAV is directed to support through the resolution process.
- b. **Example:** Resolution 054 Support Legislation to Guarantee US Citizenship to Honorably Discharged Service-Connected Veterans at Time of Discharge
- c. **Example:** Resolution 049 Provide Weekend Burials at National Cemeteries

3) Legislation and Veterans Rights

- a. These are probably the ones you are most familiar with, like our fights for benefits for Vietnam Veterans, toxic exposures, contaminated water, etc..
- b. **Example:** Resolution 084 Oppose Long-Term Rounding Down of COLA in Veterans Benefits
- c. **Example:** Resolution 099 Support Legislation to Increase Disability Compensation

- 4) Employment
- a. These are specifically aimed at areas where disabled Veterans can find better training, employment, and supportive programs/services.
 - b. **Example:** Resolution 047 Support Outreach and Employment of Women Veterans
 - c. **Example:** Resolution 188 Protect Veterans From Employment Discrimination When Receiving Health Care for Service-Connected Conditions
- 5) Hospital and Voluntary Services
- a. These pertain to the services offered, the type of care, the timeliness, quality, and other aspects of how Veterans receive their healthcare and interactions with VA Voluntary Services.
 - b. **Example:** Resolution 010 Support Enhanced Medical Services and Benefits for Women Veterans
 - c. **Example:** Resolution 038 Support Sufficient Funding for Department of Veterans Affairs Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service and Timely Delivery of Prosthetic Items
 - d. **Example:** Resolution 078 Encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs to Process Volunteer Application in a Timely Manner

How a resolution should look:

- **Title**
 - This should give a strong indication on what the resolution attempts to do/change, without being so long nobody wants to read it.
- **Whereas Clauses or Justification of Purpose**
 - This is why what you want to do is so important. Your concise argument for the fact these changes must be made.
 - Avoid “overkill” with these, don’t beat a dead horse. Get your point across powerfully and precisely.
- **Resolved Clause or Final Declaration of Action or Purpose**
 - Say exactly what you want to be done.
 - Use strong language, don’t back down from your point at the end.
 - Be as short and direct as possible, don’t lose your argument through a lack of clarity.

Everything we try to do in policy, law, or organizationally relies on the resolutions. The resolution process must start at the local level. It is the general member, the Chapter member who sees day to day what is effecting the lives of them, their families, and those of the Veterans around them. It is impossible to do all of that work at a Department or National level. This is also how our members exercise their authority, this is a membership organization not that of the staff, or even Executive Committee at any level. The ultimate authority in the DAV is vested in the members. We must exercise it.

Your Chapter can submit resolutions on state or federal issues from any of the above categories. If you are not sure where it fits, just send it to us and the Legislative Director, Deputy Adjutant, and Adjutant will work on where it fits best. If you are unsure of the form, wording, etc.. Send the outline, argument, and what you have and we will work together on form.

Your submission can be made to Admin@davmn.org or you can reach out for support at HQ 651-291-1212

RESOLUTION EXAMPLE

APPOINTMENT PRIORITY FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED VETERANS

WHEREAS, the VA Health Care system now is caring for and providing treatment to all honorably discharge veterans in their medical centers regardless of service connection status; and

WHEREAS, veterans with service connected disabilities receive no special consideration or priority from the VA medical centers when requesting appointments, but rather are placed on a first come first served basis along with all non-service connected veterans; and

WHEREAS, the appointment lead times now sometimes go out nearly on year in many clinics; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota in Convention assembled in Rochester, Minnesota on May 6-7, 2005 go on record recommending that the Department of Veterans Affairs' implement an appointment reservation system that will set aside 15% of all available medical appointments for those veterans being treated for their service connected disabilities.

Submitted by,
Mankato Chapter #10

**CREDENTIALS
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

Check One _____
Name

I will vote as: _____
Name

- Chapter Delegate
- Chapter Alternate
- Dept. Officer _____
Chapter Name & No.
- Dept. Chair _____
Chapter Name & No.
- PDC
- PNC _____

Signature of Chapter Commander

Signature of Chapter Adjutant

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******MEMBERS MUST BRING CREDENTIALS WHEN THEY REGISTER AT CONVENTION****
**** DO NOT MAIL INTO DEPARTMENT******

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Date: January 19, 2024

To: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants
Executive Committee
Appointed Officers

From: Stephen Whitehead, MN DAV Adjutant
Subject: Preparation for the Department Convention

The purpose of this letter is to prepare you and your Chapter/Unit for the April 25 – 27, 2024, Department Convention at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center in Alexandria, MN . Commander Fields and I, along with our amazing staff, have plans underway to make this convention the best it possibly can.

Department leadership is asking that our Chapters please consider sending at least one representative to this year’s State Convention. Convention is the place where the DAV membership is able to bring the “Chapter’s voice” to the leadership. The Convention is where decisions are made on who will be the leaders of the organization, learn what the Department and National is working on, etc. In addition, the delegates get to hear from the leaders of our organization what happened the past year.

Some of the things you need to lay out on your next 90-day calendar...

- a) Nomination of your delegates (Feb/Mar meetings)
- b) Election of your delegates (March meetings). If your chapter is able, please consider reimbursing verified travel and/or lodging expenses for your delegates. A copy of the Department Travel/Lodging reimbursement form is included for your use/reference.
- c) Submission of your delegate’s names by April 10th. (We need to have all names of delegates and alternates early so we are prepared)
- d) Get your membership involved in the legislative process and influencing the future of DAV MN. Discuss and prepare resolutions championing your causes and ensure they are submitted. Please note that the chapter has to vote and approve all resolutions submitted and have to be signed by the chapter commander. (By April 13th, send one and the Department can make copies as needed.) Resolution example included for your reference.
- e) Collect items from your members and local community for the DAVA Auxiliary’s Basket Raffle and inform your Auxiliary in advance as to what you have.

Commander Fields and I have the following ideas/plans for the convention:

- Thursday night (April 25,2024) Commander’s Q&A. Open to all
- Agenda will be similar to last year’s schedule. We still need to confirm details with the hotel and will share a Tentative Agenda in Early/Mid-February
- Registration will not be open until the Late Afternoon/Early Evening on Thursday 4/25/2024. Please Pre-register delegates to help alleviate crowding in the registration area
- An abbreviated “business session” to allow the membership to learn more about what happened the past year and bring forward their ideas of what could be done next year.

Like always, we are going to conduct business with the intent for all of us to return to our Chapters with a better understanding of the mission of the DAV, a better understanding of our organization’s purpose, objectives and goals and ideas to revitalize your Chapters.

So, as leaders of this great organization, let’s all get involved and remember our mission as we approach Convention 2024.

Serving you and the DAV MN,

Stephen “Butch” Whitehead
Adjutant, DAV MN



TRAVEL/EXPENSE VOUCHER
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, INC.
STATE VETERANS SERVICE BLDG 3rd FLOOR
ST. PAUL, MN 55155-2002

DATE: _____

FROM (CITY) _____ TO (CITY) _____

RETURN DATE: _____

PURPOSE _____

TOTAL MILEAGE _____ @ .58.5 CENTS PER MILE.....\$ _____

LODGING\$ _____

OTHER.....\$ _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

NAME & TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

I certify that travel was official DAV business _____

****DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA POLICY: FOR MEMBERS AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR OFFICIAL INSTATE TRAVEL, \$0.58.5 CENTS WILL BE PAID FOR MILEAGE AND LODGING EXPENSES (WITH RECEIPT PROVIDED).**

**UPDATED January 1, 2022*

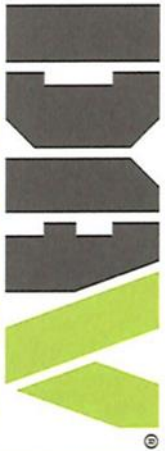
Past Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change for 2024)

Thursday: DAV MN Committee Meetings & Nominating Committee will conduct interviews
Evening State Commander & Adjutant Q & A

Friday: NSO's Benefits room, Convention Committee Meetings, Speakers, Trainings, Business Session, Banquet, Parade of Donors and Auction

Saturday: Wrap up Business, Election of Officers, Adjourn



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FROM: Stephen Whitehead, Adjutant Dept. of MN

DATE: January 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Running for Department Office

Commander Fields and I would like to encourage any and all DAV MN in good standing to consider running for a Department Officer position. Each year at Convention, the Commander appoints a Nominating Committee made up of Past Department Commanders to interview DAV MN members that are interested in becoming an Officer of the Department. We ask that you speak to your members and let them know that any individual that is interested, can go before the Nominating Committee.

This year, the Department is planning on putting in the Convention booklet that is handout out to each attendee, the Name and information about the candidates/ This is to help ensure that the membership in attendance at Convention know who is interested in becoming a Department Officer. In order to do this, we need the names submitted to Department by MARCH 31, 2024. I have included in this packet the Executive Candidate application. Please fill it out and send it back to admin@davmn.org.

In accordance with the Department bylaws, Article V – Organization, Section 1. states:

Officers of the Department shall consist of a Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, up to four (4) Junior Vice Commanders, Chaplain, and Judge Advocate, each of whom shall be elected at the regular annual convention and shall serve until their respective successors are elected and installed. The immediate Past Department Commander (PDC) shall also serve as an active Department Officer and voting member of the Department Executive Committee (DEC). The appointed position of Department Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee and as an ex officio advisory member of the DEC without vote. The appointed position of the Department Adjutant shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Department Headquarters.

Serving you and the DAV,

Stephen "Butch" Whitehead
Adjutant, MN DAV

MN DAV EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE APPLICATION

(TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Chapter Number: _____ Years in DAV: _____

Branch of Military Service: _____

Employment (Brief history/Positions held)

Education Background

List Chapter Offices Held:

Does Your Chapter Support your Candidacy?

What office do you seek?

NOTE: Applications should be submitted to the Department Office (fax 651-291-0115 or email admin@davmn.org at least 14 days prior to the convention for scheduling purposes with the Nominating Committee. This does not eliminate nominations from the floor or direct applications at the convention)



Award Nominations

Name of Nominee _____

Nominee Chapter _____

Chapter Position _____

Award Nominating For:

Commander of the year

Adjutant of the Year

Lyle C. Pearson Sr. Award (DAV'er award)

Accomplishments this Year:

Lyle C Pearson Award is the highest honor given by the DAV of MN and is given to the member who goes above and beyond to help veterans and is very active in the community.

*Return completed form to admin@davmn.org or
mail to DAV MN 20 West 12th Street, Saint Paul MN 55155*

Please attach any supporting documents to support your nominations.

MN DAV CONVENTION BIDS – INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN BIDS

DESIRED DATES OF OUR CONVENTION:

End of April

We have two conventions running simultaneously (DAV and Auxiliary)

Estimated number of attendees

Auxiliary – 50

DAV – 150-200

Total rooms – 100-150

Weds - 15

Thurs-125

Friday-140

Saturday - 10

Typically, Thursday is workshops, committee meetings and check-in
Need 2 meeting rooms in afternoon/Evening for Committees
Boardroom or smaller space for Nominating Committee
Need registration desk/tables (Th/Fr)

Friday AM

Breakfast for Attendees

AM Convention start (2 separate spaces for DAV & Auxiliary)

DAVA basket raffle runs all day 15-20 tables needed

Space for up to 15 Vendor Displays

Lunch for Attendees

Rest of day is separate convention sessions (50/150)

Space for Breakouts to smaller committees

Fri night

Social hour (cash bar)

Banquet (225-250 people)

Live auction in banquet room after banquet

Hospitality Space if Avail

Saturday AM

Breakfast for all attendees

Sessions begin 8-12 (2 sessions)

Try to Wrap up by noon

Other:

Coffee served in convention sessions AM / Water PM

Sleeping Room rates typically \$100 - \$120

Meeting Room rates typically \$0

Banquet meals \$30-\$50

Breakfast - \$15-\$20

Free parking

Contact point for more info: Stephen Whitehead or Gina Lindell
stephen@davmn.org gina@davmn.org
651-291-1212

MN DAV FALL CONFERENCE BIDS – INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN BIDS

DESIRED DATES OF OUR CONFERENCE:

Mid to Late September

We have two conferences running simultaneously (DAV and Auxiliary)

Estimated number of attendees

Auxiliary – 40

DAV – 125-150

Total rooms – 100-125

Weds- 10

Thurs-90

Friday-125

Saturday - 5

Typically Thursday is workshops, committee meetings and check-in

Need 3 - 25 person meeting room in early afternoon (flexible on this)

Need registration desk/tables in lobby area (Th/Fr)

Sometimes hold social gathering depending on hotel space

Friday AM

Breakfast for attendees

(8am) start

Rest of day is separate convention sessions (40/150)

Lunch for attendees

Need breakout rooms (possibly depending on trainings)

Fri night

Social hour (cash bar)

Dinner (150-200 people)

Saturday AM

Breakfast for all attendees

Trainings until about noon

Other:

Coffee served in Conference sessions AM / Water PM

Sleeping Room rates typically \$100-\$125

Meeting Room rates typically \$0

Banquet meals \$30-\$45

Breakfast - \$15-\$20

Free parking

Contact point for more info: Stephen Whitehead or Gina Lindell

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DAV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



- ▶ **March 7 – 10, 2024**
- ▶ **Crystal Gateway Marriott**
1700 Richmond Highway
Arlington, VA 22202
(800) 266-9432 or (703) 920-3230
Group Name “Disabled American Veterans”
\$249 Single/Double
- ▶ **RSVP your attendance to Trent@davmn.org**

Visit www.dav.org/events for agenda and updates



2024 Critical Policy Goals

118th Congress, 2nd Session



- 1. Correct inequities and provide parity in compensation benefits for veterans and survivors**

DAV will fight for concurrent receipt of earned compensation and military payments without offsets and parity with other federal programs for survivors receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits.
- 2. Implement the PACT Act and address gaps in toxic exposure benefits**

Thousands of disability claims have been submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) following the passage of the PACT Act (P. L. 117-168), but far too many veterans who have suffered from toxic and environmental exposures still do not qualify for benefits. Our nation must ensure these veterans receive the care and benefits they have rightfully earned.
- 3. Ensure equity in VA care, services and benefits for women, LGBTQ+ and minority veterans**

The VA must ensure these veterans have access to benefits and timely, high-quality and specialized health care services to the same extent as their veteran peers. The VA must provide a safe, welcoming and harassment-free environment at all its health care facilities.
- 4. Provide a full spectrum of long-term care options for service-disabled and aging veterans**

The VA must have a comprehensive geriatric and extended care program that includes a broad range of care options and supportive services—from home-based primary care to long-term institutional care to assist a rapidly aging veteran population, particularly veterans with service-connected conditions.
- 5. Bolster mental health resources to ensure reduction of veteran suicides**

Despite increased resources for VA mental health services and targeted efforts, rates of suicide among veterans have increased. By improving lethal means safety efforts, enhancing care for veterans in crisis and requiring training for community partners, the VA can help to reduce suicide for at-risk veterans and ensure all veterans have timely access to needed mental health services.
- 6. Expand the VA's capacity to deliver timely, high-quality care to veterans**

The VA must remain the primary provider and coordinator of care to ensure the best health outcomes for veterans, particularly veterans with service-connected conditions who rely on the VA for all or most of their care. This will require new investments to hire and retain clinical staff, rebuilding health care infrastructure and modernization of information technology systems.

Fall Conference 2024

September 19-21, 2024

Double Tree by Hilton
1701 4th St NW
Austin MN 55912



<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/aumtidt-doubletree-austin/>

Room Rate \$120 per night.

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Disabled American Veterans

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Did you know that Minnesota still offers license plates for DAV members?

Visit your local Department of Vehicle Services office to order yours. You **MUST** show your DAV membership card when ordered and a \$15.50 fee will be collected.

******Disabled American Veteran organization plates do not offer disability parking privileges, unless the vehicle owner also meets the criteria for disability plates. If the vehicle owner meets the criteria for disability plates, s/he may obtain DAV plates. The disability emblem replaces one of the numbers in the plate number sequence. See Disability License Plates Page for more information.

Reference: Minnesota Statute 168.1235



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DAV of Minnesota Chapter/Unit Clothing Program Fundraiser Participation Request 2024

Chapter/Unit _____ formally requests to participate in the DAV MN Department Clothing and Household Item Collection Fundraiser for fiscal year **2024-2025**. By doing so, we acknowledge that we are subject to applicable federal, state and local laws in addition to the provisions of the current Department agreement with Savers. Our Chapter/Unit collections and deliveries associated with the program will be compensated for by weight (or by piece for items larger than 18" X 18") at rates approved by the Department Executive Committee.

Chapter/Unit _____ hereby certifies that while participating in the program it will adhere to the following:

Initials:

- _____ -conduct all fundraising activities within the provisions of the DAV MN agreement with our buyers
- _____ -conduct all fundraising activities in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations
- _____ -conduct all fundraising activities in accordance with the DAV National Constitution and Bylaws
- _____ -adhere to the accumulation and use of funds restrictions stated in the DAV National C&B's Article 18 and NEC Regulation 7

Ch/Unit Representative: _____ Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

DAV MN/SAVERS Agreement Provisions

DAV MN and subordinate entities agree that donated items sold to Savers will not come from any source such that the items may have been previously pre-sorted or previously offered for sale to the general public, unless agreed upon in writing by Savers and DAV MN. Excluded collection sources include, but are not limited to thrift stores and flea markets.

DAV MN and subordinate entities represent and warrant that at all times during the term of this Agreement, DAV MN will comply with all Applicable Law, and will provide all reasonable and necessary assistance to allow Savers to comply with all Applicable Law.

Exclusive Sales. DAV MN agrees that, during the Term of this Agreement, it has an exclusive sale arrangement with Savers within the Geographical Area of Minnesota, and accordingly, within the Geographical Area, DAV MN shall not: (i) sell Product to any person, firm, corporation, or entity except Savers unless otherwise agreed upon in writing as between Savers and DAV MN; (ii) maintain, operate, control, manage or participate in any manner in any retail store where any donated items which DAV MN may solicit from any source, shall or will be sold, or offered for sale to members of the general public; or (iii) contract with any other party or entity in any capacity whose efforts would violate this exclusive sales provision if done by the DAV MN directly.

Please mail, fax or e-mail to josh@davmn.org completed request form no later than April 1st, 2024.



The Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Endowed Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist in providing tuition, book expenses and/or living expenses to one or more honorable discharged veteran enrolled in an on-campus, online or online hybrid (low residency) program of study. Students should be in good academic standing and have financial need. Awards will be divided evenly by semester. Grants may not exceed one (1) per lifetime. In order to apply you must meet the following conditions:

- Veteran: a person who meets one of the conditions of Proof of Veteran Status of the Armed Forces: United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, Space Force and their reserve and National Guard components.
- Must be a current Minnesota Resident, please provide proof of current residency.
- Must be attending or plan on attending an accredited trade school, 2 year community college or 4 year college or university.

Scholarships will be based on:

- Financial need
- Community involvement
- Leadership skills
- Work history
- Achievements in particular outside fields

DAV MN will award \$2500 in scholarship directly to the recipient. There will be up to two scholarships awarded to deserving recipients per quarter.

*Preference will be given to veterans with demonstrated financial need. Additional consideration will be given to hardship cases; monies are awarded where need is the greatest. Email completed application to Admin@davmn.org

Name		
Address		
Phone Number	Email	
Name of School Attending		
Address of School		
Field of Study	Full or Part-time	
Branch of Service	Proof of Service	
Do you currently belong to a DAV Chapter?(not required)	If so, which chapter?	

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Why should you receive this scholarship?

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2024

WHEN:
APRIL 17TH, 2024

DAV of MN Presents:
Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch

**Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE
LUNCH @ 11:30AM**

(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm

(Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building
20 West 12th St, St. Paul)

CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:
Rally in the Rotunda 1:15-2:00pm



**NO MEMBERSHIP IN
ANY ORGANIZATION
REQUIRED.
ALL SUPPORTERS ARE
WELCOME!**



Topics Include:

PASSING A CLEAN
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THE HOUSE AND
SENATE OFFICE
BUILDINGS 10-1130.

MAKE YOUR
APPOINTMENTS TO SEE
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ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT-
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New Benefit Alert– 100% P&T Veterans

Vehicle Registration, Title Fees, Driver’s License Fees, etc..

Jan. 1, 2024 changes to veteran benefits
Veterans with a total service-connected disability will be eligible for new benefits from DVS starting Jan. 1, 2024.

What you need to know

- 100% P&T disabled veterans will be exempt from registration fees (including filing fees) for two vehicles of their choosing. This includes passenger vehicles, non-commercial 1-ton pick-ups, motorcycles and RVs.
- Does not include personalized plate fee, annual contributions for special plates, reinstatement fees or impound fees.
- 100% P&T disabled veterans will be exempt from title fees (including filing fees) for vehicles purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2024.
- Does not include salvage inspections or fast track fees.
- Early renewal/tilting (before Jan. 1) is not an option for veterans who would like to take advantage of these benefits.
- 100% P&T disabled veterans will be exempt from driver’s license and identification card fees for all types of cards: Standard, REAL and Enhanced.
- **Starting Jun. 30, 2024** 100% P&T disabled veterans will also be exempt from paying motor vehicle sales taxes for vehicles purchased on or after that date.



Minnesota Legislative Priorities

We are going to keep this short and to the point for the 2024 half of this legislature. This doesn't mean we won't support other initiatives, bills, etc.. But here are our top priorities for this session:

- **Update/Fix the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Value Exclusion**– It has been over ten years since the value of the exclusion has been addressed. Home values and property taxes have skyrocketed while the exclusion has stayed the same. The DAV MN supports setting the levels to \$200,000 and \$400,000, fixing the amounts to inflation, expanding the eligibility to those Veterans service-connected at the 50% or greater level, and removing the “equal or lesser value” language for surviving spouses.
- **Provide Discounted Hunting/Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans**– The value of getting outdoors, enjoying hunting and fishing, among other activities is immeasurable for our Veterans. When compared to other states with outdoor reputations, Minnesota falls short of the benefits they offer to recognize the service of our Veterans. We are dedicated to working with lawmakers and the DNR to find every possible way to extend this benefit and show of gratitude to as many Veterans as possible.
- **Expand Educational Benefits at Minnesota Colleges and Universities for Dependents of Service Connected Veterans**– The DAV MN supports efforts to expand tuition waivers at MN State Colleges and Universities for the dependents of Service-Connected Veterans.

Questions/Concerns: Contact Legislative Director Trent Dilks at Trent@davmn.org or 651-291-1212



- Get Timely Minnesota Veteran Legislative Updates
 - Quickly Engage Your Legislators
- Take Action for Minnesota Veterans, Their Families, and Survivors
 - No Need to be a Veteran to Sign Up
 -

How to Join:

Scan The QR Code Below With Your Phones Camera

Fill in the Information Under “Sign Up for Alerts”

You Will Have Added Your Voice to Support Minnesota’s Veterans





FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Officer Report

(Please Type or Print)

Chapter or Department _____

Location - City _____ State _____

Date of Annual Election _____ Date of Installation _____

Address of Regular Meetings _____

Time & Day of Regular Meetings _____ / _____ / _____
Time Day Week of Month

Web Site Address _____ Chapter Phone _____

Officers Elected For Year Beginning _____ 20 _____ Ending _____ 20 _____

Commander

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Benefits Protection Team Leader

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Sr. Vice Commander

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Membership Chairman

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

1st Lt. Vice Commander

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

(If more than one officer is appointed, attach/upload additional page.)

Adjutant

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Officer Authorized to Receive Mail

Name _____

Office Held _____

Address for CHP Mail _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Treasurer

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

The Preceding Names and Positions Are Hereby Certified

(Form Must be Certified by the New Commander & Adjutant)

Signed by _____ Date: _____

Commander: _____ Date: _____

Signed by _____ Date: _____

Adjutant: _____ Date: _____

This form must be completed and returned to National Headquarters within 10 days after installation in compliance with Art. 8, Sec. 8.3; Art. 9, Sec. 9.2 and Art. 10, Sec. 10.2, of the DAV National Bylaws.
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Mail to: DAV National Headquarters • P.O. Box 145550 • Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-5550

28 Your chapter recently held annual elections? Officer report must be completed and updated via mydav.org. If your chapter is unable to update information thru mydav.org, send in the information to admin@davmn.org and we will update. But PLEASE try updating first.

Good Morning DAV Leaders!

I had the opportunity to travel to the DAV National HQ last week with DAV MN Foundation Executive Director Lauri Brooke for their 1st ever Department Administration Training!! Let me tell you, the new Headquarters building is unbelievable! State of the art! If you are ever traveling through the Cincinnati area, stop in, if someone is available they will give you a tour.

Now, I will be throwing A LOT of info at you in this email, PLEASE Save it for reference!

DAV HQ is really **REALLY** stressing moving away from paper forms to electronic. I know this will be difficult for some chapters, but we really would like you to try. The department will be able to assist with some electronic filings. The below information access is to National HQ systems, if you need assistance in resetting passwords or signing up, please contact them directly. DAV MN does not have administrative access to these systems. If you have additional questions please email membershippublic@dav.org or call 1-888-236-8313 to speak with a membership specialist.

Recently, I was asked why on davmn.org we do not have the AFR, Officer report forms etc. 1st off these are National forms, 2nd they already have this info on their website and want everyone to use the most updated form, which would be on their website. Plus our website does not have the bandwidth to store all these forms, and why reinvent the wheel when it's been done for us?!

- I want every DAV MN leader to be familiar with where you can find any form, manual, webinar, dav store etc. Follow this chain.... dav.org > Member Resources > VIOLA! Resources galore! Quick links will be your best friend as a chapter leader! Please take advantage of these tools that DAV HQ worked so hard to put at our fingertips.
- [MYdav.org](http://mydav.org), every member should sign up for access to mydav.org, with access you are able to update your own membership information (update address, order new member card and depending on your office with the chapter, you should be able to pull reports, update/file your chapter officer reports etc. Officer reports from now on should be filed thru mydav.org, they no longer want the officer report emailed. The nice thing is if you have a change to an officer, you can log into mydav and make the change, you will not have to submit a paper form with new commander & adjutant signatures.
- dav.org/warrior This website should be used to sign up members electronically. When you enter your membership code, you will get your very own membership link to receive credit for the new member. You can save this linkQR code to your phone, add to your own business cards, chapter flyers, emails etc. DAV REALLY wants to do away with paper copies of the membership form. This is where it will get tricky for the membership discount program. We will all need to work together to come up with a system.
- New & improved member discount website dav.enjoymydeals.com this site is open to DAV & DAV Auxiliary members
- Many Moons ago, DAV HQ set up chapter websites for every chapter in the DAV. I know a lot of chapters use these and others may not know they even exist. These websites are found on dav.org > find a DAV location > local chapter. (Instructions are on the top header of the chapter pages on how to get access & update) Here is **Chapter 1's** site for reference. The reason I am bringing this to your attention is that DAV will be unveiling a new platform for Chapter websites!! They do not have a definite date for roll out, they are hoping they will be ready by Spring. Please make sure you watch communications from HQ for this important update!
- If your chapter would like an updated membership "hotlist" for recruiting new members, please compile a list of zip codes for your chapter area and email a request to membershippublic@dav.org This email address should also be used if your chapter needs membership mailing labels for your chapter
- Chapter interested in hosting a Benefit Seminar by our NSO office, you **MUST** send in a request **10 weeks prior** to your event with date, location, time and Chapter contact to the NSO office (davvbasp@va.gov) Once the request is received, DAV National will send out postcards to veterans in the area. This is also a great way for a chapter to recruit new members or to help a chapter struggling for participation!

Other websites of importance :

davaaregiver.org *Brand new program*
volunteerforveterans.org
<https://linktr.ee/davmembership>
<https://linktr.ee/davminnesota>

Thank you for taking the time to read all of this info, it is new to ALL OF US, I'm still learning the ins and outs of the new systems and their capabilities, so please be patient. Any questions please let me know or reach out to a Membership specialist at DAV HQ.

Have a great week!

Gina
DAV Minnesota

*This was an email sent by Gina on October 23, 2023 about mydav.org & Natl HQ procedures, **very important updates!***



MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES ORDER FORM

Membership Department • P.O. Box 145550 • Cincinnati, OH 45250-5550
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As of January 1st, DAV Life Membership fee has increased to \$325!

Please make sure to update your membership applications or better yet, sign up new members thru

www.dav.org/warrior









For your chapter to receive the membership rebate for members paid in full, pull a membership activity report thru mydav.org

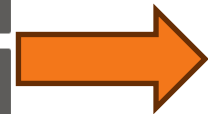


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Mydav.org manual has not been updated to show how to enter a new officer election report. This is the home screen of mydav.org (Slide 1 of 2)

MEMBERSHIP CRM

 <p>MyDAV.org User Manual</p>	 <p>Member Profile View your membership and contact details, including Department, Chapter or Unit, and Membership number.</p>
 <p>Update Username and Password Change your CRM portal username and/or password.</p>	 <p>Membership Card Request Submit a request for a new membership card.</p>
 <p>Notification of Deceased Send notification of a deceased member to the DAV National Headquarters Membership Department.</p>	 <p>Report Repository Department, Chapter, and Unit reports</p>
 <p>DAVA Membership Payment History View your Auxiliary membership pledge and payment details. Make a payment toward your Auxiliary membership balance due.</p>	 <p>Officer Election Report Submit or view an Officer Election Report.</p>



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Select your Chapter, then “start” 2024-2025 Officers. This is the same area where you can update officers if there happens to be a change after elections

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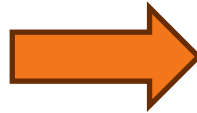
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