



2026 Mid-Winter Conference

Washington, D.C. | Feb. 22–25



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Commanders & Adjutants Association Registration

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Arlington Registration

DAV Headquarters Office

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Alexandria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Commanders & Adjutants Association Registration

7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Arlington Registration

DAV Headquarters Office

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Alexandria

DAV Mid-Winter Opening Session

9–11:30 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Salons III-IV

- Paul Hermann Jr., President, Commanders & Adjutants Association
- Paul Lawrence, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Coleman Nee, National Commander
- Barry Jesinoski, National Adjutant
- Melissa Pierce, Auxiliary National Commander

Benefits Protection Team Legislative Workshop

1–3 p.m.

Salons III-IV

- Jon Retzer, National Legislative Director
- Naomi Mathis, Deputy National Legislative Director
- Kevin Miller, Assistant National Legislative Director
- Joseph Lemay, Associate National Legislative Director
- Shamala Capizzi, Associate National Legislative Director

Please join the national legislative team for an update on DAV's 2026 legislative priorities for the second session of the 119th Congress.

Membership Workshop

3:15–4:15 p.m.

Salons III-IV

- Lamarr Couser, National Membership Director
- Join National Membership Director Lamarr Couser and the Interim Membership Committee as they share important updates and tools related to DAV's membership programs and recruitment efforts.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Alexandria

Service Workshop

9–10:15 a.m.

Salons III-IV

- Scott Hope, National Service Director
- Chad Moos, Deputy National Service Director
- Scott Trimarchi, Assistant National Service Director
- Justin Hart, Assistant National Service Director
- Matt Jahn, Assistant National Service Director
- Drew Clark, Assistant National Service Director

The 2026 National Service Workshop will include a presentation on protecting veterans from fraud and scams targeted at veterans and their VA benefits.

VAVS Workshop

10:30–11:30 a.m.

- John Kleindienst, National Voluntary Services Director
- Oscar Olguin, Assistant National Voluntary Services Director

Salons III-IV

Please join National Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst and Assistant National Voluntary Services Director Oscar Olguin for an overview of the 2025 DAV Voluntary Services program year. We will discuss VAWS, DAV Transportation, LVAP and the future of DAV volunteering.

Inspector General Workshop

12:45–1:45 p.m.

- Ed Hartman, Inspector General
- Ryan M. Burgos, Deputy Inspector General

Salons III-IV

This workshop will provide information specific to the acceptable expenditure of DAV funds, and the responsibilities of members to ensure financial accountability, to include the timely submission of Annual Financial Reports in accordance with our bylaws. We will also discuss the legal requirements of the Bequest Reporting Program.

Caregiver Workshop

2–2:45 p.m.

- Ron Minter, National Caregiver Support Program Director
- Joseph Burks, Representing Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program

Salons III-IV

Please join us as we provide an overview of DAV Caregivers Support to include eligibility, enrollment process and how to share the program within our local communities. We will also hear from the VA on updates related to their General and Comprehensive Caregiver Programs.

Communications & Outreach Workshop

3–3:45 p.m.

- Dan Clare, Chief Communications & Outreach Officer
- Rob Lewis, National Communications Director

Salons III-IV

DAV continues to push the envelope in how we engage with our members, fellow veterans and the American public. From gaming to social networking to public service announcements and more, this training will inform and educate leaders about ongoing efforts and resources available to help make DAV a household name in communities nationwide.

Entrepreneurship and Employment Workshop

4–4:45 p.m.

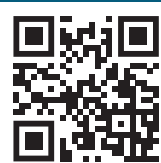
- Jeremy Yost, National Employment Director
- Dan Clare, Chief Communications & Outreach Officer
- Jackie Graham, Associate National Employment Director

Salons III-IV

DAV's efforts to connect veterans with meaningful post-service missions continues to grow and evolve. DAV had a banner year for entrepreneurs and surpassed 200,000 job offers through job fairs. Become a better advocate by learning about available resources for our brothers and sisters in our communities.

JOIN THE FIGHT!

Sign up at davcan.org



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria

**Presentation of DAV
Legislative Program**

Tuesday, February 24 | 10 a.m.
Dirksen Senate Building, Room SD-G50
Please plan to arrive and be seated by 9:30 a.m.



National Service Foundation

- Andy Marshall, President

2 p.m.

Salons V-VI

Charitable Service Trust

- J. Marc Burgess, President

(immediately following NSF Meeting)

Salons V-VI

Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial Foundation

- Dennis Joyner, President

(immediately following CST Meeting)

Salons V-VI

National Commander's Reception

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6:30–8:30 p.m.

Salons III-IV

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–12 p.m.
Alexandria

Board of Directors

9 a.m.

Salon IV

National Executive Committee

- Coleman Nee, National Commander

(immediately following BOD Meeting)

Salon IV

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

1. Attendees booked within the DAV room block will receive a **\$5 coupon** at check-in to use at 15th & Eads or The Market.
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 bill each evening.
3. Daily commuters who self-park in the hotel garage can receive a discount ticket in the DAV Headquarters Office. Guests staying at the hotel, will receive a 40% discount on self-parking charges applied to their hotel room folio.
4. The restaurant at the Crystal Gateway Marriott (15th and Eads) is open for breakfast each day from 6:30–10:30 a.m. and dinner beginning at 4 p.m. They will be open for a Lunch Buffet to DAV attendees on Sunday, Feb. 22 and Monday, Feb. 23 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

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2025–2026

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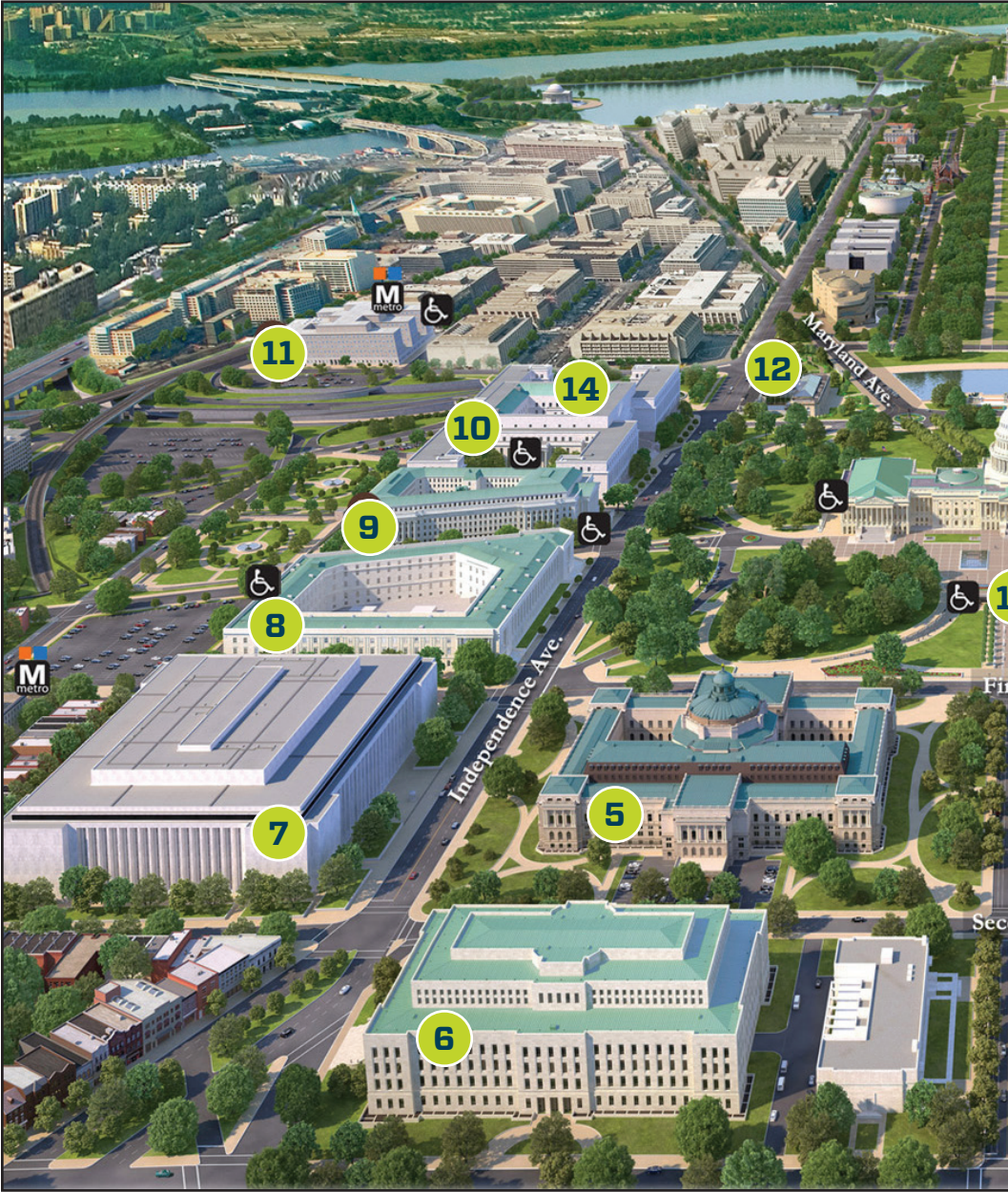


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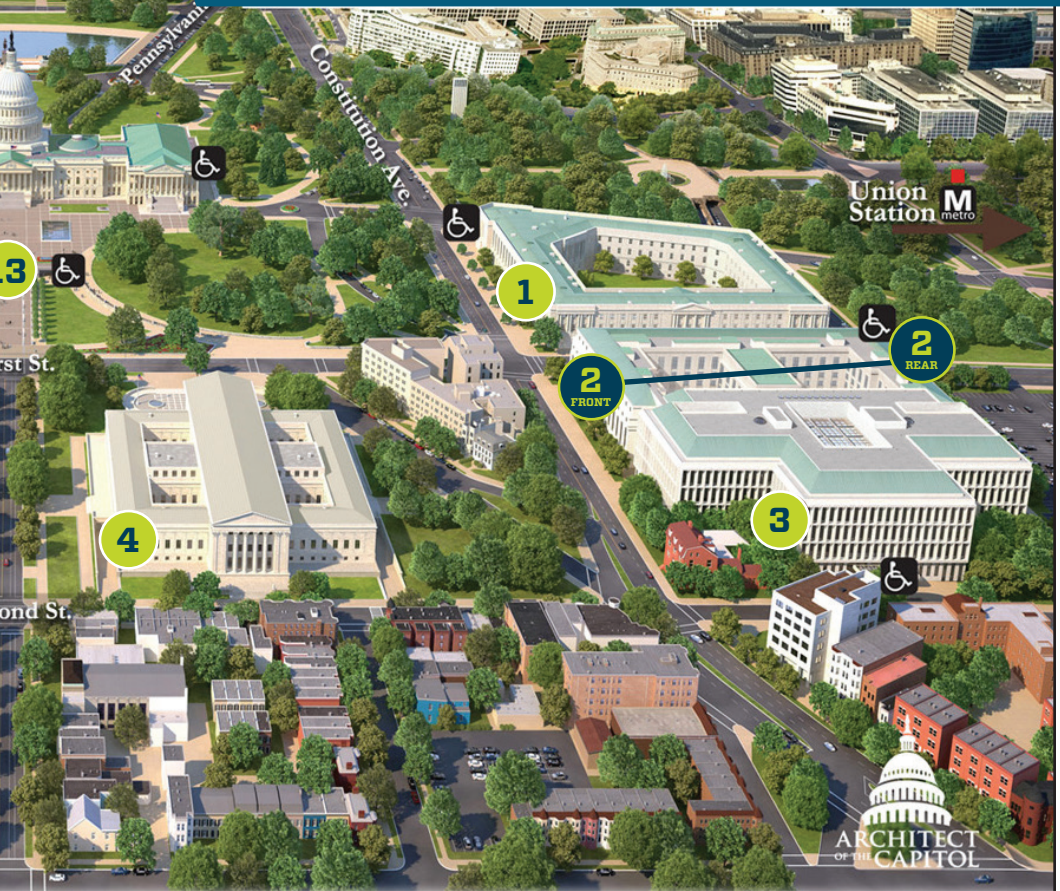
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In Case of Medical Emergency

- 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 NW, Washington, D.C., at 202-745-8000.



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



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.



For more information scan the QR code or visit davcan.org.