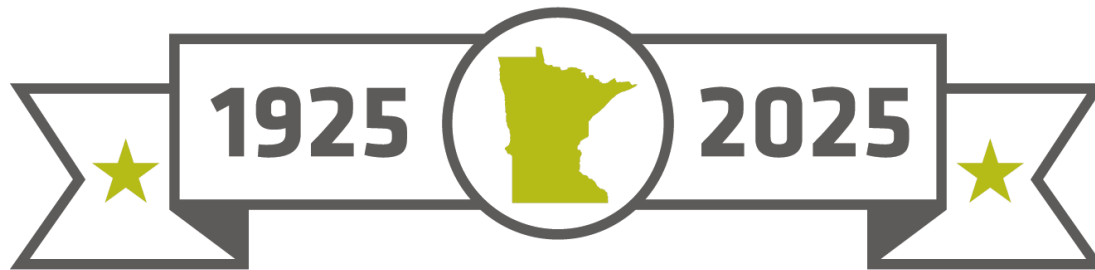


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## DAV CONVENTION 2025

**Where:** Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Welch MN

**When:** April 24 - April 26, 2025

**Room Rates:** Standard Room \$102 + tax and resort fee

\*Waterpark Passes are NOT included in this room rate, may join Passport club for waterpark passes

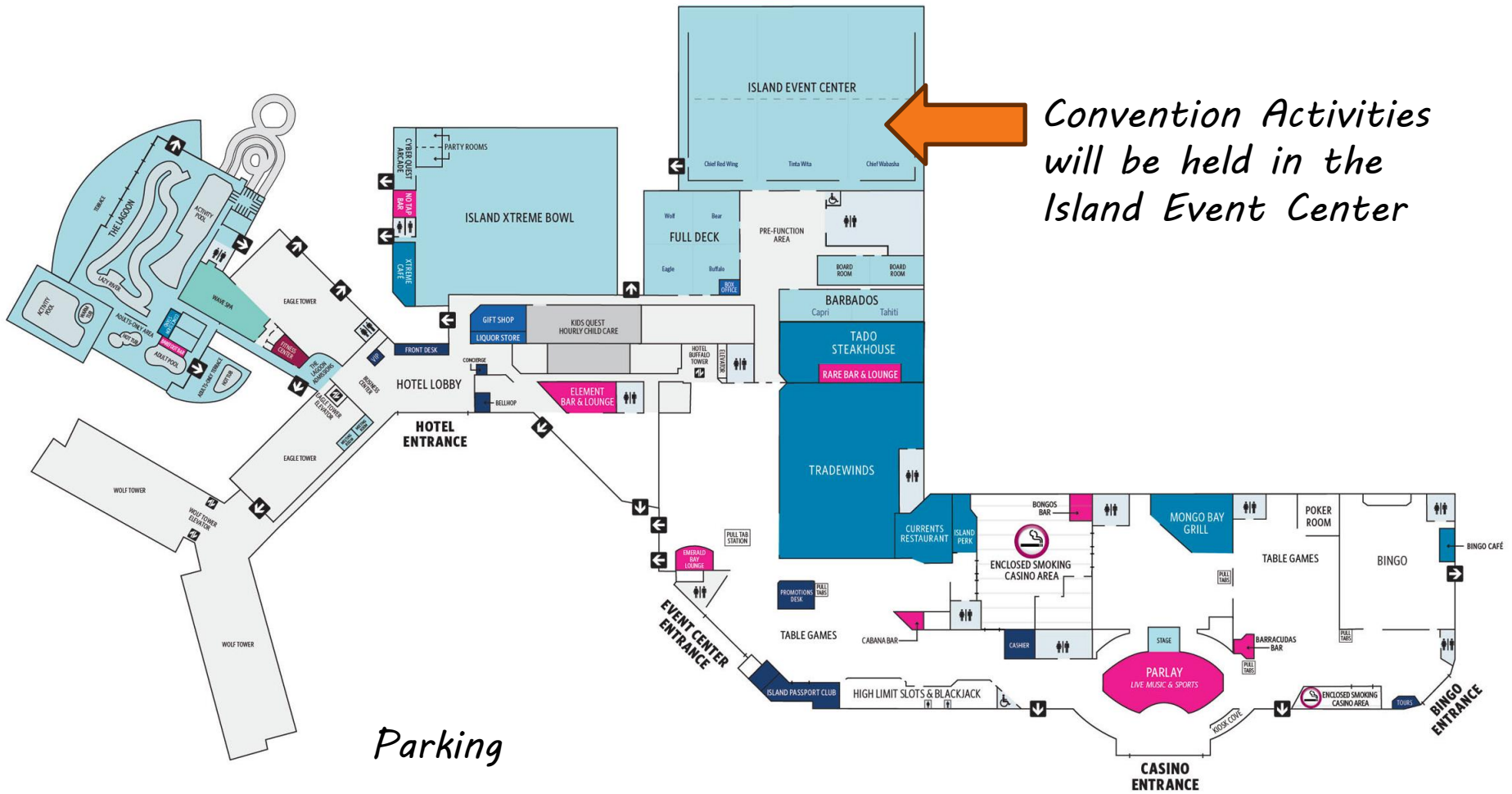
DAV of Minnesota Convention 2025 is just around the corner! We are in the planning stages keep an eye on the website and your email for updates!!

Registration TBD. 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, banquet entertainment & Saturday Breakfast)

For room reservations please call (888-867-7829) mention the DAV State Convention to get the discounted rate! For information on the hotel visit [www.ticasino.com](http://www.ticasino.com)

Room rates are guaranteed thru **March 25!** After block expires, hotel rooms available at normal rates.

[www.davmn.org](http://www.davmn.org)



Convention Activities will be held in the Island Event Center

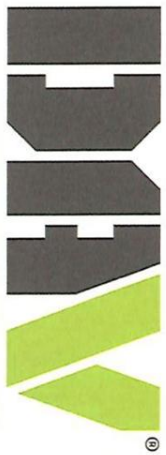
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	Gaming Area		Retail & Tickets		Restroom
	Hotel		Entertainment & Meeting/Conference Rooms		Handicap/Unisex Restroom
	Bars		Wave Spa		Emergency Exit
	Food & Beverage		Fitness Center		Elevator
	Guest Services		Child Care		Enclosed Smoking Casino Area



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**Date:** January 13, 2025

**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 inform you of a training opportunity the the DAV MN Department will be providing. On Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>, at Treasure Island Resort and Casino (day prior to the start of Department convention) the Veterans Affairs “VA” will be conducting a Suicide prevention training that provides opportunity to gain general knowledge and data about suicide in the U.S and specifically in the Veteran population. The training will start at 1 pm and go to 4 pm. See agenda for room location.

*Suicide is a national public health issue, with rising rates of suicide in the general population and specifically, in the Veteran and military community. Each year more than 6,000 Veterans die by suicide in the US, at a rate 1.5 times that the rate of the general population. The lethal means most commonly used by Veterans and the general population to die by suicide, is firearm. There is no single cause of suicide and it is often the result of a complex interaction of risk and protective factors at the individual, interpersonal, community and societal levels. In spite of these complexities, there is hope. Suicide is preventable.*

*VA’s S.A.V.E. (Signs, Ask, Validate and Encourage/Expedite) Suicide Prevention training provides the opportunity to gain general knowledge and data about suicide in the U.S. and specifically in the Veteran population. It will give attendees the tools to identify someone who is thinking of suicide and walk through what we can do to keep them safe and get immediate help. We discuss specific warning signs, risk and protective factors and how to ask someone if they are thinking of suicide. We will provide Veteran-specific crisis and other available resources for those who may be struggling. We must work together to end Veteran suicide – suicide prevention is everyone’s business.*

The Department leadership is asking that our Chapters please consider sending at many representative to this great program. The more individuals we have educated / informed about suicide, the more Veterans that can get the help they need. **See S.A.V.E. flyer that is also attached to this packet.**

Serving you and the DAV MN,

**Stephen “Butch” Whitehead**  
**Adjutant, DAV MN**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



# VA S.A.V.E. Training

## Supporting Our Veterans

### What is VA S.A.V.E. Training?

VA S.A.V.E. Training will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts. The acronym S.A.V.E. helps you remember the important steps involved in suicide prevention:

- S** Signs of suicidal thinking should be recognized
- A** Ask the most important question of all — *“Are you thinking of killing yourself?”*
- V** Validate the Veteran’s experience
- E** Encourage treatment and Expedite getting help

You can prevent Veteran suicide.  
Start by learning the VA S.A.V.E. acronym.

## Supporting our Veterans

You can support a Veteran through a crisis. Keep these tips in mind when talking with a Veteran who may be at risk for suicide:

- Remain calm
- Listen more than you speak
- Maintain eye contact
- Act with confidence
- Do not argue
- Use open body language
- Limit questions — Let the Veteran do the talking
- Use supportive, encouraging comments
- Be honest — There are no quick solutions, but help is available

## Additional Resources

**VA Mental Health Services:** Get information about inpatient and outpatient services available through VA at [www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov).

**Online Resource Locator:** Find VA facilities, Vet Centers, suicide prevention coordinators, and other VA resources at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/ResourceLocator](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/ResourceLocator).

**Make the Connection:** Veterans and their loved ones can find out how to connect with VA resources at [www.MakeTheConnection.net](http://www.MakeTheConnection.net).

**Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program:** Locate the VA PTSD program nearest you at [www.ptstd.va.gov](http://www.ptstd.va.gov).



Confidential chat at  
[VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net) or text 838255



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**Date:** January 13, 2025

**To:** Chapter Commanders and Adjutants  
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**From:** Stephen Whitehead, MIN DAV Adjutant

**Subject:** Thursday Night special event

To help us celebrate our Centennial Year at the 2025 DAV of Minnesota Convention, we are excited to announce a special dinner featuring a guest speaker!

Join us on Thursday, April 24th, the evening before the official start of the Convention, as we spend the night with Mark Nutsch! Mark led a 12-man Special Forces team of Green Berets on an incredible mission into Afghanistan. His team became known as “The Horse Soldiers.” During the dinner, you'll hear about how this mission inspired the compelling movie, \*12 Strong\*.

Mark Nutsch's Bio: [Mark Nutsch](#)

This invitation is open to all members, and we encourage Chapters to send representatives to this special evening. Let's kick off our Centennial Year with an unforgettable celebration!

Serving you and the DAV MN,

***Stephen “Butch” Whitehead***  
***Adjutant, DAV MN***



Major Mark Nutsch

As America's response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, then Captain Nutsch led a heroic U.S. Army Special Forces 12-man team of Green Berets, designated Operational Detachment Alpha - 595 on an impossible mission into Afghanistan. Inserted by special operations helicopter into Northern Afghanistan, working with their Central Intelligence Agency partners, they were to linkup with and unite the local Afghan armed resistance leadership factions against the Taliban and al Qaeda forces. Greatly outnumbered they spearheaded unconventional warfare operations, raised and equipped a militia army of thousands, while mounted on horseback, fighting alongside their Afghan allies and overcame seemingly insurmountable odds to achieve an unprecedented historic victory.

The "Campaign for Mazar-e Sharif" resulted in liberating the city of Mazar-e Sharif and the 6 Northern Afghanistan provinces within a matter of weeks and is considered the catalyst for the collapse of the Taliban Regime. This is considered one of the most successful Unconventional Warfare campaigns in modern history, a victory that inspired our nation and the peoples of Afghanistan; changed the course of a country and the world.

Mark's team of Green Beret's became known as "The Horse Soldiers". They are the design inspiration of the "America's Response Monument," a tribute to our Special Operations Forces and Intelligence Community. Featured in multiple books, museums and as a guest speaker with Keppler Speaker's Bureau. Mark, the 595 team and their families are featured in the Emmy nominated documentary film "Legion of Brothers". Mark is portrayed by actor Chris Hemsworth in the 2018 feature film entitled "12 Strong".

He deployed repeatedly with multiple combat tours to the Middle East and former Soviet Asian states. Working with the National Labs as a program manager, he led diverse collaborative teams of contract aircrew and intel analysts and conducted ground-breaking manned aerial wide area counter-network surveillance efforts.

Mark, Bob, and their former SF team mates and business partners, now operate a veteran owned, craft distillery brand, American Freedom Distillery in St. Petersburg, FL featuring their premium award-winning, Horse Soldier Bourbon.



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**Date:** January 13, 2025

**To:** Chapter Commanders and Adjutants  
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**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 24-26 Department Convention at Treasure Island Resort and Casino in Welch, MN. Commander Martin 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 many 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.

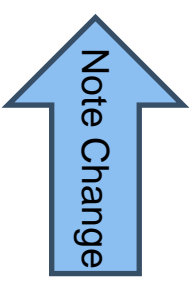
This year, the DAV MN will be preparing to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary "DAV Centennial " year at this year's convention. Additional letter will be sent explaining the entertainment and guest speaker we are planning for this event.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Martin and I have the following ideas/plans for the convention:**



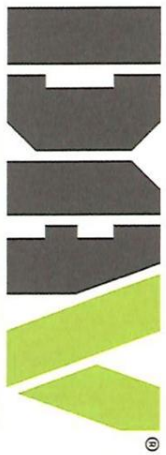
- Wednesday afternoon Department Executive committee will meet
- Thursday we will have two different training events open to any DAV member that wants to participate. CSO's must be listed on the Chapter Officer report in order to go through the training.
  - S.A.V.E training put on by the Veterans Affairs team
  - CSO/DSO training. (Note: this is the only time the CSO/DSO training will take place in 2025. We will NOT be doing the CSO/DSO training at our fall conference)
- Thursday night we will have a special guest speak to our guest. Mark Nutsch, retired Special Force soldier who was the commanding officer of ODA-595, one of the first Special Forces teams into northern Afghanistan. A separate letter will be sent giving all the details of this special event.
- Highly recommend that you make your hotel reservations for Thursday till Saturday
- 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
- There will NOT be a live auction this year after the Friday night's banquet. Instead, the Department will be having some form of entertainment for our members to enjoy.

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 2025.

Serving you and the DAV MN,

***Stephen "Butch" Whitehead***  
***Adjutant, DAV MN***



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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants  
FROM: Stephen Whitehead, Adjutant Dept. of MN  
DATE: January 13, 2025  
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, 2025.**

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: 4/10/2025. 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
- 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 DAV'ers 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](mailto: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

## MN DAV CHAPTER/UNIT DELEGATE LIST Red Wing Convention 2025

**CHAPTER/UNIT:**

**DELEGATES: PLEASE ONLY GIVE NAMES OF DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION  
LIST UNDECIDED DELEGATES UNDER THE ALTERNATES**

DELEGATES ATTENDING	ALTERNATES- POSSIBLE ATTENDEES**
	**If they decide to attend, please let the Dept know before 4/18/25

If any delegates cancel or are added after the cut off date, please let us know, we would like to provide the hotel with a more accurate count of attendees for meals. The Department estimates the number of attendees, if we are over on the count, we have to pay for the meals not used!!!

**\*\*\* PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO DEPARTMENT HQ, MUST RECEIVE IN THE OFFICE  
NO LATER THAN APRIL 11, 2025. YOU MAY EMAIL YOUR DELEGATE LIST TO ADMIN@DAVMN.ORG  
OR FAX 651-291-0115**

**ADDRESS:  
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STATE VETERANS SERVICE BLDG 3RD FLOOR  
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**\*\*\*DO NOT SEND CREDENTIALS TO THE OFFICE, DELEGATES MUST BRING THEM TO REGISTRATION!!!**

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Name

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

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Signature of Chapter Commander

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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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Signature of Chapter Commander

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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants  
FROM: Stephen Whitehead, Adjutant Dept. of MN  
DATE: January 13, 2025  
SUBJECT: Running for Department Office

Commander Martin and I would like to encourage any and all DAV MN member 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.

The Department will be putting each applicant running for office 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, 2025. I have included in this packet the Executive Candidate application. Please fill it out and send it back to [admin@davmn.org](mailto: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. The appointed position of Department Inspector General will serve the Department Adjutant and as a 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?

**Please provide a resume and a photo with this application**

NOTE: Applications should be submitted to the Department Office (fax 651-291-0115 or email [admin@davmn.org](mailto: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)

# Tentative Schedule of Events

(Subject to Change for 2025)

**Wednesday:** DAV MN Committee Meetings *\*Due to time restraints with 100 Year Anniversary Events\**

**Thursday:** DSO/CSO Training in AM *\*Form included & must be turned in prior\**, SAVE Training in Afternoon Nominating Committee will conduct interviews  
Evening Guest Speaker

**Friday:** NSO's Benefits room, Convention Committee Meetings, Speakers, Trainings, Business Session, Banquet, Parade of Donors & Entertainment

**Saturday:** <sup>19</sup>Wrap up Business, Election of Officers, Adjourn



DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO DAV NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

MAIL TO YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE COORDINATING THE CERTIFICATION TRAINING.

(Please Type or Print)

Chapter or Department \_\_\_\_\_

Location: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Regular Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Time & Day of Regular Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Week of Month \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Multiple nominations are not necessary.\*\***

**Nominee #1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #3**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #4**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #5**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #6**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #7**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #8**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee #9**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**The Preceding Names and Positions Are Hereby Certified By:**

(Form must be signed by the new commander and new adjutant.)

Commander: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjutant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: MEMBERS CANNOT CONDUCT SERVICE WORK PRIOR TO COMPLETING

DEPARTMENT/CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING AND BECOMING CERTIFIED.

Do not return this form to DAV National Headquarters. Mail to your local national service office coordinating the certification training.

Form must be returned PRIOR to Training. Fax completed & signed form to 651-291-0115 or via email to [dav.vbaspl@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbaspl@va.gov) Other questions on training call 612-970-5665



## 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](mailto:admin@davmn.org) or  
mail to DAV MN 20 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Saint Paul MN 55155*

Please attach any supporting documents to support your nominations.

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MN DAV CONVENTION BIDS – INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN BIDS

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**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](mailto:stephen@davmn.org) [gina@davmn.org](mailto:gina@davmn.org)  
651-291-1212

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

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**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

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[gina@davmn.org](mailto:gina@davmn.org)

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# DAV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



- ▶ **February 23-26, 2025**
- ▶ **Crystal Gateway Marriott**  
**1700 Richmond Highway**  
**Arlington, VA 22202**  
**(800) 266-9432 or (703) 920-3230**  
**Group Name “Disabled American Veterans”**  
**\$216 Single/Double**
- ▶ **[RSVP your attendance to Trent@davmn.org](mailto:Trent@davmn.org)**

Visit [www.dav.org/events](http://www.dav.org/events) for agenda and updates





# 2025 Critical Policy Goals

## 119th Congress, 1st Session

### **1. Strengthen presumptive policies to ensure toxic-exposed veterans receive earned benefits in a timely manner**

Military service members have faced toxic exposures for over a century. The Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 expanded health care and benefits for millions of affected veterans, establishing presumptives for dozens of diseases and related conditions. However, it lacks timely accountability measures and doesn't cover all current or future exposures. Our report, *Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans*, found that it takes an average of 34 years for the Department of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge toxic exposures and grant presumptive benefits. The VA must establish a new presumptive process that ensures more timely decisions for these veterans claims.

### **2. Eliminate gaps in mental health care and suicide prevention with a focus on gender-tailored care**

The rate of suicide among veterans continues to exceed that of the general American population. According to the VA's most recent annual report, 6,407 veterans died by suicide in 2022. However, military sexual trauma and intimate partner violence—known risk factors—are not included in the VA's suicide predictor model. DAV's 2024 report, *Women Veterans: The Journey to Mental Wellness*, highlights these gaps and provides over 50 recommendations to improve care and reduce the rising suicide rates among veterans.

### **3. Prevent congress or the VA from reducing, offsetting or taxing veterans benefits**

Over 5.6 million disabled veterans receive compensation for service-related conditions, but those with medical retirement benefits can't receive both military retirement pay and VA disability compensation. Veterans rated 40% or less disabled also face this prohibition. Veterans must also repay special separation pay when receiving VA disability compensation. It is time to end these unjust offsets and keep the promises made to those who served.

### **4. Modernize and strengthen benefits for survivors**

The VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program provides tax-free monthly benefits to survivors of service members who died in the line of duty or from service-related conditions. In 2025, the DIC benefit for a surviving spouse is \$1,653.07 per month, about 41% of the VA disability compensation that a 100% service-connected veteran receives—significantly lower than the 55% survivor benefits for federal civil service retirees. Survivors of veterans totally disabled for less than 10 years receive no DIC, and those who remarry before age 55 lose their benefits. It's time to reform these critical survivor benefits.

## **5. Expand comprehensive dental care services to all service-disabled veterans**

The VA only provides full dental care to 100%-disabled veterans and veterans with service-connected dental disabilities. Poor dental hygiene can lead to a number of chronic health conditions, some which can be life-threatening if not treated. The VA health care model is specifically designed to be a comprehensive, integrated and preventive system that treats the whole health of veterans. Congress should close the gap and add dental care coverage for all disabled veterans.

## **6. Enhance long-term care by providing assisted-living and increasing caregiver support**

The VA offers various long-term care programs for aging veterans, but there are still some gaps, including for those who can't self-sustain at home but don't need full nursing home support. Assisted-living care offers help with meals, housekeeping and other activities of daily living, which could fill this gap and provide an alternative to nursing home care. Veteran caregivers also help veterans remain at home longer, and integrating their support with assisted-living care could provide an optimal solution to meeting aging veterans' care needs.

## **7. Sustain the VA health care system by reforming infrastructure planning and funding mechanisms**

The VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the U.S., with over 1,750 access points and 5,600 buildings; however, many facilities are over 50 years old. Failure to provide sufficient funding for modernizing, realigning and expanding VA infrastructure and constructing new VA facilities unnecessarily forces some veterans into community care and also threatens the long-term viability of the VA health care system. Congress must address the VA's aging infrastructure by fully funding facility modernization efforts.

## **8. Protect veterans benefits and services by ending PAYGO offsets and budget caps that cut funding**

Congress has adopted budget rules like PAYGO—which limits spending—making it difficult to expand veterans benefits without reducing other existing VA programs and benefits. The Statutory PAYGO Act further enforces overall budget limits resulting in multiyear budget caps that arbitrarily constrain VA spending. Congress should exempt veterans programs from PAYGO and budget caps to ensure adequate funding for critical benefits and services.



For more information scan the  
QR code or visit [davcan.org](https://davcan.org).

# Fall Conference 2025

September 25-27, 2025

Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West  
3131 Campus Drive  
Plymouth MN 55441



## 2026 Convention / Conference Dates

April 30 – May 2, 2026

Holiday Inn Duluth  
200 West 1<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Duluth MN

September 17-19, 2026

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn  
100 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
St. Cloud MN

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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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St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
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[www.davmn.com](http://www.davmn.com)

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**DAV of Minnesota Chapter/Unit Clothing Program Fundraiser Participation Request 2025**

Chapter/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ formally requests to participate in the DAV MN Department Clothing and Household Item Collection Fundraiser for fiscal year **2025-2026**. 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](mailto:josh@davmn.org) completed request form no later than April 1st, 2025.**



## 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](mailto: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?

### Essay

Why should you receive this scholarship?

# VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2025

**WHEN:**

**APRIL 9TH, 2025**

**DAV of MN Presents:**

**Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch**

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

**Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**PRESENTATION @ 12:00PM**

**Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm**

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

**GTF and MAGVSO Present:**

**Rally in the Rotunda 1:30-2:30pm**



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT-  
TRENT@DAYMN.ORG:

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



**Topics Include:**

PASSING A CLEAN  
VETERANS OMNIBUS  
BILL

INCREASING THE  
AMOUNT OF THE  
PROPERTY TAX VALUE  
EXCLUSION

REDUCED COST  
HUNTING AND FISHING  
LICENSE FOR DISABLED  
VETERAN

**Meet Your Lawmaker!!**

A MINIBUS RUNNING  
FROM THE ARMORY TO  
THE CENTENIAL AND  
SENATE OFFICE  
BUILDINGS 10-1130.  
MAKE YOUR  
APPOINTMENTS TO SEE  
YOUR LAWMAKERS!





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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](mailto:Trent@davmn.org) or 651-291-1212



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- Take Action for Minnesota Veterans, Their Families, and Survivors
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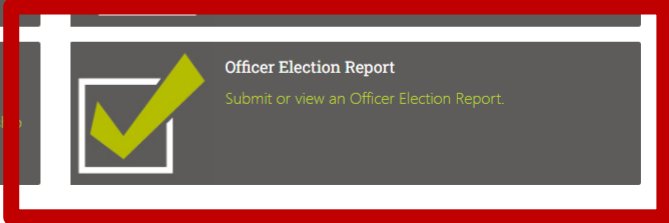
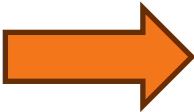
# Hosting a Chapter Benefit Seminar by our National Service Office

- 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 ( [dav.vbaspl@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbaspl@va.gov) )
- Once the request is received, DAV National will send out postcards to veterans in the area.
- This is a great way for a chapter to recruit new members or to help a chapter struggling for participation!

Entering your Newly elected Chapter Officers thru Mydav.org. If corrections need to be made to member's info, the member will need to sign into THEIR mydav.org account OR contact National Membership to make updates. (Slide 1 of 2)

## MEMBERSHIP CRM

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



**\*\* Added after mailing**

Select your Chapter, then “start” 2025-2026 Officers. This is the same area where you can update officers if there happens to be a change after elections

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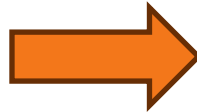
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# Prepare for VA's sign-in changes

We're moving to a more modern online sign-in experience — to simplify your options and continue to protect your identity and benefits.



## Here's what's changing for VA websites and mobile apps:

- After January 31, 2025, we'll remove the option to sign in with a My HealthVet user ID and password.
- After September 30, 2025, we'll remove the option to sign in with a DS Logon username and password.
- You'll then have two sign-in account options: **Login.gov** or **ID.me**.

**Note:** Your My HealthVet portal isn't going away. We're just changing the way you sign in.

### Create your account now

Learn why we're making these changes — and how to create your Login.gov or ID.me account.



[www.va.gov/sign-in-changes](https://www.va.gov/sign-in-changes)

**VA**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

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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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Sr. Vice Commander**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**1st Jr. Vice Commander**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjutant**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Member Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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39 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](mailto:admin@davmn.org) and we will update. But PLEASE try updating first.

The Foundation would like to give an update on the St. Cloud UTV donation.

In November, the Foundation, in conjunction with Chapters 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 32, 38, 39, and 40, donated \$34,537.70 to the St. Cloud VA Medical Center to purchase a UTV.

This vehicle will replace the golf carts used to transport veterans around the St. Cloud campus. This UTV will give more flexibility and comfort when riding in the extreme Minnesota weather.

As our Centennial approaches, let's reflect on the vital role the Foundation plays in the DAV of MN mission. Your support makes a real difference!

If you have any questions or grant ideas, please contact the Foundation, 651-291-1212.

The Chapter grant application: DAV of Minnesota Chapter/Unit Grants <https://davmn.org/chapter-grant-requests/>

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*UTV Prior to being Wrapped*



# HOTDISH FESTIVAL

## Mankato

February 8th 2025 1-4pm  
Morson - Ario-Strand  
VFW Post 950



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**Women's Veterans  
Appreciation Event!**

The first recipe titled "hot dish" was found in a 1930 cookbook compiled by Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato. The recipe included two pounds of hamburger, tomato soup, Creamettes and a can of peas, among other ingredients.

## HOT DISH-BEER POLKAI!

**It's time to celebrate one of the most important culinary gifts the world has ever known...**

**The 2nd Annual Mankato "Hotdish Festival" will feature:**

- 10-15 teams... \$30 entry fee
- sampling of hotdish's tater tot, goulash, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, etc.
- Vote for your favorite!
- live music from **Kris & The Riverbend Dutchmen**
- Silent auction items... booze bundle etc,

**Women's Veterans Appreciation Event!**

**Proceeds got to benefit the Women's DAV Minnesota...**



**Contact: Dawn Batcho**

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