

**A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO VETERANS**

# Convention Packet

# DAY CONVENTION 2026

**Where:** Holiday Inn Duluth Downtown

**When:** April 30—May 2, 2026

**Room Rates:** Standard Room \$140 + tax

DAV of Minnesota Convention 2026 is just around the corner! We are in the planning stages keep an eye on the website and your email for updates!!

Registration \$90 per person. 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 & Saturday Breakfast)

For room reservations please call (800) 477-7089 or (218) 722-1202 mention the DAV State Convention to get the discounted rate! For information on the hotel visit [www.hiduluth.com](http://www.hiduluth.com)

Room rates are guaranteed thru **March 27!** After block expires, hotel rooms available at normal rates.

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**2026**

**TENTATIVE**

# EVENTS SCHEDULE

**CSO TRAINING ALL DAY**  
**APR COMMITTEE MEETINGS PM**  
**30**

**BUSINESS SESSION**  
**SPEAKERS**  
**CONVENTION COMMITTEES**  
**MAY 1 AM**

**CONT. BUSINESS**  
**MAY 1 TRAININGS**  
**PM BANQUET**

**WRAP UP BUSINESS**  
**ELECTION**  
**ADJOURN**  
**NEW EXEC. MEETING**  
**MAY 2**



**MORE INFO:**

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**Date:** January 20, 2026

**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 30 through May 2nd Department Convention at Holiday Inn & Suites Duluth-downtown in Duluth, MN. Commander Walker and I, along with our amazing staff, have plans in place to make this convention one of our best.

Department leadership is asking that our Chapters please consider sending as many representatives 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 15th. (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 15<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 Walker and I have the following ideas/plans for the convention:**

- Thursday evening Department Executive, finance & Foundation committees will meet
- Thursday we will have our DSO/CSO training. CSO's must be listed on the Chapter Officer report & CSO Form completed and sent to NSO's in order to go through the training. (Make sure to read included memo about training from NSO Supervisor Charles Burns on CSO Training Changes)
  - CSO/DSO training. (Note: this is the only time the CSO/DSO training will take place in 2026. We will NOT be doing the CSO/DSO training at our fall conference)
  - If you are attending the CSO training you may want to make your hotel reservation for Wednesday. The training will start early in the morning Thursday.
- Highly recommend that you make your hotel reservations for Thursday till Saturday
- Agenda will be similar to last year's schedule, minus special events. 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 4/30/2026. Please Pre-register delegates to help alleviate crowding in the registration area

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 2026.

Serving you and the DAV MN,

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



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**TO:** Department and Chapter Commanders and Adjutants  
National Service Officers

**FROM:** Charles Burns DAV Supervisor

**DATE:** January 13, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Department and Chapter Service Officer Certification Program

We are pleased to announce that during the DAV Spring conference our in person **Department and Chapter Service Officer Certification Training** will be conducted through our **interactive Training Resource Advocacy and Knowledge (iTRAK)** platform. This system offers essential training and the latest updates on veterans' benefits, tailored for DSOs and CSOs.

All certified service officers now have certain access to the **DAV Case Management System (CMS)**. This system must be used to submit all claims and supporting documents. Submissions by email, personal delivery, or mail are no longer accepted.

CMS offers many benefits, including:

- Quick access to existing client contact information
- Real-time claim submission to national service offices
- Organized record-keeping of calls, interviews, notes, and claims

**\*\*\*Service Officers must have the following electronic equipment available for the training: Laptop or computer (Required)**

Additional equipment after completion of training.  
Secure internet connection, such as via Wi-Fi, MiFi or cell phone hotspot (recommended)  
Scanner or equivalent (recommended)

The Service Officer Nomination Form must be used by departments and chapters to nominate members to attend. There is no minimum or maximum number of members a chapter can nominate to be certified.

Nomination forms must be legible and include each nominee's personal email address, which must be unique to the individual. **The Service Officer Nomination Form can be emailed to [dav.vbasp1@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbasp1@va.gov).** iTRAK does not allow for one email address for multiple nominees. DAV Auxiliary members are prohibited from being nominated or acting as a DAV service officer since they are not DAV members.

**How will iTRAK and CMS access be provided?**

As nomination forms for upcoming training are received, the applicable national service office will create or update user accounts based on the information provided. Nominated service officers will receive a welcome email with login instructions for iTRAK. Please note, if a service officer does not pass the examination and therefore does not become certified, their iTRAK user account will be deactivated.



## Service Officer Nominations

### 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**



## TRAVEL/EXPENSE VOUCHER

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, INC.  
STATE VETERANS SERVICE BLDG 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55155-2002

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM (CITY) \_\_\_\_\_ TO (CITY) \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MILEAGE \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.725 CENTS PER MILE.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

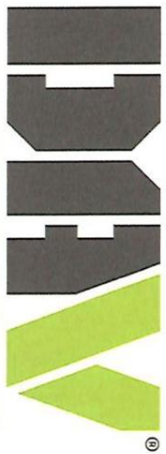
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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, \$0.725 CENTS WILL BE PAID FOR MILEAGE  
AND LODGING EXPENSES (WITH RECEIPT PROVIDED).**





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TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants

FROM: Stephen Whitehead, Adjutant Dept. of MN

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Running for Department Office

Commander Walker 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 and two Chapter leaders 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 April 1, 2026. 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)

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Education Background

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

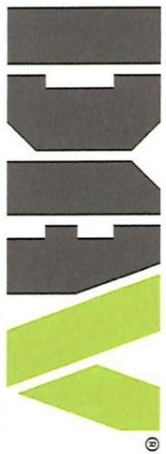
List Chapter Offices Held:

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)



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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants  
FROM: Stephen Whitehead, Adjutant Dept. of MN  
DATE: January 14, 2026  
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 15, 2026.

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: 4/15/2026. 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***



CREDENTIALS  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Check One \_\_\_\_\_  
I will vote as: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Adjutant

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Check One \_\_\_\_\_  
I will vote as: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Adjutant

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

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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Check One \_\_\_\_\_  
I will vote as: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Adjutant

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Check One \_\_\_\_\_  
I will vote as: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chapter Adjutant

# MN DAV CHAPTER/UNIT DELEGATE LIST

## Duluth Convention 2026

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 4/17/26

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 15, 2026. YOU MAY EMAIL YOUR DELEGATE LIST TO ADMIN@DAVMN.ORG  
OR FAX 651-291-0115. If you registered online, this form does not need to be completed

ADDRESS:

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPT OF MN  
STATE VETERANS SERVICE BLDG 3RD FLOOR  
ST PAUL, MN 55155-2002

\*\*\*DO NOT SEND CREDENTIALS TO THE OFFICE, DELEGATES MUST BRING THEM TO REGISTRATION!!!

## 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



## 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)

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Greetings all,

I am excited to announce the Department Executive Committee has announced an amazing opportunity for Chapters to get people out to [DAV's Mid-Winter Conference 2026 February 21-25th!](#)

This year the Department will MATCH up to \$1,000 each for 2 attendees from EVERY Chapter!

So, Chapter 71 commits to giving Member Joe Snuffy \$1,000, and Member Jane Snuffaluffagus \$1,000, then the department would also give \$1,000 for EACH to attend. The Department asks the chapter to handle the member payments up front, then will reimburse the 50% (\$2,000 to Joe and the Department will send you back \$1,000). If your Chapter needs special consideration, reach out to Adjutant Whitehead at [Stephen@davmn.org](mailto:Stephen@davmn.org) to request.

**REALLY IMPORTANT, STUFF READ IT! \*\*\*If at all possible FLY IN THE 21st\*\*\***

The conference kicks off officially on the 22nd but it is 9am Eastern Time, and some of the best parts are right there in the very start, don't miss it. You can leave as early as you'd like on the 25th.

The event hotel fills up FAST! Get your reservations immediately! You can find the event details (remember what I said about the 21st even though the details look like the 22nd!) here: <https://www.dav.org/events/2026-mid-winter-conference/>

Chapters MUST (like really must, must) let the Department know who is attending NLT February 3rd! This is important for many reasons, getting a cool name tag at the event, scheduling a meeting with members of Congress, being able to participate in the Department meal, getting through security, processing chapter reimbursement, etc...

I need the attendees' name, residential address, phone number, and email address NLT Feb 3rd, but as soon as identified is best, send this information to [Trent@davmn.org](mailto:Trent@davmn.org)

Please remember, going to Washington D.C. and advocating for our disabled Veterans, their families, and survivors is 100% on mission for who we are as an organization. This is a major reason for our existence, and the more people who come, the louder our voice. This is important!

I look forward to seeing our largest group ever in D.C.!

Trent C Dilks, Legislative Director



# DAV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



- ▶ **February 22-25, 2026**
- ▶ **Crystal Gateway Marriott**  
**1700 Richmond Highway**  
**Arlington, VA 22202**  
**(800) 266-9432 or (703) 920-3230**  
**Group Name “Disabled American Veterans” Event Code M-N0Q4KDC**  
**\$219 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



## 2026 Critical Policy Goals

### 119th Congress, 2nd Session

- 1. Make the claims and appeals process work better for veterans.** Due to the complex and confusing nature of the Department of Veterans Affairs claims and appeals process, veterans advocates have long pushed for regulatory and legislative reforms to simplify the process. While many changes have enhanced the VA's internal efficiencies, too many veterans continue to face significant barriers when seeking the benefits they have earned. Veterans deserve a claims and appeals system that is simple, efficient and worthy of their service—not one that burdens them with unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles. The VA should allow veterans to file claims by phone, eliminate penalties for using incorrect forms, improve decision notification letters and reform the disability examination process.
- 2. 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 presumptions 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 34.1 years for the VA 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.
- 3. Eliminate gaps in veterans mental health care and suicide prevention.** The rate of suicide among veterans continues to exceed that of the general American population, reflecting persistent shortcomings in mental health care access, coordination and effectiveness. Despite sustained investments by the Department of Veterans Affairs, existing approaches have not sufficiently reduced suicide risk, particularly for historically underserved populations such as women veterans. DAV's 2024 report, Women Veterans: The Journey to Mental Wellness, highlights gaps in existing programs and provides over 50 recommendations to improve care and reduce the rising suicide rates among veterans.
- 4. 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 retiring based on length of service who are rated 40% or less disabled also face this prohibition. Veterans must also repay special separation pay when receiving VA disability compensation. It's time to end these unjust offsets and prevent any reduction or taxation of veterans benefits.
- 5. 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 2026, the DIC benefit for a surviving spouse is \$1,699 per month—about 41% of the VA disability compensation that a 100% service-connected veteran receives—which is significantly lower than the 55% survivor benefits for federal civil

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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.

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

The VA generally only provides full dental care to 100% service-disabled veterans and veterans with service-connected dental disabilities. Poor dental health can lead to a number of chronic health conditions, some of which can pose an increased risk for serious infections or chronic illnesses. The VA health care model is specifically designed to be a comprehensive, integrated and preventive system that treats the whole health of veterans, which should include dental care. Congress should close the gap by adding dental care coverage for all disabled veterans.

## **7. Enhance long-term care by providing assisted-living care 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. Caregivers save taxpayers significantly and provide maximum quality of life for people who, as a result of their service-connected disabilities, would otherwise require costly alternatives at taxpayer expense. 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. Caregivers also help veterans remain at home longer. Congress should require the VA to provide assisted living care options for disabled veterans and explore new ways to integrate caregiver support with home and community based services.

## **8. 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 reforming and fully funding facility modernization efforts.

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

Congress has adopted budget rules like PAYGO to limit spending which makes it difficult to expand veterans benefits without reducing other existing VA programs and benefits. The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act also limits new federal spending and multiyear budget caps arbitrarily constrain overall VA spending.

Congress should exempt veterans programs from all PAYGO rules and budget caps to ensure adequate funding for critical benefits and services. These types of budget gimmicks essentially force veterans to "pay for" their own benefit increases rather than all Americans. Ending PAYGO would help ensure that our entire nation contributes to the cost of caring for veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors.



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

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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 2026

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Chapter/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ formally requests to participate in the DAV MN Department Clothing and Household Item Collection Fundraiser for fiscal year **2026-2027**. 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, 2026.**



## 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?



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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.





- 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
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#### 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



# 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!



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

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**1st Jr. Vice Commander**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**Adjutant**

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**Treasurer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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# Hot Dish Festival III

Mankato

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 • 2-7PM**

MORISON ARIO-STRAND VFW POST 950

*Women's Veterans Appreciation Event*



## THE THIRD ANNUAL MANKATO "HOTDISH FESTIVAL" WILL FEATURE:

- Hot Dish Contest \$20 entry fee (2-4pm)
- Sample hot dishes like tater tot, goulash, pizza hot dish, & more. Vote for your favorite!
- Live music from "Sip Of Whiskey" 4-7pm
- Silent auction items and more!

**Text hotdish to 507-345-5976  
To Enter A Hot Dish!**

## SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES (12/20-1/31):

- Inclusion on promotional announcements (all four stations)
- On-site booth (optional & limited)
- Social posts/website
- (30) :30 second spots to use by the end of 1st quarter.



Contact: Dawn Batcho

DAV of MN Women Veterans Committee

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ITEM #	QTY / LIMIT	DESCRIPTION (order in increments of...)	CHARGE TO
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404007	/ 250	DAV General Brochure ( <b>order in 50s</b> )	10-3100000-6510-0000-no ref
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936017	/ 250	LVAP Brochure ( <b>order in 50s</b> )	10-1500000-6510-0000-no ref
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Name and Title	
Chapter or Department	
Street Address	
City	State ZIP
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Deadline to apply February 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the trip or to apply  
[www.davmn.org](http://www.davmn.org) > Events > Sedona Trip



# 2026 National Convention

## August 1 - 4, 2026

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- Waived Resort Fee
- Discounted self-parking daily rate of \$8 per day
- Complimentary Valet Parking for Handicap Plates/Decals
- Complimentary<sup>34</sup> Wi-Fi in guestrooms and public areas.





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Phone: 877-426-2838 Press 1

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**SEND UPDATES TO:**

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