

2018 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



FULLFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Crystal Gateway Marriott | Arlington, Virginia | February 25-28, 2018

SATURDAY, February 24

Commanders & Adjutants Assoc. Registration

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Grand Registration Desk

SUNDAY, February 25

Commanders & Adjutants Assoc. Registration

8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Grand Registration Desk

DAV Headquarters Office

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria

Commanders & Adjutants Assoc. Business Session

9 a.m.–Noon
Salon A–B–J–K

Welcome Remarks

- Danny Oliver, President, Commanders & Adjutants Association
- Delphine Metcalf-Foster, National Commander
- Dr. David J. Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant
- William Craig Johniken, Auxiliary National Commander

Benefits Protection Team Workshop

1–3 p.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

- Joy Ilem, National Legislative Director
- Adrian Atizado, Deputy National Legislative Director
- Shurhonda Love, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Shane Liermann, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Jeremy Villanueva, Associate National Legislative Director
- Peter Dickinson, Senior Executive Advisor

To help you have successful meetings with elected representatives in their Capitol Hill offices, please join us for an update on DAV's 2018 legislative priorities, emerging issues and other important policy objectives. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about the Benefits Protection Team to build grassroots support of DAV's legislative goals.

Membership Workshop

3:15–4:15 p.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

- Douglas K. Wells, National Membership Director

National Membership Director Doug Wells will discuss current membership initiatives and changes to the national membership program that are designed to assist the organization more readily attain its goals.



MONDAY, February 26

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria

Service Workshop

- Jim Marszalek, National Service Director
- Chad Moos, Deputy National Service Director
- Scott Hope, Deputy National Service Director for Training
- Scott Trimarchi, Assistant National Service Director
- Justin Hart, Assistant National Service Director
- Steve Wolf, Assistant National Service Director
- Jon Retzer, Assistant National Service Director
- LeRoy Acosta, Assistant National Service Director

9–10:15 a.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

The 2018 National Service Workshop will include presentations by key officials from the Veterans Benefits Administration providing valuable insights into the newest initiatives related to veterans' benefits and services.

VA Health Fair

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Salon C

Voluntary Services Workshop

- John H. Kleindienst, National Voluntary Services Director
- Sabrina Clark, Director Voluntary Service

10:30–11:30 a.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

Discuss updates to the Voluntary Service program as well as a Q&A period.

Inspector General Workshop

- Edward E. Hartman, Inspector General

12:45–1:45 p.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

DAV 101: This workshop will be geared toward understanding the basics of DAV's Constitution, Bylaws and NEC Regulations.

Employment Workshop

- Jeffrey C. Hall, National Employment Director
- Rob Lougee, Assistant National Employment Director

2–3 p.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

This workshop will provide an overview of our employment program.

Communications Seminar

- Dan Clare, National Communications Director
- Ashleigh Byrnes, Deputy National Communications Director
- Charity Edgar, Assistant National Communications Director
- Todd Hunter, Assistant National Communications Director
- Mary Dever, Assistant National Communications Director

3:15–4:15 p.m.
Salon A–B–J–K

DAV chapters and volunteer coordinators are increasingly engaging the media to recruit volunteers and promote DAV efforts. Public service announcements are increasing awareness on a grand scale. Combined with our strategic objectives, outreach and technology can boost participation and provide momentum for every aspect of DAV's mission. Learn about tools and resources available to help you use outreach to help us achieve our goals nationally and at the community level.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

DAV Headquarters Office	8 a.m.–4 p.m. Alexandria
DAV National Service Foundation	9 a.m. Salon A, K
DAV Charitable Service Trust	(immediately following NSF Meeting) Salon A, K
Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial Foundation	(immediately following CST Meeting) Salon A, K
Presentation of DAV 2018 Legislative Program <i>Please arrive <u>no earlier</u> than 1 p.m.</i>	2 p.m. Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD–G50
Additional seating will be available in the Cannon House Office Building, Room 334, where the Commander's presentation will be streamed live on TV screens.	
National Commander's Reception	6:30–8:30 p.m. Salon 4–6

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

DAV Headquarters Office Alexandria	8 a.m.–Noon
Board of Directors	9 a.m. Salon 1–2
National Executive Committee	(immediately following Board Meeting) Salon 3

STATE COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2017–2018

President	Danny Oliver	Executive Committee	John Donovan
Vice-President	Cynthia Madison		Brian Wilner
Secretary/Treasurer	David L. Tannenbaum		Kirk Johnson
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Rita Aberegg		William Robinson
Chaplain	Robert Delgado		Craig Vance
Past President	Teresa Johniken		Brigitte Marker

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 27 2 p.m.



Presentation of the DAV Legislative Program

**Dirksen Senate Office
Building, Room SD-G50***

National Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster's presentation to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees

*Please arrive no earlier than 1 p.m.
Additional seating will be available in the Cannon House Office Building, Room 334.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Overnight guests at the Crystal Gateway Marriott receive these negotiated perks:

1. At check-in, **\$5 voucher** per room to use at any of the Marriott food and beverage outlets
2. **Free high-speed internet** in guest rooms. When accessing the internet, activate the high-speed option, accept the terms, and the charge(s) will be removed from the room folio each evening.
3. DAV guests receive a **40% discount** over the hotel's current self-parking rate. These charges should be adjusted daily on the room folio.



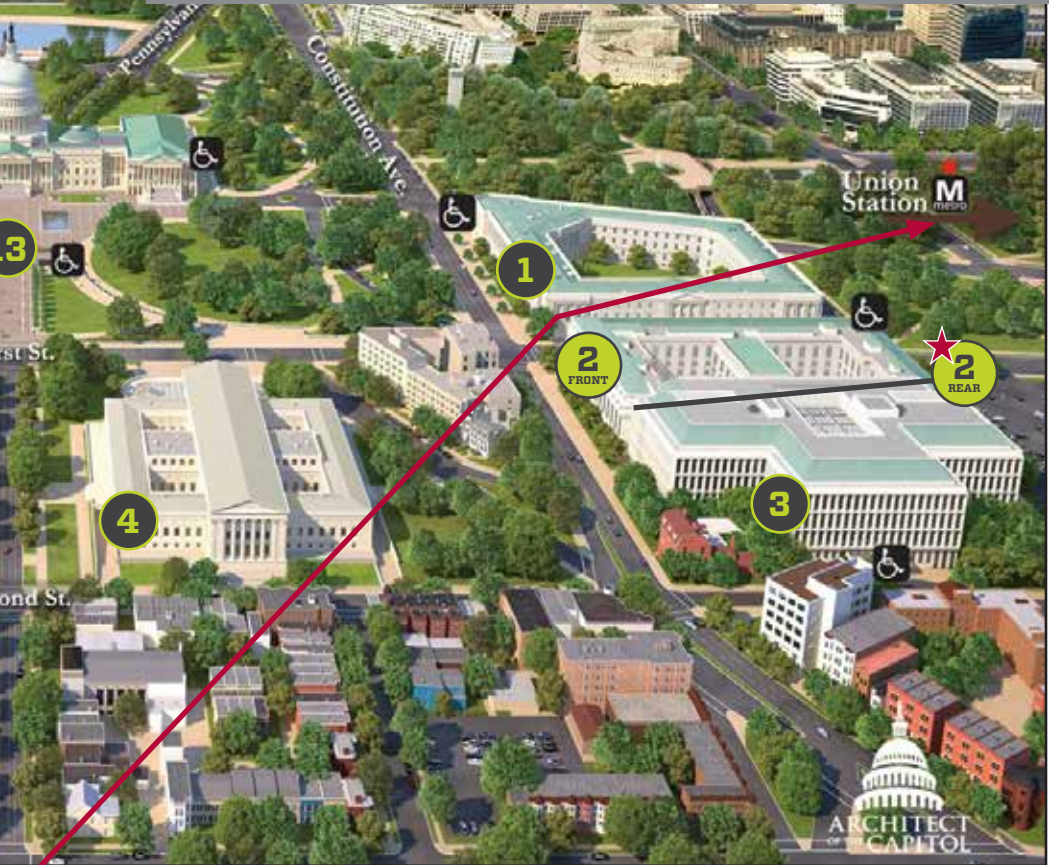
★ **Commander's Testimony**

- The Dirksen Senate Office Building is at the corner of First St. and Constitution Ave.
- Meeting room SD-G50 is near the rear entrance, located at 101 C St. NE, Dirksen Bldg.
- Please do not arrive any earlier than 1 p.m.
- Additional seating will be available in the Cannon House Office Building, Room 334.

Traveling by Metro Subway System

- Exit the metro at **Capitol South** or **Union Station**
- **Crystal City Metro** station is the nearest stop to the hotel. **All Metro Stations/Trains wheelchair accessible.**

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| 1 Russell Senate Office Building | 8 Cannon House Office Building |
| 2 Dirksen Senate Office Building | 9 Longworth House Office Building |
| 3 Hart Senate Office Building | 10 Rayburn House Office Building |
| 4 U.S. Supreme Court | 11 Ford House Office Building |
| 5 Jefferson Building Library of Congress | 12 U.S. Botanic Garden |
| 6 Adams Building Library of Congress | 13 Capitol Visitor Center |
| 7 Madison Building Library of Congress | 14 American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial |



Traveling by Taxi/Uber

- Drop off point is **101 C St. NE, Dirksen Bldg.**
- Give the above address to your driver as the drop-off point for the Commander's Testimony.
- **Uber** from Uber App, select **UBER WAV** or **TAXI WAV**
Red Top Cab, call 703-522-3333, **Yellow Cab**, call 202-544-1212. If you call one taxi cab company and their wheelchair taxis are busy, that Company will transfer your trip request to another company.

In Case of Medical Emergency

- Dial "0" or "9-922" on the hotel phone.
- Individuals seeking treatment at the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center during normal working hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., should contact VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., at 202-745-8000.



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.

This mission is carried forward by:

- 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; and
- Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.