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## Chapter Leaders & Officer Guide

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Dear DAV Leader:

Chapter officers have often asked MN DAV Headquarters for assistance in defining the duties they've assumed. Basically, what they desire is an outline of the responsibilities of Chapter officers and an accounting system. This booklet has been developed in response to these request. It's more complete than anything previously prepared on the duties of various Chapter officers. As such, it will do a better job in orienting newly elected or appointed officers and helping them get their feet on the ground.

Additionally, useful information can be accessed through the internet by logging onto www.myDAV.org (NEW DAV National website for Members). Chapter leaders can more effectively target potential members and future leaders. In addition, we encourage MN DAV chapters to utilize our website www.davmn.org for news, updates etc. Also, please ensure you, and your fellow members, have signed up for DAV MN E-News as many of the Department updates are sent as a part of that distribution.

We believe this guide will assist our Chapter officers in doing a better job and focusing development of programs of service to disabled veterans and their families. Of course, as the DAV leadership improves at the local level, the entire Organization will reap the rewards. We encourage you to read this booklet carefully. Even if you have been involved in Chapter or Department leadership for many years, you can benefit by refreshing your memory. This booklet will be useful in helping younger DAV leaders move into positions of responsibility.

Finally, this is a guide. It does not replace any provision of the Minnesota and National Constitution Bylaws and Regulations or mandates.

Sincerely,

Mick Aguirre, State Commander 2022-23

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## Past Department Commanders of the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans

1921-22	Mike O'Boyle*	1007.00	Fun a a t 1/ a a la la a la *		
1922-23	Harry Walsh*	1967-68	Ernest Knoblauch*	2012 2014	Daham Hambar
1923-24	Kenneth Law*	1968-69	Jerome Stainbrook* Rex Kiser*	2013-2014	Robert Hartley
1924-25	Arthur Tomlinson*	1969-70 1970-71		2014-2015	David Valtinson
1925-26	Brian Thornton*		Joel T. Albrecht*	2015-2016	Gregory Remus
1926-27	J. L. Monnahan*	1971-72	Melvin Boicourt*	2016-2017	Michael Aguirre
1927-28	J. L. Monnahan*	1972-73	Paul M. Sagal*	2017-2018	Robert Saddoris
1928-29	Lloyd Ruth*	1973-74	Don Hilton*	2018-2019	Rick Jarvis
1929-30	Charles O'Connor*	1974-75	Lew Snowbeck*	2019-2021	Scott Berndt
1930-31	Laurence Anderson*	1975-76	Robert H. Greer*	2021-2022	Ron Haugen
1930-31	M.W. Goldsworthy*	1976-77	Dean R. Ascheman	2022-2023	Michael Aguirre
1931-32	Owen A. Galvin*	1977-78	Craig W. Fisher		
1932-33	Emil Holmes*	1978-79	Edwin C. Larson*		
		1979-80	Joe Milkanin, Jr.*		
1934-35	Dr. Paul Hartig*	1980-81	Hiram J. Fuller*		* Deceased
1935-36	Hugo Benson*	1981-82	Clifton Grant*		
1936-37	Theo A. Kaldunski*	1982-83	Roger Molstad*		
1937-38	John Golob*	1983-84	Floyd H. Brehmer*		
1938-39	J.W. Cardwell*	1984-85	Lee R. Walker		
1939-40	R.T. Flynn*	1985-86	Charles E. Deeds*		
1940-41	William Stewart*	1986-87	Timothy A. Burton*		
1941-42	Dr. John A. Soper*	1987-88	Robert J. Connor*		
1942-43	Judge John A. weeks*	1988-89	Bernie Melter*		
1943-44	Arthur W. Arntson*	1989-90	Craig W. Fisher		
1944-45	A. N. Friberg*	1990-91	Thomas Eichman		
1945-46	James R. Godfrey*	1991-92	James N. Olson		
1946-47	Henry Lansing*	1992-93	Stanley Morrill		
1947-48	Walter Cairns*	1993-94	Van Karg		
1948-49	Frank A. Howard*	1994-95	Elphege Mrozek		
1949-50	Charles Blake*	1995-96	Carl Youngblom*		
1950-51	A. M. Herriges*	1996-97	John Freetly		
1951-52	James P. Ryan*	1997-98	Kenneth Smith*		
1952-53	Harold Parks*	1998-99	Henry Sadler		
1953-54	Gordon McDonald*	1999-00	Wayne Blue*		
1954-55	John Kalland*	2000-01	James Wilson		
1955-56	W.C. Nimens*	2001-02	Michael Horan*		
1956-57	Oscar Bergstrom*	2002-03	Wilson Spence III		
1957-58	Frank Barstow*	2003-04	Dennis O'Gorman		
1958-59	Stuart A. Lindman*	2004-05	Henry Sadler		
1959-60	John Russo*	2005-06	Dennis O'Gorman		
1960-61	L.W. Lacy*	2006-07	Daniel L. Hill*		
1961-62	Lyle Pearson*	2007-08	William A. Wroolie		
1962-63	Dr. Frederick C. Mortensen*	2008-09	Dean R. Ascheman		
1963-64	David H. Gaines*	2009-11	Al Holtan		
1965-66	Delbert B. Nelson*	2011-12	David Valtinson		
1966-67	Edward Kavanaugh*	2012-12	Bob Erickson		
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#### DAV STRATEGIC PLAN MISSION STATEMENT

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

- Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services
  earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other
  agencies of government.
- Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically.
- Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government.
- Extending DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local chapters.
- Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL VISION AND VALUES

#### **VISION**

The Disabled American Veterans is committed to fulfilling its mission of building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families through service, quality, integrity and leadership in representation and advocacy services now and in the future. We will maintain the highest ethical standards as a charitable organization through which our society can express its gratitude to the men and women who continue to pay the price of our nation's freedom.

#### **VALUES**

- Service: To build better lives for service-connected disabled veterans and their families and to keep that mission first and foremost in all that we do.
- Quality: To provide the highest possible quality representation and advocacy services to veterans, their families and survivors.
- Integrity: To maintain the highest ethical and moral standards as a charitable service organization accountable to those we serve as well as those who support us.
- Leadership: To plan strategically and act to guarantee our future preeminence as a provider of advocacy and voluntary services to veterans

#### MyDAV.org User Manual (Replaces old membership system)

#### Introduction

MyDAV.org is a self-service and reports repository for members and member leaders.

DAV roles that have expanded access:

- **→** Commander
- → Adjutant
- → Senior Vice Commander
- → 1st Junior Vice Commander
- ★ Treasurer
- → Benefits Protection Team Leader
- → Membership Chairman
- → Judge Advocate
- ♦ Officer Authorized to Receive Mail

#### Registration

- 1. Go to: https://www.mydav.org/member-registration
- 2. Select **New user registration**
- 3. Complete the registration form
  - a. Enter your contact information
  - b. Enter your membership number
  - c. Create a username (tip: use your email address)
  - d. Enter a password (at least 12 characters and a special character) and confirm password
  - e. Click SUBMIT

After submitting the registration you will receive a confirmation email. Please allow 2-3 business days for the registration process to be finalized. Once the process is completed, you will receive another email confirming access to MyDAV.org.

#### Logging In/Forgotten Login

Logging In:

- 1. Go to: https://www.mydav.org/login
- 2. Enter new username
- 3. Enter new password
- 4. Click **LOGIN** (do not check "Remember login" if on a shared computer)

#### Forgotten Password:

- 1. Go to: https://www.mydav.org/login
- 2. Click Forgotten Password
- 3. Enter your email (use the preferred email that you registered with)
- 4. Click Submit
- 5. You will receive an email with a reset password link. Follow the instructions to update your password.

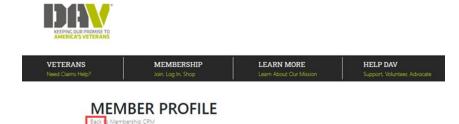
If you have forgotten your username, you can contact the Membership Department at 1-888-236-8313 or membership@dav.org.

#### **Navigation**

After you login you will be on the home screen where you can access all of the functions within the application.



While in each section, return to the home screen by clicking Back to Membership CRM:



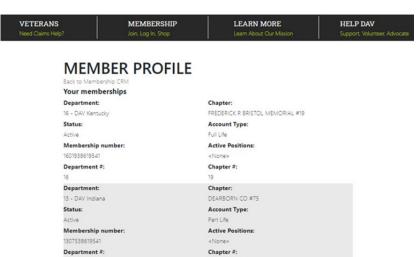
#### **Member Profile**

View your membership record by clicking **Member Profile**.



This section will include your membership number, chapter, membership status, etc. If you have multiple memberships they will all appear on this screen.





#### **Full Service Record**

View/add/edit your service record by clicking Full Service Record

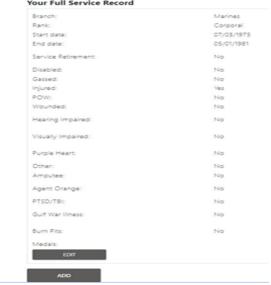


your service record is not there:

- 1. Click ADD
- 2. Enter your service record information
- 3. When finished, click SAVE

If your service record is incorrect or incomplete:

- 1. Click EDIT
- 2. Update your service record information
- 3. When finished, click SAVE



#### **Membership Card Request**

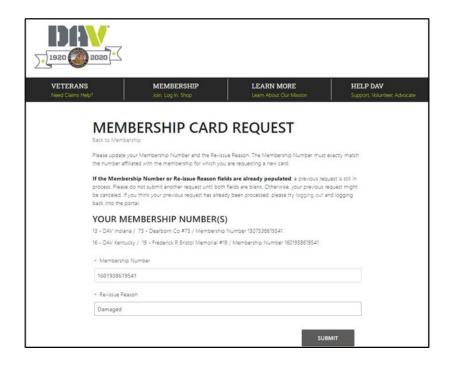
Request a new membership card by clicking Membership Card Request.



Request a new membership card:

- 1. Enter Membership Number
- 2. Enter Re-issue Reason (lost, damaged, stolen)
- 3. Click SUBMIT

Note: Please allow up 30 days for delivery of your membership card



#### **Membership Transfer Request**

Access the transfer form by clicking **Membership Transfer Request**.





- 1. Enter the information for the transfer
- 2. Print the form
- 3. Receive the appropriate signatures on the form (member and Chapter Commander/Adjutant)
- 4. Mail form to the address listed on the form for processing

Note: This form can also be downloaded and saved to use later



#### **Update Username and Password**

Change your login information by clicking **Update Username and Password**.



- 1. Enter new username
- 2. Enter a password (at least 12 characters and a special character) and confirm password
- 3. Click **SUBMIT**

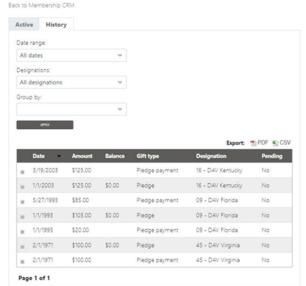
#### **DAV Membership Payment History**

View your dues history by clicking **DAV Membership Payment History** 



The example below shows a member that has three full life memberships:

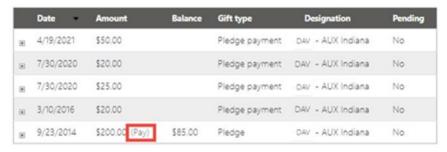
#### MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT HISTORY



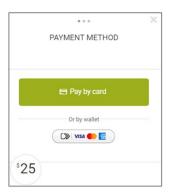
Note: Pledge is the membership. Pledge payments are payments toward the membership.

To pay toward a part life membership:

- 1. Find the pledge of the membership you want to make a payment toward
- 2. Click (PAY)



- 3. The amount defaults to the total outstanding balance. If you would rather make a different payment this field can be edited
- 4. Confirm the billing information is correct. If it isn't, update before submitting the payment.
- 5. Click Pay Now
- 6. Choose the method of payment

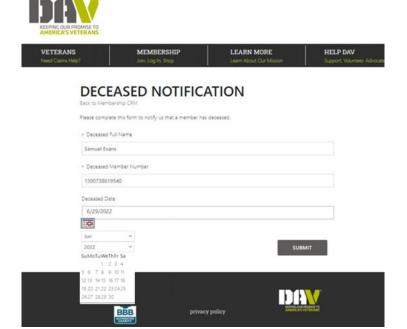


- 7. Enter the appropriate information for the method of payment and complete payment
- 8. You will receive a message and email confirming the payment

#### **Notification of Deceased**

Report a deceased member by clicking Notification of Deceased





- 1. Enter deceased member's full name
- 2. Enter deceased member's membership number
- 3. If known, enter the deceased date
- 4. Click SUBMIT

Note: If you go back to submit another deceased notification, the previous member's details may still be there. Delete the previous information and add the new deceased member's details

### **Report Repository**

Generate reports by clicking Report Repository (officer access only).





The available reports are Population Summary (including historical), Membership Listing, Membership Activity, and Membership Deceased Report. We will be adding additional reports in the future. *The parameters for each report will be dependent on your role.* 

Back to Membership CRM

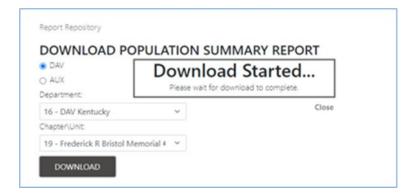
### REPORT REPOSITORY

- · Population Summary Report
- · Membership Listing Report
- Historical Population Summary Report
- Membership Activity Report
- · Membership Deceased Report

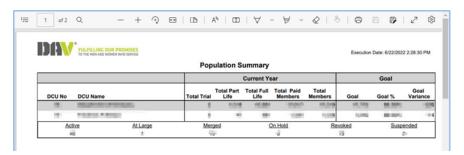
#### **Generate Population Summary**

This report is a summary of the member population in a department/chapter. It also lists the new member goal for each department/unit.

- 1. In the report repository, click Population Summary Report
- 2. Select DAV or AUX
- 3. Choose the **Department**
- 4. Choose the appropriate Chapter
- 5. Click **DOWNLOAD**
- 6. A pop-up box will notify you that the download has started. Do not close this box until the download is complete and the report has been generated



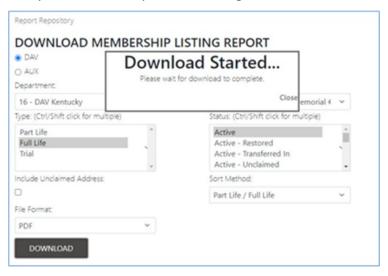
7. View, save and/or print the report



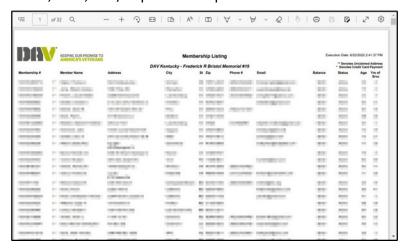
#### **Generate Membership Listing Report**

This report is a listing of the members in your department/chapter

- 1. In the report repository, click Membership Listing Report
- 2. Select **DAV or AUX**
- 3. Choose the **Department**
- 4. Choose the Chapter
- 5. Select the membership **Type(**s) to display on the report (use ctrl + shift for more than one type)
- 6. Select the membership **Status(**es) to display on the report (use ctrl + shift for more than one status)
- 7. If you want to include memberships with bad addresses check Include Unclaimed Addresses
- 8. Click **DOWNLOAD**
- A pop-up box will notify you that the download has started. Do not close this box until the download is complete and the report has been generated



10. View, save, and/or print the report



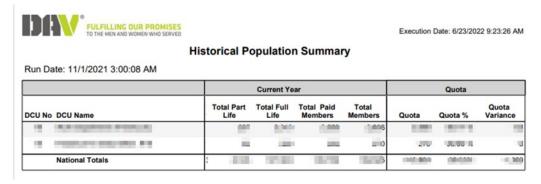
#### **Generate Historical Population Summary**

This report is a historical version of the population summary that allows you to view the report from select historical dates.

- 1. In the report repository, click Historical Population Summary Report
- Select DAV or AUX
- 3. Choose the Department
- 4. Choose the appropriate Chapter
- 5. Select a Run Date
- 6. Click **DOWNLOAD**
- A pop-up box will notify you that the download has started. Do not close this box until the download is complete and the report has been generated



8. View, save, and/or print the report



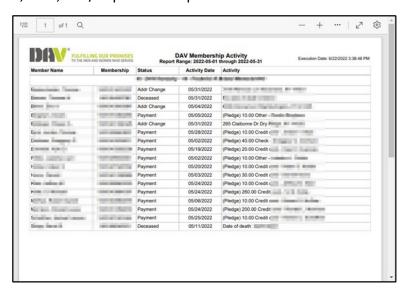
#### **Generate Membership Activity Report**

This report is a listing member activity (payments, address change, etc) within your department/chapter

- 1. In the report repository, click Membership Activity Report
- 2. Select **DAV or AUX**
- 3. Choose the **Department**
- 4. Choose the Chapter
- 5. Choose a Start Date and End Date
- 6. Select a File Format (PDF: Printable format CSV: Spreadsheet of data that can be sorted)
- 7. Click **DOWNLOAD**
- 8. A pop-up box will notify you that the download has started. Do not close this box until the download is complete and the report has been generated



9. View, save, and/or print the report



# Chapter Hierarchy

<u> </u>	·	Commander	
L		Adjutant	
Senior Vice Command	er	1st Junior Vice Commander	2nd Junior Vice Commander
3rd Junior Vice Comman	ıder	Judge Advocate	Chaplain
		Committees	
Committee Chair		Committee Chair	Committee Chair
Committee Chair		Committee Chair	Committee Chair

#### **COMMANDER**

The commander shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the chapter. He/she shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before him/her. All checks or vouchers issued by the chapter treasurer may be countersigned by the commander. He/she shall perform all other duties that may reasonably be assumed to be incidental to the office, including those set forth in the chapter's Constitution and Bylaws and in the Official DAV Ritual and such other duties as may be lawfully delegated to him/her by the chapter.

It is the administrative responsibility of the commander to:

- Open the meeting at the appointed time by calling the meeting to order.
- Announce in proper sequence the business that comes before the chapter in accordance with the Official DAV Ritual.
- Recognize members who are entitled to the floor.
- State and put to vote all questions that legitimately come before the chapter as motions or that otherwise arise in the course of the proceedings and announce the results of each vote; or, if a motion is made that is not in order, to rule it out of order.
- Expedite the business in every way compatible with the rights of members.
- Decide all questions of order, subject to appeal.
- Declare the meeting adjourned when the chapter so votes or at the time prescribed in the program.
- Maintain order of the meeting at all times.

The commander has a fiscal responsibility to:

- Ensure the safeguarding of funds, properties and other assets against unauthorized use or loss.
- Ensure all disbursements of funds are properly approved in accordance with the chapter Bylaws.
- Comply with standards established by the National Executive Committee for audits of chapter establishments, organizations, programs, activities and functions. These standards require chapters to be responsible for providing adequate audit coverage of their programs as an aid in determining whether funds have been applied efficiently, economically, effectively and consistently with program objectives and underlying agreements.

At each meeting the commander should have available:

- A copy of the chapter, department and national Constitution Bylaws & Regulations,
- A copy of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (available at local bookstores or the library),
- A list or agenda of the complete order of business and
- A list of all committees.

The commander also serves as the official spokes-person for the chapter in the community and may not serve as chapter adjutant or treasurer.

#### SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

The senior vice commander shall perform the duties of his/her station as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He/she shall encourage friendship among the members of this organization, discourage discord and promote harmony. Subject to the direction of the chapter, he/she shall act as chairperson of membership solicitation activities to the end that every eligible veteran may become a member. With the approval of the chapter, the senior vice commander may appoint one or more members to assist him/her in such membership activities. The senior vice commander may not serve as adjutant or treasurer.

#### JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

The junior vice commander shall perform the duties of his/her station as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He/she shall see that every member is given a reasonable opportunity to state his/her views on any subject under discussion in a meeting of the chapter, not inconsistent with the chapter's Constitution and Bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. He/she shall, at all times, encourage loyalty to the United States of America, to DAV and to the members of the chapter. Subject to the direction of the chapter, he/she shall act as chairperson of the Americanism activities of the chapter and, with the approval of the chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist him/her as such chairperson. The junior vice commander may not serve as adjutant or treasurer

All Chapter records should be maintained for seven (7) years. This does not apply to original documents that do not expire, such as, but not limited to Chapter Charter, contracts, licenses, leases, Constitution and Bylaws, regulations, rulings by the National Judge Advocate, tax returns and audits.

#### **ADJUTANT**

The adjutant is responsible for keeping the chapter's records and managing the chapter's official correspondence. He/she must keep detailed records of the chapter's meetings and business affairs. All motions considered by the chapter should be recorded along with the names of the members who make, second or speak on motions. All monies received or spent by the chapter must be recorded in his/her records.

- The adjutant is responsible for ensuring chapter members are aware of the times and locations of
  meetings. If a special meeting is to be called, the reason for the meeting should be stated on the meeting
  notice.
- At each business meeting, the adjutant should read the minutes of the preceding meeting and make sure that a motion of acceptance or rejection is passed.
- At each chapter meeting, the adjutant should read all correspondence received between meetings and see that all matters that require action by the chapter are proper-

ly disposed of. He/she should answer all correspondence promptly and file copies of his/her answers with the chapter records.

- The adjutant is responsible for notifying officers, committee members and delegates of their election or appointment, as well as furnishing committees with whatever documents are required for the performance of their duties.
- The adjutant shall make the minutes and records of the chapter available to members upon request. The adjutant is responsible for furnishing a list of convention delegates to National and Department Headquarters.
- The adjutant must work closely with the commander, treasurer and other chapter officers in order to efficiently carry out his/her duties. The adjutant may not serve as chapter commander at the same time.
- The adjutant is also responsible for filing the Chapter Officer Report form immediately following the annual election and installation of officers, in compliance with the National Bylaws, Article 9,



- Section 9.2. The proper form is shown in Figure 1. An electronic copy must be sent to National officerre-portinfo@dav.org and Department Headquarters admin@davmn.org
- The Adjutant is responsible to providing the Department HQ's a copy of the IRS 990 that was filed with the IRS. This is a yearly requirement
- The adjutant is responsible for the membership records and should make certain that they are kept up to date. Official membership records are kept by using the DAV Membership Activity Report (Figure 2), which is furnished by National Headquarters. The adjutant shall also be responsible for timely notification to National and Department Headquarters of changes of address and deaths of members.

The following are some of the membership transactions that will appear from time to time on the report shown in Figure 2.

ME MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY REPORT

Date Range: 9/1/2016 12:00:00AM through 9/15/2016 12:00:00AM

MINNESOTA - I - MINNEAPOLIS #1

Member Name Membership Status Date Activity

Date Activity

Figure 2

Transfer Out New Life Unclaimed
Transfer In Full Paid Life Deceased
Change of Address Restore Canceled

All chapter records should be maintained for seven (7) years. This does not apply to original documents that do not expire, such as, but not limited to, chapter Charter, contracts, licenses, leases, Constitution and Bylaws, regulations, rulings by the national judge advocate, tax returns and audits.

#### **TREASURER**

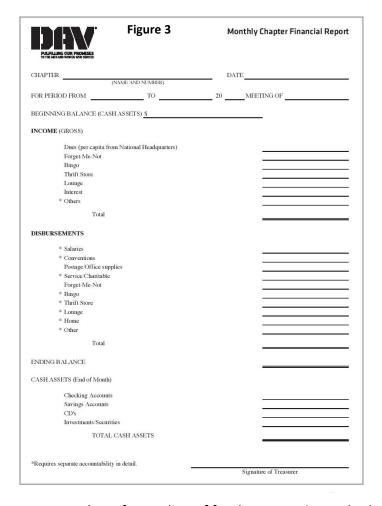
It is the responsibility of departments and chapters to protect DAV assets from theft or conversion. This responsibility includes, without limitation, implementation of sound financial management practices and the purchase of insurance to cover theft losses. In the absence of such insurance, the National Organization shall provide a mechanism by which departments and chapters may be reimbursed for the theft or conversion of department or chapter assets by an elected or appointed department or chapter officer. Such reimbursement shall be limited to \$100,000 per occurrence and be subject to a deductible amount of \$5,000. Such reimbursement shall be made only upon a full and final adjudication of theft or conversion by a court of competent jurisdiction. Such reimbursement shall also be subject to the limits and conditions of the reimbursement program as determined by the Board of Directors. This amendment took effect January 1, 2006.

The duties of the treasurer will vary from chapter to chapter. In most instances, the treasurer holds the funds deposited with him/her and pays them out when approved by the chapter. All financial disbursements of the chapter must be made by check. All checks must include the signature of at least two officers. There should be no debit or credit cards utilized by a chapter.

He/she shall keep a system of accounts approved by the chapter and shall preserve all receipts and checks or vouchers for payments made. He/she shall render a monthly report (Figure 3) of receipts and expenditures to the chapter no later than the first regular chapter meeting following the last day of each calendar month. This form can be downloaded from the membership website.

An Annual Financial Report (Figure 4) shall be submitted to the National and Department Headquarters within ninety (90) days after the close of the department/chapter accounting year ending June 30. Chapters having gross income below \$25,000, excluding membership per capita dues, are not required to submit a report to National Headquarters.

The treasurer must always be aware that the chapter funds must be properly accounted for. Accordingly, the treasurer shall at all times:





- Ensure the safeguarding of funds, properties and other assets against unauthorized loss or use.
- Ensure all disbursements of funds are properly approved in accordance with chapter, department and national constitution and bylaws.
- Ensure all financial transactions are properly and accurately recorded so that the financial data is reliable.

#### YEAR-END REQUIREMENTS

At the end of each year, which shall be the membership year commencing July 1 and ending June 30, the treasurer will total all 12 monthly chapter financial reports and prepare the DAV Annual Financial Report (Figure 4). The completion of the appropriate IRS Form 990 must also be filed with the Internal Revenue Service to ensure the chapter retains its tax exemption.

The treasurer must comply with standards established by the National Bylaws and National Executive Committee for audits of chapter establishments, organizations, programs, activities and functions. These standards require chapters to be responsible for providing adequate audit coverage of their programs as an aid in determining whether funds have been applied efficiently, economically, effectively and consistently with program objectives and underlying agreements. The Treasurer should ensure that the Department HQ's is provided a copy of the IRS 990 once it is filed with the IRS

#### Transition of Form 990-EZ

For small exempt organizations, the legislation specifically allowed a postponement ("transitional relief"). For tax years ending before July 31, 2021, the IRS will accept either paper or electronic filing of Form 990-EZ,

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. For tax years ending July 31, 2021, and later, Forms 990-EZ must be filed electronically.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 30 of each year (National Annual Financial report is due to Department or National over \$25,000 income)
- November 15 of each year (IRS form 990 is due, 990-n Postcard or 990-EZ for over \$50,000 and under \$300,000)
- Dec 31 of each year (Online update your SOS nonprofit corporation, can submit it 90 days ahead of due date.)
- Jan 15 of each year (Update your Minnesota Attorney General Solicitation form and pay \$25.00 if your organization make over \$25,000.00)

#### DAV MINNESOTA CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

IRS filing Changes for 2021-2022—This year all 990-EZ have to be file digitally. No paper file will be accepted. The IRS has sent out letter to every organization that file a 990-EZ stating this. They also give you a web page to fine acceptable company which the IRS will accept.

Other than the official Chapter financial report, there are currently three other reporting requirements that a majority of Chapters must file:

- 1) IRS Form 990: Long or short form depending on your Chapter's total annual revenue. This form must be submitted annually to maintain your tax-exempt non-profit status. ALL Chapters must file a IRS Form 990. See attached link for more guidance. <a href="https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions">https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions</a>
- 2) Minnesota Secretary of State: All non-profits operating in Minnesota are required to file annually regardless of annual revenue. ALL non-profits are required to register with the State the operate in. See attached link for more guidance. <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/1534/nonprofitrenewal.pdf">https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/1534/nonprofitrenewal.pdf</a>
- 3) Minnesota Attorney General: Any Chapter that has a gross annual revenue in excess of \$25,000 must file annually. **See attached link for more guidance.**

https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charity/InfoCharitableorgandTrusts.asp

Changes for this Year in the Financial Reporting of Chapter DAV AFR

- National AFR is required to be on Rev 8-21 form, any other form will be rejected.
- Requesting a extension has to be done 7 days prior to the filing date for approval.
- Departments and chapters will begin submitting AFRs digitally (.pdf preferred) via email to <u>AFRInfo@dav.org</u> & Admin@davmn.org

#### **KEEPING** records

The treasurer shall maintain a file that will contain your monthly bank statements and bank reconciliations for record-keeping purposes.

The treasurer shall also maintain a folder containing all monthly vouchers and invoices paid. Each disbursement should be supported by a voucher or invoice indicating the date paid and check number, as well as the amount paid, if not paid in full.

# BANK RECONCILIATION At the end of each month, the treasurer will prepare a bank reconciliation, as shown in Figure 5.

When reconciling bank statements, the treasurer shall perform the following tasks:

- Compare the deposits listed on the bank statement with the deposits shown in chapter accounting records. Any deposit in transit should be added to the bank statement. (Any deposits in transit from last month still not listed on the bank statement should be immediately investigated.)
- Review the bank statement in numerical order and compare entries with the records of checks issued. List any outstand-

	BANK RECONCILIATION At the end of each month a bank reconcili-		\$ 4,000.00 200.00
Figure 5	Figure 7. Balance per bank (	ation should be prepared as shown in Figure 7. Balance per bank (a) (1) Add deposit in	
	transit Less outstanding		
	checks		
	No. 510	150.00	
	No. 565	200.00	
	No. 600	650.00	
			1,000.00
Adju	sted cash balance		3,200.00 (b)
Balance per books (a)			3,400.00
	Add		
Inter	est earned		25.00
			3,425.00
	Less		
	Non-sufficient funds of Jake Jones	125.00	
	Service Charge	10.00	
	(6) Overstated de- posit	90.00	
			225.00
Adju	sted book balance		3,200.00 (b)

ing checks not shown on the bank statement. (Be sure to include any checks still outstanding from last month.) Deduct outstanding checks from the bank balance.

- Add to the balance any interest earned, per the chapter books.
- Deduct from the balance, per chapter books, any debit memoranda issued by the bank, such as non-sufficient fund checks and service charges that are not yet recorded on the chapter books.
- Adjust for any deposits that were incorrectly recorded in the chapter books.

NOTE: If returned checks are included with the bank statement, the treasurer should trace the checks to the statement from chapter records, making sure that all checks were issued by the chapter, properly charged to the chapter's account and properly signed.

#### **CHAPLAIN**

The chaplain is responsible for leading the opening prayer of the chapter meetings. The chaplain is the spiritual leader of the chapter and may be called upon to represent the chapter at the funeral services for deceased members, send sympathy cards and visit members of the chapter or their family members who are ill.

#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

The sergeant-at-arms assists the commander in preserving order during chapter meetings. The sergeant-at-arms is responsible for verifying the membership of those in attendance when required to do so by the nature of business (i.e., election of officers or delegates, private matters requiring the protection of personal rights). The sergeant-at-arms may be responsible for handling the physical arrangements of the meeting hall.

#### OFFICER OF THE DAY

The officer of the day is responsible for maintaining a list of visitors at chapter meetings and introducing visitors when called upon by the commander. The officer of the day is also responsible for escorting visitors and others to the podium, when directed by the commander.

#### **CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA**

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Opening Ceremony
- 2. Roll Call of Officers
- 3. Introduction of Visitors
- 4. Reading Minutes Last Meeting
- 5. Treasurer's Report
- 6. Bills Against the Chapter
- 7. Sickness and Distress.
- 8. Applications for Membership (and action thereon)

- Introduction of New Members
- 10. Reading of Communications
- 11. Committee reports
- 12. Unfinished Business.
- 13. New Business.
- 14. Good of the Order
- 15. Memorial Ceremony
- 16. Adjournment, with Closing Ceremonies

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

"God, be merciful unto us, and bless us. Cause The Face to shine upon us that Thy way may be known upon earth, and Thy saving strength among all people. Let the people be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge them righteously, and govern the Nations upon earth. Especially do we pray that we may have Thy guidance to the end that we may each of us firmly uphold the great principles of this organization. Amen."

#### **MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

COMMANDER: "At this time, One Minute of Silence will be devoted in honor of our departed Comrades. Comrades, you will rise and stand at Attention." (Raps three times)

"By the numbers, hand SALUTE!" (DAV caps are not removed.)

"May they Rest in Peace. TWO!" (Commander raps gavel once, to seat assembly.)

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

"May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in knowledge and love of God, and now unto the Eternal and All-Wise Creator of the Universe, and Preserver of our nation, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen"

#### BENEFITS PROTECTION TEAM LEADER

The Benefits Protection Team Leader (BPTL) is responsible for coordinating and overseeing DAV's grassroots efforts, legislative agenda and resolution process at the local level. The BPTL is also responsible for advocating for local issues that are not in conflict with resolutions adopted at the national level or with department policies, at the direction of the department commander.

#### The BPTL should:

- Sign up for the DAV Commander's Action Network (CAN) at davcan.org.
- Distribute legislative alerts and encourage DAV members, family and friends to take action.
- Develop a local grassroots network made up of DAV members, family and friends. (Visit dav.org/ grassroots for information on Building a Network of Networks.)
- Use the network to get the word out on veterans issues.
- Email or provide a printed copy of the Protecting Our Benefits Begins With You brochure to the benefits protection team members in your network.
- Get to know your federal elected officials and their staffs.
- Keep informed about DAV's position on legislation introduced by federal elected officials.
- Notify DAV national legislative staff of developing trends in local issues that affect DAV members.
- Notify DAV national legislative staff in Washington, D.C., of local congressional field hearings (on the federal level) and, if requested to testify, seek their assistance.
- Ensure that resolutions considered by the chapter and department are consistent with DAV's stated mission in DAV Resolution No. 001.
- Help schedule and coordinate congressional meetings for your DAV members coming to Washington, D.C., for the DAV Mid-Winter Conference. Also, encourage members who are unable to attend the conference to contact the local office of their legislators and provide them with a copy of DAV's Key Legislative Goals. (See more on Page 43 - 48)
- Join the Commanders Action Network by visiting davcan.org (More on Pages 43-48)

#### CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICERS

Certification as a chapter or department service officer is the result of participation in, and completion of, an annual training Level I or II offered at department conventions and at other times and places each year It is our goal and expectation that all persons acting as service officers at the local level receive this certification every year.

Indemnification is a form of financial protection. Mistakes happen in claims work. Although the number of errors emerging from DAV service work is very small, there are cases in which veterans need to be compensated for our mistakes. Infrequently, a veteran may file a lawsuit against a chapter, a department and/or a local service officer. The indemnification program provides complete indemnification — basically a form of insurance — up to \$500,000 for claims against local service officers, their departments and chapters. This protection is available only in cases in which the error was made by a certified service officer. The program is described more fully below.

#### CERTIFICATION

#### a. Who is eligible for certification?

Any DAV member is eligible for certification when recommended by the appropriate chapter/department Commander and/or Adjutant. The Service Officer Nomination Form must be used by Departments and Chap-

ters to nominate members to attend. Remain flexible in this regard, members can be added to the form up until the start of the class if necessary.

Auxiliary members may not be certified since they are not DAV members. The only exception is where an Auxiliary member is employed as a Department Service Officer. A Hospital Service 2 Coordinator who is (1) actually functioning as a chapter or department service officer and (2) recommended by the appropriate Commander/Adjutant is eligible for certification.

#### b. What are the "levels" of training?

Certification includes attending either Level I or Level II Training. If a service officer's certification expires, Level I must be taken prior to participation in Level II.

#### **Level I Training:**

All service officers must complete Level I at least once. Level I Training is the introduction to Service Officer Responsibilities and Basic VA Programs and VA laws. This training must be completed at least once prior to taking Level II Training.

#### **Level II Training:**

Level II certification training is by "Invitation Only." Department Leadership and NSO Office Management Teams will determine which service officers are invited to the Level II Training. Those operating at the chapter level with at least 2 years' experience and the aptitude for Level II will be considered. All service officers operating at the department level will be invited to Level II Training. Level II Training is a more in-depth training focused on VA Programs and Regulations, Adjudication, and the Appeals Process. *Before denying an applicant to attend Level II please discuss with your National Area Supervisor.* 

#### c. When does certification start and when does it expire?

Certification begins only once a service officer completes Level I training and expires after 18 months if they haven't attended another certification class held by a National Service Office. Therefore, a service officer, must attend either Level I or II training at least once every 18 months to keep their certification active and to remain eligible for the indemnity program. *Again, as noted above the goal is for them to attend annually.* If they can't attend a training session within an 18 month period, and have attended the Certification training for 3 or more consecutive years they may contact the National Service Office of jurisdiction to initiate a request for an extension. The NSO Office supervisor would then reach out the National Service Department to discuss the specifics of the extension request. *If a Service Officer doesn't attend training in 18 months and hasn't requested an extension, their certification will expire on the date indicated on the certification certificate.* 

Please note, we do expect the National Service Offices to offer training more than once a year. We need to be flexible and can offer training in the NSO office if necessary.

DAV reserves the right to terminate the certification of a service officer who fails to abide by the terms of the certification. 3

#### **Award of Certification:**

In advance of the training, the National Service Office that conducted the training will prepare the certificates of completion with effective and expiration dates. The certificates are to be presented at the conclusion of the training. You must make arrangements to present the certificates in front of the entire class or convention body. Always ensure you bring extra certificates with you in case we add members to the class or

have to make a correction on a certificate. The goal here is the member who participated in the training departs the training with their certificate in hand and recognition in front of their peers.

The National Service Office is responsible for providing the National Service Director, within 10 days of the training date:

- a complete list of those receiving certification along with their Chapter affiliation and address; and
- all signed Training Acknowledgments and Instructor/Course Critiques.

#### **Terms and Limitations of Certifications**

DSO/CSOs must agree to abide by the following DAV terms and limitations of certification:

- a) Agree to distribute DAV's Statement of Policy for Representation to all clientele electing DAV representation;
- b) Must not retain any documentation or claims related correspondence within their offices or work spaces;
- c) Process all client related information (i.e., correspondence, forms, etc.) through the local DAV National Service Office;
- d) May not prepare appellate briefs (VA Form 646s) on behalf of DAV clientele;
- e) May not represent DAV clientele before administrative hearing personnel and/or panels (i.e., DRO, VARO, BVA, COWC, etcA.).

#### d. How is training planned and administered?

Supervisors must plan and organize training in cooperation with Departments and Chapters. Duties of providing instruction may be delegated to the Assistant Supervisor or National Service Officers. However, the Supervisor is ultimately responsible for planning, organizing, and conducting a quality training program within each jurisdiction. 4

#### **Training Materials:**

Completion Certificates are stocked by the DAV Procurement Department, and may be ordered using the National Service Office Order Form. The PowerPoint presentations, Knowledge Assessment tests, and registration forms are available on the DAV National Service Department Training Portal.

#### THE INDEMNIFICATION PROGRAM

Recognizing the vital importance of chapter and department service programs to the fulfillment of DAV's overall mission of service to veterans, the DAV National Organization is an indemnitor or, in essence, an insurer for the certification program.

#### Structure:

The structure of the program is as follows:

- There is *no cost* to departments, chapters, or service officers for this protection;
- Each claim is covered up to **\$500,000** combined limit for legal fees and verdict/settlement, with no deductibles;
- In order to receive coverage, department and chapter service officers must:
- (1) complete certification training at least once every 18 months; and
- (2) refer all claims and evidence to a DAV National Service Office.
- All lawsuits or threats of lawsuits must be referred *immediately* to the National Adjutant upon receipt. These **should be emailed** to <a href="mailed">servicepublic@dav.org</a>.

This memorandum replaces April 2017 memorandum. A copy of this memorandum will be placed under tab # 11 of the *National Service Office Desk Reference*.



#### **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 Meetin	gsStreet Addres	/	ty & State	ZIP
Time & Day of Regular Mee	tings	, Li	ty a State	ZIP
	Time	Day		of Month
Website Address		300 years 2000 \$ 400 years	e	
	**Mult	iple nominations are not necessary.*	<u> </u>	
Nominee #1		Nominee #6		
Name		Name		
Mailing Address		Mailing Address		
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Member Code#	Phone ()	Member Code#	Phone (	)
Email	Fax ()	Email	Fax (	)
Nominee #2		Nominee #7		
Name		Name		
Mailing Address		Mailing Address		
City/State/ZIP		City/State/ZIP		
Member Code#	Phone ()	Member Code#	Phone (	)
Email	Fax ()	Email	Fax (	)
Nominee #3		Nominee #8		
Name		Name		
Mailing Address		Mailing Address		
City/State/ZIP		City/State/ZIP		
Member Code#	Phone ()	Member Code#	Phone (	)
Email	Fax ()	Email	Fax (	)
Nominee #4		Nominee #9		
Name		Name		
Mailing Address		Mailing Address		
City/State/ZIP				
Member Code#	Phone ()	Member Code#	Phone (	
Email	Fax ()	Email	Fax (	)
Nominee #5				
Name		The Preceding Nan	nes and Positions Are Here	eby Certified By:
Mailing Address		(Form must be signed by the	e new commander and new adjutant.)	
City/State/ZIP		Commander		Date:
Member Code#	Phone ()			Date:
Email	Fax ( )	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.

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#### PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

The term Parliamentary Procedure is usually understood to be the method of conducting business in the manner prescribed in a small book, Robert's Rules of Order. Some organizations are legally bound to follow these Rules because their constitutions require it, usually in an article specifying "Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings of this society."

The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to provide a method by which groups may effectively and properly achieve their aims. Effectively means efficiently, without confusion, wasted time or wasted effort. Properly means democratically, suited to the sensibilities of men and women in a society which respects human dignity and the rights and privileges of all.

Except in the very smallest informal committee meetings, little will be accomplished unless the chairperson enforces, and the membership understands the basic principles and procedures of Robert's Rules. A strong chairperson, conscientiously and effectively applying the Rules, can prevent cross-conversations, eliminate interruptions and steer the discussion within the confines of the topic. Finally, policies adopted and actions commenced by properly advanced and carried motions will be concise, straight forward and clear.

The core procedure: The standard method of bringing business to the meeting for discussion and disposition.

- 1. A member stands or raises their hand and is "recognized" by the chairperson. The member has the floor and only the member may speak.
- 2. The member proposes a motion. This provides a precise statement of the proposition before the body.
- 3. The motion is "seconded" by another member, so we know that at least one other "second," the motion member believes the motion deserves consideration. Without a proceeds no further.
- 4. The motion is restated by the chairperson to indicate it is in order and open for discussion. Discussion now takes place, no member speaking until they are "recog-nized" by the chairperson. The chairperson, in turn, must monitor the discussion to keep it strictly on the topic.
- 5. The motion is put to a vote to learn the will of the group.
- 6. The vote is announced to indicate the decision and that the matter is settled.

The main motion. Before a member rises to state "I move that...," the member should give some thought to what they are going to say. A motion should be complete, yet concise. It should have no ambiguities, nor incorporate several distinct matters. "I move that we make a donation" is vague. What sum shall it be? "I move we donate \$25 to the Boy Scouts and nothing to someone else" is really two motions in one.

Motions, in their simplest form, propose some direct action by the organization. When direct action is impossible or inadvisable, the motion may seek a petition, or a recommendation, or merely ask to go on record. Going on record is done by a resolution which is introduced by the phrase "I move the adoption of the following resolution."

The total process. In most organizations, the simple Main Motion procedure suffices for 95% of their business. Larger, more complex organizations will treat the motion more completely:

- 1. A piece of business is presented as a main motion and usually simply discussed and voted upon.
- The discussion may be limited or closed.
- 3. As it is being discussed, a motion may be postponed indefinitely, amended, referred to a committee or tabled.

4. After the decision, the vote may be reconsidered or repealed.

Postpone Indefinitely. While a motion is on the floor and being discussed, a member, upon recognition, moves that "this motion be postponed indefinitely." The chairperson calls for a second, conducts discussion, and calls for a vote. If passed, the original mo-tion is dropped.

Amend. A member moves to discussion shifts from the main motion to the amendment, which is discussed and then voted on. Similarly, a member may move an amendment to the amendment, and the member's secondary amendment is discussed and voted on first. An able chairperson will make sure, by effectively using their power to recognize or ignore members, to prevent this amendment-on-amendment procedure from getting out of hand. "amend the motion on the floor by..." After a second,

In a simpler procedure, after an amendment is moved, the originator of the main motion may accept the amendment. The discussion on the original main motion, as amended, continues.

Refer to a Committee. With a main motion on the floor, a member may move to "refer to motion before the house to the...Committee to report at our next meeting." Upon second, this subsidiary motion is discussed and voted upon. If passed, further discussion on the main motion is ended. Note: A well organized committee will follow Robert's Rules, just as does the main body.

Postpone Definitely. In this case, discussion on the motion is postponed to a specific future time. "I move that the motion before the house be postponed until our next regular meeting." This motion may be amended to change the time, discussed, and voted on. Once passed, the main motion becomes a general order of the day for the new time. It cannot be considered earlier and must be on the agenda for the given meeting. If the postponing motion also states that the business be made a special order of the day, it must be discussed on the day and hour the postponing motion names. It takes a two-thirds vote to pass a special order, and a similar vote is needed if a member moves that a postponed main motion be considered before the specified time.

Lay on the Table. "I move the motion be tabled" calls for a second and an immediate vote without discussion. If passed, the main motion is removed from consideration at the meeting, and from future meetings until a motion is stated and passed that the main motion be taken from the table.

Limit Debate. At any time during discussion a motion may be stated to limit debate for a definite period or until a definite hour. If seconded, it is voted on without discussion, with a two-thirds vote necessary for its passage.

Close Debate. A member may "move to close debate" or "move the previous question." Upon seconding an immediate vote without discussion, discussion on the main motion ends if the closing motion attains a two-thirds vote. The main motion is immediately put to a vote.

Repeal. A member may attempt to repeal a previously passed motion by moving its repeal. This motion must be seconded and discussed, and becomes effective if passed by a two-thirds vote.

Reconsider. A member who has previously voted for a main motion which passed may later move for its reconsideration. A motion to reconsider may be made only at the same meeting at which the original motion passed. After seconding and discussion, this motion passes if a majority vote is in its favor. In this case, the

main motion is immediately open for further discussion and a new vote.

Recess. A motion to recess the meeting until a later time is privileged. It may be made at any time regardless of the business on the floor. Upon seconding, it goes to an immediate vote, with a majority affirmative necessary for passage. If passed, the meeting immediately stops, to resume at the newly specified time. Adjourn. Upon the request of the chairperson, or spontaneously at any time, a mem-ber may make a privileged motion to adjourn. No discussion is necessary. Upon seconding, and a majority vote, the meeting ends completely.

Point of Order. If a member believes that the discussion is proceeding improperly, the member may interrupt whoever is speaking and call out "Mr. (or Madame) Chairperson, I rise to a point of order." or merely "Point of Order." The chairperson must immediately recognize the member, ask them to state his point, and give an immediate ruling either upholding or rejecting it. The chairperson then tells the interrupted speaker to speak the point, or rules their entire remarks as out of order and requests the member to take his seat.

Appeal from the Decision of the Chair. If a member feels that the chairperson is conducting the meeting improperly, or is responding improperly to a point of order, "appeal from the decision of the chair." the member may interrupt by asking for an "appeal from the decision of the chair." After seconding, the chairperson calls for an immediate vote, which is carried by a bare majority.

Request for Information. At any time a member may "rise for information" or "rise to a point of information." In this case, the chairperson, or whoever is asked, must give the requested information. However, if the question is directed to the speaker on the floor, this speaker may refuse to yield at that moment and, if the chairperson assents, state that the question will be answered after the speech is ended.

Point of Privilege. A participant in a meeting has a right to be reasonably comfortable, to hear and to be free from harassment and disturbance. Members also have the duty to see that their fellow participants have the same rights. At any time the member may "rise to a point of privilege," be immediately recognized by the chairperson, state their point and, if at all practical, have it immediately granted.

The Order of Business. Under Robert's Rules, a meeting is conducted with the following order of business:

- 1. Reading of the minutes.
- 2. Report of standing committees (treasurer's report comes first).
- Report of special committees.
- 4. Unfinished business.
- 5. New business.

Minutes: The amount of detail contained in the minutes depends on the capacity of the secretary and the custom of the club. In any case, every motion introduced must be recorded verbatim, with the name of the mover and second and the result of the vote. Amendments must be treated similarly. Written reports by the treasurer and all committees are formally incorporated as a part of the minutes. Depending on the needs and customs of the organization, details of discussion may or may not also be included

Chapters Meeting Time & Place						
Chapter	Address	City	Mtg Location	Notes		
Minneapolis # 1	1114 American Blvd West	Bloomington	Blmng Event Center	1st Tuesday		
St. Paul # 2	2483 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	North St. Paul	VFW 1350	2nd Saturday		
Russo-Golob # 3	400 E 23rd	Hibbing	Memorial Bldg	1st Thursday		
Cloverleaf # 4	306 Lawler Ave N	Hinckley	American Legion	3rd Thursday		
Gilbert-Nordman # 6	5814 Grand ave	Duluth	American legion	3rd Tuesday		
North Central # 7	5441 15th St NW	Bemidji	DAV Ch. 7 Bldg	3rd Monday		
St. Cloud # 9	901 N Benton Dr	Sauk Rapids	VFW Post 6992	2nd Monday		
Lyle C. Pearson, Sr. # 10	1900 Riverfront Drive	Mankato	VFW Post 9713	2nd Tuesday		
Aitkin # 11	20 1st Ave SE	Aitkin	American Legion	2nd Monday		
Morrison Co. # 12	1210 3rd Avenue NE	Little Falls	VFW Post 1112	2nd Wednesday		
Itasca Co. # 13	123 4h St NE	Grand Rapids	Itasca County	4th Tuesday		
Crookston # 14	324 N Main St	Crookston	Golden Link Sr Ctr	3rd Thursday		
New Ulm # 15	1522 S Valley St	New Ulm	DAV Ch. 15 Bldg	4th Tuesday		
Glaydon Iverson # 16	142 North Broadway	Albert Lea	American Legion	1st Monday		
Washington Co. # 17	5383 140th St N	Hugo	American Legion	1st Thursday		
Carlton Co. # 18	210 Arch Street	Cloquet	VFW	1st Tuesday		
Faribault # 20	112 NE 5th Street	Faribault	American Legion Post 43	2nd Tuesday		
Crow Wing # 22	309 South 6th Street	Brainerd	VFW Post 1647	3rd Thursday		
Kolstad # 23	125 3rd Street N	Virginia	Kaleva Hall	1st Tuesday		
Western # 24	613 Legion Drive	Montevideo	American Legion Post 59	2nd Thursday		
Fergus Falls # 25	420 Washington Ave E.	Fergus Falls	VFW Post 612	4th Thursday		
Arnold Brandt # 27	809 12th Street SW	Austin	American Legion Post 91	3rd Tuesday		
Mayo-Hiawatha # 28	1654 Hillcrest Shopping Ctr	Rochester	Charlie's Restaurant	2nd Monday		
Lakeland # 31	810 West Lakeshore Drive	Detroit Lakes	American Legion	1st Tuesday		
South Central # 32	2612 N North, Apt A	Fairmont		1st Thursday		
Southwest # 33	107 S. 4th St	Marshall	Adult Community Ctr	3rd Monday		
West Central # 34	220 SW 19th Ave	Willmar	American Legion Post 167	2nd Tuesday		
Hutchinson # 37	177 3rd Ave NW	Hutchinson		4th Tuesday		
Park Rapids # 38	900 E 1st Street	Park Rapids	American Legion	4th Tuesday		
Anoka # 39	1919 Coon Rapids Blvd	Coon Rapids	VFW Post 9625	2nd Thursday		
South Metro # 40	14521 Granada Dr	Apple Valley	American Legion Post 1776	1st Tuesday		
Northwest MN #41	Rotates	Roseau & Middle River		3rd Tuesday		
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#### THE DAV: Who we are and what we do....for you

#### WHAT IS THE DAV? WHO BELONGS?

- The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is a nonprofit association of some 1.2 million U.S. military veterans who suffered some degree of disability while serving in time of war or armed conflict.
- Founded in 1920 and chartered by Congress, the DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for disabled veterans and their families.
- With headquarters offices in Cincinnati and Washington, the DAV focuses strictly on serving veterans
  and their families. A nonpartisan organization, it has no political action committees (PACs) and neither
  endorses nor opposes candidates for political office. The DAV is totally funded by dues and contributions and receives no federal funding.
- The DAV continually fills openings on its professional and management staff with veterans disabled during recent armed conflicts, so we'll be around as long as you and other veterans need our free services.

#### **SERVICES TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

- To help you and your family get all the benefits you earned the DAV maintains a corps of approximately 270 National Service Officers (NSOs) in 72 offices across the United States and in Puerto Rico.
- There's never any charge for the assistance these veterans' benefits experts provide to you and your family. You don't have to be a DAV member to receive these free services, either.
- DAV NSOs are all service-connected disabled veterans themselves, so they understand where you're coming from.
- They offer counseling on veterans benefits administered by the United States Department of Veterans
  Affairs (VA), including disability compensation, health care, pension, survivors' benefits, employment
  rights, education and more.
- These highly trained professionals help folks like you assemble evidence needed to sup-port claims for benefits, building their cases and preparing claim forms and briefs. They also present claims before government agencies, boards and appellate bodies.
- The DAV also provides disaster relief to disabled veterans affected by catastrophes such as tornadoes, hurricanes or floods.
- A national magazine, local chapter meetings, and other functions keep members up to date on issues
  affecting their rights. There's also a comprehensive package of member benefits, including price discounts and exclusive bargains.
- On the local level, DAV volunteers transport sick and disabled veterans to and from VA medical facilities for treatment.
- In addition, our volunteers annually contribute 2.5 million hours to veterans at VA hospitals. Through a variety of local programs, these dedicated volunteers reach into their communities, to help disabled veterans and their families.

#### REPRESENTATION BEFORE CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

- As a nonpartisan organization, it is the DAV's policy to seek only reasonable, responsible legislation to
  assist disabled veterans and their families. Concentrating on issues such as disability compensation,
  pension, medical care, job and training programs, burial benefits, education and survivors' benefits, the
- DAV's legislative goals are set by the organization's members in a process that begins in local DAV chapters.
- These legislative goals guide the organization's advocacy for disabled veterans to help them gain and keep the benefits they have earned by spilled blood, prolonged illness and lost mental well-being as a result of military service.

#### **DAV MEMBERSHIP**

#### Who is Eligible?

#### Any man or woman:

who served in the armed forces during a period of war or under conditions simulating war, and was wounded, disabled to any degree, or left with long-term illness as a result of military service, and was discharged or retired from military service under honorable conditions.

#### Member Advantages

As a DAV Member, in addition to our programs and free services, you are entitled to Member Advantages, which gives you access to a variety of important programs, products and services. Also included with your membership is a FREE subscription to DAV Magazine.

Preview the Member Advantages

Age/Life Amounts
DAV life membership = \$300
Veterans age 80 or older = FREE

Life membership payments are non-refundable and are not tax deductible.

#### What does DAV do for you?

Helps returning veterans transition back to civilian life by linking them with services that address their physical, emotional, and financial needs.

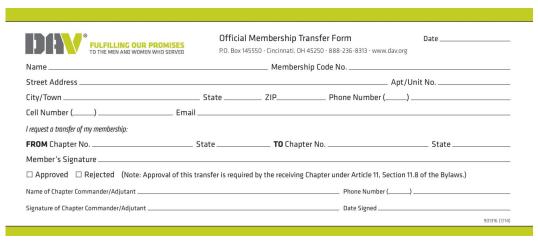
Provides free, professional assistance to veterans of all generations in obtaining VA and other government benefits earned through service.

Fights for veterans' rights on Capitol Hill.

Links veterans to job training and job assistance programs.

Funds rehabilitation programs for veterans with severe disabilities, such as blindness or amputation

Membership and transfer forms can be ordered thru the National Membership Department (order form included on page 60)



#### **DAV MN Foundation**

The DAV of MN Foundation was founded in 1994 as the "giving arm" of the DAV of Minnesota, and has been responsible for improving the lives of Minnesota veterans and their families since. The Foundation provides the financial resources to support quality programs, services and projects across the great State of Minnesota to create a better future for veterans and their families.

**Mission:** Act as the charitable "giving arm" of the DAV MN providing financial resources for projects and programs directly supporting veterans and their families throughout Minnesota

**Vision:** Our vision is to create a better future for our veterans and their families through consistent and predictable growth.

The Foundation is classified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Donations to the Foundation may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The DAV of MN Foundation welcomes opportunities to partner with DAV Chapters, Non-Profits, and Government Entities to create and support meaningful programs, services and projects across Minnesota.

The Foundation focuses on grants to help create a new program or grow an existing one. But they are not meant to sustain an organization or even a particular program. Grants are meant to address particular challenges and funds must be spent on the project to which they have been requested.

In order to maintain the integrity of the Foundation, the DAV of MN takes grant-making very seriously. The Foundation board has created grant-making guidelines and eligibility standards to ensure that support goes to grant seekers who make the most effective impact in veterans lives in our Minnesota communities. The guidelines and application can be found at: www.davmn.org under Foundation

Lauri Brooke Foundation Executive Director Lauri@davmn.org (763) 349-1053

#### **DAV MN Clothing and Household Item Donation Program**

The DAV of Minnesota is fortunate to have developed one of the best fundraising platforms in the nation. Participation in the DAV MN Clothing Donation Program does take a certain amount of dedication and effort, but the benefits and community exposure for you chapter can greatly exceed the costs:

- Discuss with your Chapter officers and membership to see who is willing and has the time/resources to put into the program. \*\*\* Be careful not to exceed capabilities of your volunteers. \*\*\*
- Get approval from Department. As for all fundraisers a Chapter participates in; the C&BLs need to be followed. A customized clothing program fundraiser approval form will be sent out to each Chapter prior to the end of each fiscal year. The Department Executive Committee shall vote on a blanket approval at Convention for all Chapters and/or Units in good standing that wish to continue participation in the Department Clothing and Household Item Donation Fundraiser for the next fiscal year. The formal participation request form will be sent to all Chapters/Units in advance for completion and submission for approval by the D.E.C (typically at the Department Convention). Chapters are responsible for operating in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations.

#### **Benefits to your Chapter**

The Chapter Clothing Donation program has many benefits:

- Increased revenue for your chapter programs and activities
- Community involvement: Through advertising and picking up donations or having a drop site exposes your chapter in your local communities.
- Spreads community awareness of the mission of the DAV.
- Increases involvement/activity of your Chapter members and may help with recruiting new members.

#### **Pricing and Payment**

All payments to a chapter come from the Department. This eliminates the hassle of your chapter having to deal and negotiate with a thrift buyer as may have been done in the past. Chapter rates are determined by majority vote of the Department Executive Committee.

#### **Guidelines**

- Raw clothing donations only. This means lightly handled un-sorted donations "as is"
- Try to have no bigger than 30-gallon trash bags.
- Miscellaneous items. Please refer to the acceptable and unacceptable donation list.
- Keep donations dry. Wet or moldy donations will not be accepted. Re-bagging wet items is acceptable as long as the donations are not sorted.

#### Advertising

- DAV images and logos need to be used professionally and per National C&BL's
- All advertisements should be submitted to Department for approval before use (including trailer art and designs).
- Feel free to use local media sources such as newspapers and bulletins. Chapters must cover all advertising costs.

#### **Scheduling Drops**

- Deliveries to all locations are available on a first come basis.
- Now that we are working with multiple vendors/buyers deliveries or trailer loading procedures may change based on individual Chapter locations and capabilities. Contact Department HQ for more info.

- Deliveries can generally be made on most non-holiday weekdays. Please make delivery requests at least one full week in advance- the earlier your request, the better chance to get a favorable slot on the delivery schedule. It is critical to have an accurate estimate of the delivery weight and type (example: Chapter ## would like to deliver an estimated 4500 lbs of cloth and 1000 lbs of miscellaneous hard goods at 10:00 on XX/XX/2022).
- To schedule a drop call Sharon at the DAV MN Metro Pickup Service Office: 651-487- 2002 or via email sharon@davmn.org (or donatedavmn.org) no later than noon on the Thursday of the week prior to the requested delivery date. If you think you might miss the quoted delivery amount (either lighter or heavier), please let Sharon know in advance 651-487-2002 or <a href="mailto:sharon@davmn.org">sharon@davmn.org</a>. It is very problematic when our deliveries do not hit the weekly plan numbers and it results in a lot of confusion and hard feelings behind the scenes.
- Upon completion of a delivery, it is critical that all Chapters provide a copy of the delivery report issued by the store. This is how we ensure timely and accurate Chapter payments. You can email to <u>donate@davmn.org</u> or fax to 651-483-1301. The receiving store is generally willing to fax us a copy at the time of delivery upon request.
- All trailer swap and live-load requests will be processed and coordinated by the DAV MN Director of Operations. To make a request call the HQ office at 651-291-1212 or email josh@davmn.org.

#### **Ordering Donation Bins**

Please order bins as far in advance as possible. Bins are typically ordered in bulk increments of 10 to 25 units and take four to six months to produce. Department generally splits the manufacturing cost with the receiving Chapter/Unit per the ongoing approval of the Department Executive Committee. Chapters are encouraged to coordinate picking up bins at the manufacturing facility where production occurred.

#### **Location & Hours for DAV MN Community Donation Centers**

For all Donation Center and Donation Bin locations across the state visit: www.DONATEDAVMN.org or call 651-487-2002. When bins are placed (or moved) please update the new address with Department so we can accurately provide information on donation locations throughout Minnesota.

**Duluth Donation Center: Savers Store** 

1740 Mall Drive, Duluth, MN 55811 Ph: 218-722-1894

Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-6pm

St Cloud Donation Center: Savers Store 3326 W Division St, St Cloud, MN 56301

Ph: 320-203-0558

Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

Rochester Donation Center: Savers Store 1201 S Broadway, Suite B, Rochester, MN 55903

Ph: 507- 536-2564 Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

(6pm winter)

Apple Valley Donation Center: Savers Store 7608 W. 150th St. West, Apple Valley, MN 55124 Ph: 952-432-7263 Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

Columbia Heights Donation Center: Savers Store 4849 Central Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421 Ph: 763-571-1319 Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm Coon Rapids Donation Center: Savers Store

50 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 Ph: 763-786-9398 Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

Woodbury Donation Center: Savers Store 8401 Tamarack Road, Woodbury MN 55125

Ph: 651-294-0880 Mon-Sat: 9am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

Burnsville Donation Center: Unique Store 14308 Burnhaven Drive, Burnsville, MN 55306

Ph: 952-898-0988 Mon-Sat: 9am-8pm, Sun: 10am-7pm

New Hope Donation Center: Unique Store 4471 Winnetka Ave, New Hope MN 55428

Ph: 763-535-0200 Mon-Sat: 9am-8pm, Sun: 10am-6pm

# **DAV MN Acceptable Items List**

## **Acceptable Donations**

## **Unacceptable Donations**

Men's, Women's, Children's clothing of all seasons, sizes, and styles

Clothing accessories such as belts, purses, hats, gloves, ties, etc.

Shoes of any kind

Bedding and Bath items (sheets, blankets, towels)

Draperies and curtains

Household and home décor items (nonglass)

Kitchen items (non-glass)

Toys and sports equipment

Lawn and garden items (buckets, sprinklers, etc.)
Tools

Holiday decorations and seasonal items

\*all items/bags/boxes must be light enough for an average person to lift/load into a truck Breakable Glass Items

Books, videos, CD's, DVD's

**Furniture** 

Large appliances

Pianos and organs

Hospital and sofa beds

TV's of any kind

Mattresses or box springs

Scrap metal or rusty items

**Outdoor swing sets** 

**Waterbeds** 

Pool tables

Guns, knives, ammunition, or weapons of any kind Liquids/chemicals/paints or glues

Children's car seats, high chairs or cribs

Food or liquor

Clothing or bedding with animal hair, stains, or odors

Large outdoor children's play sets

BROKEN, FILTHY, OR UNUSABLE ITEMS OF ANY KIND

#### DAV MN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The DAV of MN Transportation Program provides free transportation to Veterans in Minnesota to attend their VA medical appointments at four regional medical centers, or locally based clinics. The program has over 30 vehicles stationed in communities around the state.

The transportation program is a unique partnership between federal, state, county resources and the DAV of MN. Veterans are transported by our cadre of over 180 volunteer drivers throughout the state of MN. This amazing group of people made it possible for the DAV of MN to transport thousands of Veterans while traveling over one million miles each year.



#### **General Ridership Information**

- Transportation is provided free of charge. DAV of MN does not collect travel pay from our riders of the VA.
- Riders of the DAV of MN Programs are not eligible to collect travel pay, since there is no cost incurred to them.
- Veterans are encouraged to request transportation as soon as they know about their appointment(s)
  and at least a week prior. Rides are always first-come first-serve and based on availability MondayFriday.
- Riders may have to wait prior to, or after appointments, to serve other ride requests. Every attempt is made to prevent extended wait times.
- Family members and caregivers may ride along, space dependent. \*You must mention this when scheduling your ride for capacity and health safety reasons. \*
- There may be additional restrictions or requirements such as mandatory face mask usage while being transported and health screening questions prior to pick up. Rules and restrictions can be changed at any time due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic & other health concerns. Please check with your Transportation Coordinator for current rules and restrictions when requesting your ride(s).
- All drivers are volunteers and not compensated. Please be respectful of their time and promptly notify your Transportation Coordinator when there have been changes to your appointment, when you are done or if your appointment has been canceled.

\*Please let your Transportation Coordinator know if you have any mobility limitations, require a walker, manual wheelchair, oxygen tank, assistance getting in or out of the vehicle any other limitations or restrictions you have when requesting your transportation.



#### **Individual Program Descriptions:**



#### **County Managed Programs**

 Crow Wing County- Brainerd:
 (218) 824-1058

 Nobles County- Worthington:
 (507) 295-5292

 Redwood County- Redwood Falls:
 (507) 637-4034

 Brown County- New Ulm:
 (507) 233-6636

 Sibley County- Gaylord:
 (507) 237-4090

For more information on these programs please contact the numbers listed



# <u>Central MN Transportation Program</u> To Schedule A Ride Call (320) 252-1670 ext 6676

- Serves ambulatory, non-wheelchair bound, veterans to and from medical appointments. The program incorporates vehicles stated out of the St. Cloud VA, Buffalo, Brainerd, Little Falls, Mora and Milaca.
- Vehicles will transport to both the St. Cloud and Minneapolis VA, pending availably.
- Priority is given to those riders who do not have access to public transportation.
- Pick up and return times are dependent on requests received for that day and specific service area and not appointment times. All effort is made to minimize waiting times prior to and after appointments.
- Service area includes but is not limited to: Crow Wing, Kanabec,

Morrison, Mille Lacs, Stearns and Wright Counties.



# Northeast Transportation Program To Schedule A Ride Call (218) 204-0693

- Serves ambulatory, non-wheelchair bound, veterans to and from medical appointments. The program incorporates vehicles stationed out of the Twin Ports CBOC, Virginia and Ely.
- Transportation is regularly provided to the Twin Ports Community Based Outpatient Clinic (TPC) & Minneapolis VA.
- Transportation to VA paid appointments within the community and St. Cloud VA are based on driver availability and require ample notice.
- The shuttle from the TPC to Minneapolis VA departs at 5:30am Sharp M-TH and leaves Minneapolis no later than 2:30pm.
- Service area includes but is not limited to: Duluth, Ely, Hibbing, Superior, and Virginia.



# **Southeast Transportation Program To Schedule A Ride Call (507) 703-1139**

- Serves ambulatory, non-wheelchair bound, veterans to and from medical appointments. The program incorporates vehicles stated out of the Rochester CBOC, Winona, Owatonna and Mankato.
- Transportation is provided to the Minneapolis & Toma VAs, and VA clinics in Mankato, Albert Lea and Rochester.
- Transportation to VA approved appointments within the community and St. Cloud VA are based on driver availably and require ample notice.
- Each service area has its own unique schedule and riders are encouraged to contact the coordinator for specific details.
- Service area includes but is not limited to: Olmstead, Winona &
   Steele Counties as well as areas surrounding the Mankato CBOC.



# Metro Transportation Program To Schedule A Ride Call (612) 467-2768

- Serves ambulatory, non-wheelchair bound, veterans to and from medical appointments. The program incorporates vehicles stated out of the Minneapolis VA, Forest Lake, & Stillwater.
- Transportation is proved to the Minneapolis VA for appointments between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm with appointments completed no later than 2:30pm.
- Riders need to check in with the DAV office located at 1-S141 after their appointment is complete for a ride home.
- Service area includes but is not limited to: Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro, Washington County and areas within or near the I494/I694 circle.



# Northwest Transportation Program To Schedule A Ride Call (855) 277-9787

- Serves ambulatory, non-wheelchair bound, veterans to and from medical appointments. The program incorporates vehicles stated in Bemidji, Park Rapids, Crookston and Wheaton.
- Transportation is typically provided to the Fargo VA, and the Fergus Falls & Bemidji CBOCs.
- Transportation to VA approved appointments within the community and St. Cloud VA are based on driver availably and require ample notice.
- Each service area has its own unique schedule and riders are encouraged to contact the coordinator for specific details.
- Service area includes but is not limited to: Bemidji, Crookston, Park Rapids and Wheaton.



## **Chapter Benefits Protection Team Leader (BPTL)**

#### Greetings DAV MN Leaders,

In this section you will find information important to know about the role and duties of your Chapter Benefits Protection Team Leader (BPTL). Building a more robust team of BPTL's will be one of the keys to sustainable success for the DAV MN, and DAV as whole, as we move forward to ensure the rights and benefits for our disabled Veterans, their families, and survivors.

I ask each of you as leaders in your Chapter, and in the DAV, to work closely with your BPTL's, encourage their networking, resolution making, town-halls, meetings with elected officials, and in our overall effort to ensure the DAV MN remains the premier organization in Minnesota fighting for our fellow Veterans.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive informational guide on the BPTL, but to give a starting point to help your BPTL's, and to assist your Chapter in finding the correct candidate to continue to build your local grass-roots network. There is more information available at dav.org for BPTL's. Your BPTL is also strongly encouraged to work with the DAV MN Legislative Director/BPTL as a resource. Feel free to contact Department Headquarters at 651-291-1212 and ask to speak to the Legislative Director for any assistance you may need.

Together we can build on our successes in Minnesota, and nationally. We can continue to build a network that commands respect in St. Paul and from a local politicians in D.C. The key to that success is to ensure we have a solid foundation of BPTL's working locally to build an extensive network. I thank you in advance in continuing to move us forward.

Regards,

Trent C Dilks, Legislative Director Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of MN Trent@davmn.org Office 651-291-1212



#### **Resolutions-**

The foundation for all of the DAV's legislative activity starts at the chapter and department level with the resolution process. It is through the resolution process that members give direction on what they want to see done, changed, improved, protected, or done away with.

Chapter members can introduce a resolution for state or federal level legislative action they would like to see done. The BPTL can serve as the local facilitator for the resolution process. This is the most important role for a BPTL. If not producing the polished resolutions, the collection of ideas that can become resolutions. That is all a resolution really is, a way to send forward the "There should be a law" or "Wouldn't it be nice if Veterans got...", etc..

BPTL's can help greatly by facilitating those conversations at the Chapter level. Set aside a few minutes at a few meetings to ask your members, "Are there any issues with the VA? Or, state? Or, benefits that could help Veterans, their families, or survivors?" Those issues or ideas identified are the basis for what can become a resolution.

The resolution process can be intimidating and there is training available at dav.org to further develop. Don't let the "whereas and therefor" be a barrier. As Chapters identify ideas and issues feel free to have your BPTL reach out to the Department BPTL for assistance in drafting the resolution language if they would like.

#### **Legislative Process-**

I am not going to go terribly in-depth here. However, I would like to address the process a little bit to show how important it is at both the state and federal level to have a strong grassroots network built by our BPTL's.

The resolution is the foundation of the legislative activity. It is from there that staff in St. Paul or D.C. can take action in getting a bill introduced or in supporting one, if it already exists. I will walk through an example of how important the Chapter is in this entire process at the state level:

#### **EXAMPLE:**

**Resolution:** Ch. 42 Submits a resolution stating in Minnesota disabled Veterans should get a property tax break starting at 40% and it is approved at Department Convention.

Initial Action: The DAV MN Legislative Director takes this resolution and needs to find a lawmaker to intro-



duce it in both the State House of Representatives and State Senate. The obvious choices would be the Chairperson for the Tax Committee in each chamber.

Chapter Assistance: The Legislative Director looks at the map and sees Chapter 44 has the House Chair and Chapter 47 has the Senate Chair. If both Chapters have a strong BPTL the Legislative Director asks for their assistance in getting a meeting to create the local connection. If however, 44 and 47 don't have anyone who has built a local network, it is very likely they will have to go to a different option for author, which may hinder the ability to get this legislation passed.

**Bill Action:** The bill has to pass through several committees. As it goes into these committees it once again becomes important to find active BPTL's in the communities represented by Committee Chairs and members, to ensure the bill gets a hearing and favorable action. To ensure it doesn't die the "quiet death" of never getting a hearing. These elected representatives can come from all over the state, and any gap in our network makes the bill's passage less likely.

**Push for Passage:** If the bill makes it through the process, utilizing strong networks locally, it still needs to see the floor, hopefully as part of a Veterans Omnibus Bill, but with enough support by any other means. To get the final passage, and the Governor's signature all State Representatives, and State Senators become important, as well as an overwhelming number of contacts to the Governor's Office to ensure final signing.

This is just a basic overview of how important it is to have active local networks. There are actually many more points in the process where having a local network to influence could make the difference between success and failure. Much of this relies on having a network that can leverage the impressive amount of power constituents have, especially at the state level. This is all facilitated and made stronger by BPTL's.

#### Non-Partisan Activities-

The DAV and its Departments, and Chapters are required by the statute that Congressionally Chartered the Organization no to engage in partisan activities. That means at no point should any DAV entity engage in partisan activities, such as political rallies, supporting partisan candidates, endorsements, statements, etc...

This includes using your position in the DAV as a part of any of these activities, like "I am DAV Commander Chapter 51 and Candidate X is the best for Veterans". We should also be careful creating the image of partisan support such a wearing DAV branded items to partisan activities. Everyone had the freedom to do these types of activities of course, but as a member of the DAV you agree to keep it separate from the organization. Any partisan activities can put your charter at risk.



There is also a very practical reason for this, and one I would ask BPTL's and those who would like to be leaders at all levels of the DAV to consider: What if your side isn't in power? If you, in your role with DAV, or your Chapter have aligned so closely with one political side, how can you possibly help Veteran effectively when the other side is running the show? In Minnesota, we often have divided government, and looking at the state's history since founding it is almost exactly 50/50 for which major political party holds the Legislature/Governors Office. If we were partisan, and unable to work with "the other side" whichever that may be, it would mean nearly half the time we couldn't keep our important work for Veterans moving forward.

#### Meetings, Updates, Contact Rosters, Etc...

The BPTL can take on a very active role at the local level if they are willing. One item mentioned earlier is providing updates at chapter meetings, and soliciting ideas for future resolutions. This can also serve as a way to make sure that information from Dept and National is highlighted to educate our members.

Another way the BPTL can assist is in planning/initiating a local town hall meeting with lawmakers. The Dept. Legislative Director has openly invited the Chapter's to work with Dept on the logistics, invitiations, and content of such a meeting and is regularly looking for Chapters interested. This can be a great way to hear from State Representatives and Senators on Veteran only topics, something often overlooked in state level politics. It is also a great chance to expand the reach of the DAV, by inviting the entire community, especially Veterans and their families, to attend and learn more about what the DAV is doing to secure and protect benefits.

Last but certainly not least, is building of a local roster of people who can be contacted when action needs to be taken. The DAV MN has recently rolled out the MinnFluence Network to assist with this. Every BPTL should be familiar with the mission of MinnFluence and how to get people signed up. MinnFluence is Minnesota's only local legislative tool that will keep Veterans, their families, and supporters informed as important matters happen in St. Paul. Think of it as the state version the DAV CAN, which is another resource we should all be directing everyone possible to signing up to be a part of, the more we have signed up the better our reach when important things happen.



#### **MinnFluence- Serving Minnesota's Veterans**

I am thrilled to share with you all MinnFluence, and a little bit about how this can, and already has, changed the landscape of Minnesota's legislative landscape for Veterans, their families, and survivors.

#### What it is-

MinnFluence is a tool to help connect Veterans and their supporters, directly with their lawmakers at the State level when important action needs to be taken. It is a local alert network that the DAV MN can use, to let you know when your lawmaker is needed to move forward legislation, when votes happen it can update you on how your lawmaker voted, and can keep you informed better throughout the legislative process.

#### How it works-

When a new MinnFluencer signs up it will ask for address, email, phone, etc.. With that information it will fill in who your State Rep. and State Senator are and what committees they are on, any leadership positions, etc.. With this information the Department's Legislative Director can track key legislation, and when your Rep. or Senator are needed to support something, get a hearing, or could hold a key vote, it allows the DAV MN to reach out to you specifically to take action.

#### What you need to know-

The next page will have the flyer with QR Code or you can find registration at davmn.org. This is not a SPAM generating tool, everything sent out has to be created by the Dept. Legislative Director. Your information will never be shared, sold, or used for anything but to alert for legislative issues. You do not need to be a Veteran to sign up. All are welcome.

The MinnFluence Network was already instrumental in the passage of the first ever Veterans Omnibus Bill in Minnesota, and if we work together to build a larger network our power will only grow.

Regards,
Trent C Dilks, Legislative Director
Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of MN
Trent@davmn.org



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

How to Join:

Scan The QR Code Below With Your Phones Camera
Fill in the Information Under "Sign Up for Alerts"
You Will Have Added Your Voice to Support Minnesota's Veterans



## What are DSO's? (Department Service Officer)

Everyday the DSO's meet with Veterans & Dependents and listen to who they are and what their story is. We assess the needs, review files and file claims accordingly. We also provide necessary resources to address other issues that are present (Food, clothing, shelter, etc). Many times there are underlying issues that need to be addressed besides claims work, so we are a one stop shop for the Veteran.

So they know they don't have to go at it alone!

When the DSO's are not helping with benefits, they are doing outreach to help Veterans find the ways to file claims and talk about who we are in the DAV of Minnesota.

#### HERE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS OUR DSO'S DO:

- CLAIMS
- SURVIVOR BENEFITS
- MILITARY TRANSISITIONS
- EDUCATION BENEFITS
- OUTREACH EVENTS
- TRAINING SEMINARS
- COLLEGE VISITS
- AND MUCH MORE!

If you need assistance or have questions, please reach out to our DSO's they are here to support our Veterans!

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ALEX@DAVMN.ORG MELISSA@DAVMN.ORG

612-364-5358 612-463-4057

#### DAV MN OUTDOORS PROGRAM

- The Minnesota Disabled American Veterans presents our DAV Outdoors Program, benefiting Disabled Veterans in Minnesota.
- Our Minnesota veterans love to hunt and fish, and we sponsor several opportunities to get them back out in the field and woods, or on the water again. It's part of building better lives.
- The objective of the program is to provide opportunities for our Minnesota Veterans to participate in the outdoor activities they know and love in an environment of camaraderie and fellowship as an outlet for dealing with the aftermath of their military experiences and disabilities. This form of recreational therapy has been utilized with great success by medical facilities abroad to assist in the treatment and rehabilitation process for both wounds that are visible and non-visible

To sign up please go to or see our current upcoming events go to: www.davmn.org

DAV Department of Minnesota, Inc. State Veterans Service Building, 3rd Floor St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 Phone: (651)291-1212

Fax: (651)291-0115 www.davmn.org





#### DAV MN OUTDOORS HUNTING/FISHING LIABILITY WAIVER, DISCLAIMER, AND RELEASE

Disabled American Veterans Department of Minnesota (DAV MN) is a non-profit organization that sponsors various hunting and fishing events through its DAV MN Outdoors Program. These hunting and fishing events are intended to provide veterans with the opportunity to get back outdoors and into the things they once loved. Because there are risks inherent to these hunting and fishing events, DAV MN requires that you (The Participant) waive liability for certain risks prior to participating.

For and in consideration of the services provided in connection with this event, DAV MN and any volunteer acting on behalf of or under the direction of DAV MN will not be held responsible and/or liable and are hereby released from responsibility and/or liability for the following:

- Any personal injury and/or death as a Participant in this event
- Any injury and/or death to others caused by Participant (Participant may be liable to others)\_
- Any damage, destruction, and/or loss of property belonging to Participant

Participant shall indemnify, defend and hold DAV MN and any volunteer acting on behalf of or under the direction of DAV MN from all such claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, and from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of DAV MN and any volunteer acting on behalf of or under the direction of DAV MN or arising out of Participant's acts or omissions. This waiver, disclaimer, release of liability, and indemnification agreement is not intended to limit the liability of any Participant to third parties.

I have read and understand this document, agree to its terms and conditions, and I am aware that by signing it, I am giving up important rights.

Participant's Printed Name	Participant's Signature	Date
Participant's Address	Witness Signature	

DAV Department of Minnesota, Inc. State Veterans Service Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 Phone: (651)291-1212 Fax: (651)291-0115 www.davmn.org





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**Applicant's Signature** 





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#### LVAP—LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### What is the LVAP program?

The Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) was created to allow the many volunteers who are involved with veteran support activities outside the VA medical facilities to record their hours of volunteerism and report them to the DAV. This process allows for the DAV to see the big picture as members perform our purpose on building better lives and fulfilling our promises to those men and women who have served. DAV and Auxiliary VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) volunteers at the VA Medical Centers will continue to record their time for the Transportation Network and programs within the VAVS systems.

#### Why is the LVAP Program Important?

The level of volunteerism of those who assist us in our mission and purpose clearly makes a difference in the cost of care for our veterans which are of utmost importance to our legislators both at State and Federal levels. This volunteerism plays a big role in the quality of life of our veterans and allows for government funding elsewhere in the veteran community.

#### LVAP Coordinator contact information

Dan Welsand

Phone: 218-204-0693 Email: DAN@davmn.org

#### What are the Volunteer Categories in the LVAP Program?

- ⇒ **CSO/DSO Definition:** This category is only used by accredited DSO/CSO. These are the only ones authorized to use this category.
- ⇒ Forget-Me-Not/ Fundraising Definition: All volunteered hours used to raise donation or funds for the chapter or department. Examples: Selling & Planning Forget-Me-Nots, Working with thrift operations, Emptying Donation Bins, Dropping clothing off at Savers Locations Etc.
- ⇒ **DAV Outreach Definition:** Any volunteer time used to promote the DAV and get the DAV name and organization out into the public and to other Veterans. Examples: Working a Veterans booth at the Fair, Color Guard, Visiting with Veterans at the Homes, Volunteering at your local CBOC & Helping with Veteran seminars
- ⇒ **Veterans Assistance Definition:** Helping Veterans with whatever they may need help with and assisting veterans with everyday life. Examples: Picking up Medications for Veterans, Helping homebound Veterans, Giving rides to veterans in need, Raking leaves for veterans, Helping veterans with anything they may need help with, Attending Chapter Meetings, Driving to Chapter Meetings, Filling out Chapter Officer Reports, Taking monthly minutes for the Chapter, Working on Chapter Financials & All Chapter Administrative Work

#### How to enroll in the LVAP program?

There are two different methods by which a person can enroll into the LVAP program.

Filling out a paper form and sending /emailing it in Going online to daymn.org

#### Form to Enroll in the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)

 Date: MM/DD/YY \_\_\_\_\_\_

 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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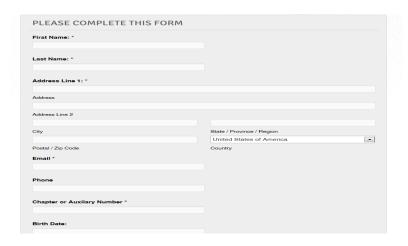
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 Name of your Chapter, Auxiliary, VFW, or AM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

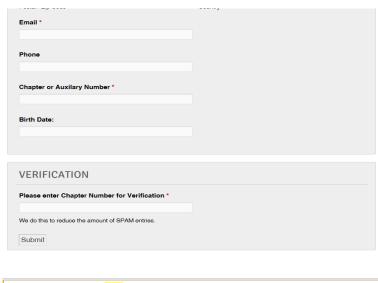
 Complete and return this form to: \_\_\_\_\_\_



Go to website davmn.org > Under Volunteer, click Enroll in LVAP > Follow instructions and input information



Fill out the form completely, fill in chapter number at the bottom for verification



Once your enrollment has been submitted you will receive an automated response to verify your enrollment

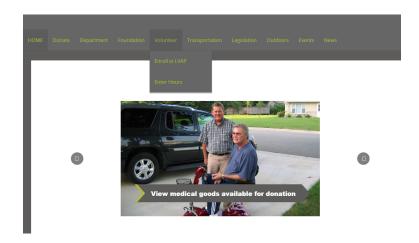


#### **How to Submit LVAP Hours**

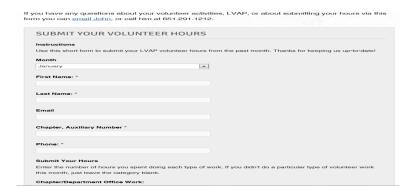
Chapter Hour Submittal (form 60)
Online Hour Submittal

For the individual form fill out requested information on for and put the total number of hours for the month under the appropriate categories and send in to coordinator by mail, Fax, or email.

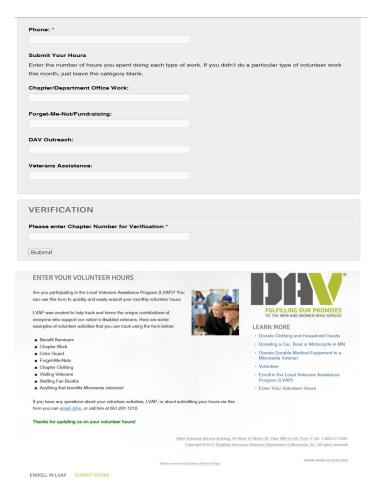
For the Chapter form one person can fill out the requested info on the top of the sheet which is the month and chapter number the form is filled out by writing the volunteers name and total number of hours under each category.



Submitting hours online:
Go to davmn.org > Under Volunteer
Click Enter Hours, Follow Instructions



Fill out personal information on form



Enter the number of hours volunteered in each category

Website will confirm hours have been submitted

If you have any questions, please contact:

Dan Welsand

Phone: 218-204-0693 Fax: 651-291-0115

Email: Dan@davmn.org

Address:

Disabled American Veterans 20 12<sup>th</sup> St W, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor ST. Paul, MN 55155

# LVAP Monthly Reporting Form 60

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DAV Claims Office 1 Federal Drive Room 192 Fort Snelling, MN 55111 Phone: 612-970-5665

Email: DAV.VBASPL@va.gov

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DAV Claims Office 2101 No. Elm Room 206 Fargo, ND 58102

Phone: 701-451-4636

**DAV Claims Office** 

P.O. Box 5046, 2501 W 22nd St.

Sioux Falls, SD 57117 Phone: 605-333-6896

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4500 Banks Blvd Silver Bay MN 55614 Phone: 218-226-6300

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Minneapolis Veterans Home 5101 Minnehaha Ave S Minneapolis MN 55417 Phone: 612-721-0600

Luverne Veterans Home PO Box 539

Luverne MN 56156 Phone: 507-283-1100 Adult Day Care 5101 Minnehaha Ave S Bldg 4 Minneapolis MN 55417 Phone: 612-548-5963

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Main Phone Number ...... 651-296-2562 Www.MinnesotaVeteran.org LinkVet...... 888-546-5838 DD 214 Requests ...... 651-296-2562

Crisis Line......800-273-8255 or text 838255 State Cemetery Little Falls.....320-616-2527 State Cemetery Preston......507-765-7320

**Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs** 

State Cemetery Duluth......218-520-0120

County Veteran Service Officers Directory: http://www.macvso.org/directory.aspx

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901316	/ 50	Official Transfer Form (order in 50s)	1-10-3100000-6510-0000-no ref
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