



KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS

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SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER?

Look no further!

Volunteer opportunities are coming up faster than leaves falling to the ground.

Motivated individuals and groups seeking to volunteer helping veterans and their families within our housing programs and Department-hosted events are much needed.

Opportunities range from general labor such as fall clean up to minor housing repairs, gardening club, holiday decorating, game nights and more. Some opportunities offer flexibility in the schedule and others are specific dates and times.

Use the QR Code below to view our most current listing and how to contact us with your interest!



Upcoming Events:



*All functions DAV or Auxiliary of Massachusetts host, or attend as a vendor, are listed on www.davma.org/events

*when adequate information and proper notice is supplied to the Department



COMMANDER, BOB BRONSON

This year's Zip Trips are in the books and by all accounts, they were a resounding success. I first want to congratulate our Sr. Vice Commander, General Andrea Gayle-Bennett for her appointment to the National Woman's Committee. It is well deserved and I'm sure she will do an outstanding job of representing our sisters in arms.

This month we are re-starting the Incarcerated Veterans Committee to once again assist Veterans that will be transitioning from incarceration to life on the outside within the next six months. I'm asking any CSO or DSO that would like to be on this committee to contact me. Keep in mind that we will be entering various Department of Corrections facilities to speak directly to the Veterans that are incarcerated there. Our goal is to help them integrate back into a free society by getting them the assistance that, as a Veteran, they have earned.

There is a set of documents that must be filled out and submitted before you are able to attend any meetings at these facilities. Also, there are very strict rules for dress and what we can bring into the facility that we have to abide by. It's not the easiest job that we are asking you to commit to, but the best thing we can do for the Veterans there is to help each and every one that we can. I don't believe that writing off a group of veterans because of circumstances that they found themselves in and chose the wrong road, is the proper thing to do. Nobody can change the past. The most any of us can do is to try to choose the best road ahead of us and remember that "There, but for the grace of God, go I". If we can help just one Veteran straighten out their life, then our committee will have been a success.



SR. VICE, ANDREA GAYLE-BENNETT



Greetings everyone.

October is shaping up to be a busy month with lots of exciting activity happening across our Department.

READY, SET, GO!

The DAV CAN Challenge

October 1 is the official start of the DAV Commander's Action Network (DAV CAN) Challenge. This initiative encourages all of us to rally together and get as many veterans and supporters signed up for DAV CAN as possible. The DAV CAN platform is a powerful tool that allows veterans to engage with their elected officials on critical issues affecting our community.

This challenge is open to both individuals and chapters, with some great awards up for grabs! Individual awards include the **Gold Recruiter Award** for the highest number of sign-ups, and chapters will be competing for the **Gold Chapter Award**. Your efforts not only help build our collective voice, but also ensure that our veterans are heard loud and clear on Capitol Hill. Let's come together to make this a record-breaking year for DAV CAN!

SR. VICE, ANDREA GAYLE-BENNETT CONTINUED...

Introducing the Resolutions Challenge

In addition to the DAV CAN Challenge, October 1st is also the launch of the Resolutions Challenge. This challenge encourages chapters and individuals to submit resolutions that will help shape DAV's legislative priorities moving forward. Whether it's an issue impacting veterans in your community or a broader policy concern, your resolutions are critical to ensuring DAV continues to fight for the issues that matter most to our members.

Awards include the **Educational Trailblazer Award**, given to the first chapter to hold a resolution training workshop, and the **Resolution Powerhouse Award** for the chapter or individual who submits the largest number of resolutions. This is your opportunity to influence the future direction of our advocacy and be recognized for your contributions at the next department convention.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October also marks **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)**. This is an important time to raise awareness of the critical contributions of veterans with disabilities in the workforce and to advocate for greater employment opportunities and accommodations for disabled veterans. Let's take this time to recognize the strength and resilience of our disabled veterans and continue pushing for policies that support their full participation in the workforce.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is **#BreastCancerAwarenessMonth**. Did you know that the VA leads the nation's health care systems in providing mammograms to women? Thanks to the work of DAV's legislative team and the thousands of letters DAV members sent to Congress, the MAMMO Act passed in June 2022. This bill addresses the Department of Veterans Affairs provision of mammograms and breast cancer treatment.

Happy Birthday, U.S. Navy!

On October 13, we celebrate the **249th birthday of the United States Navy**. Let's honor the brave men and women of the Navy who have served and continue to serve our country with dedication and honor. To all of our Navy veterans within the DAV, thank you for your service, and happy birthday!

Get Involved

I encourage everyone to participate in these important challenges and events this month. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and ensure that our voices are heard.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the DAV mission. Let's make this October a month of action and impact for all veterans!

To Join the Commander's Action Network, Please visit davcan.org or click this button





1ST JR VICE, DENNIS DEVINE

As I sit down to write my October newsletter, it is with a heavy heart. How quickly life can change. I lost 2 of my football friends this past week (1 a veteran) along with our son's mother-in-law and a friend's dad (a veteran). And two more close friends in hospice. When the man above says it's time, there's no arguing there. It's time.

We are slowly losing members as they are dying off. We must try harder to bring in new members. I stop and talk to every veteran that I run into. I want to make sure they are up to date on their benefits and to encourage them to join the DAV.

We must remember that our strength lies in numbers. Right now, our numbers are dwindling. They are going down faster than what we can record. We must try to put in motion a way to add members. One way is to go over your chapter membership list and pick out the ones who have not completed paying their membership dues. Until they finish paying they don't count as a member. I'm pretty sure each chapter membership list has about 15-20 unpaid members. By paying the balance due, our department numbers will go up.

2ND JR VICE GENE MCGREEVY

Good day Department of Massachusetts. With the start of Fall and days getting shorter, temperatures getting cooler, people start to stay more inside. What better time to reach out to veterans that do not have anyone to talk too or interact with.



Last month I introduced the 120 Club. That's 120 minutes a month that we can reach out to veterans that need some company. There are all kinds of ways to reach these individuals, you could check with your VSO in your town or city. They have listings of veterans on various state programs that would always appreciate some company.

The VA facilities have CLC wards where veterans are always looking for interaction with someone besides the nursing staff. This past weekend Westover 11 had a picnic at the Leeds facility for the residents, we spent 4 hours sitting talking and eating. One of the Airforce vets talked about his time SAC stationed all over the world. His wife said that she has not been so excited in a long time. Another talked about his time in Korea. These guys just enjoyed talking to another vet and somebody new. The same thing happened at the Veterans Home in Holyoke. These vets appreciate the interaction.

It doesn't take much to improve the quality of life for a veteran. Join the 120 Club and soon receive a highly coveted and prestigious 120 Club Pin that is currently in design.

Do not forget to turn in your LVAP and SENA forms to Deb Olson Department Inspector.

If your Chapter needs any more information on the 120 Club Pin and how to receive this highly valued pin contact me at emcgreevy@aol.com

Let's get in to the community and show what the DAV does.

Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer

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3RD JR VICE PHIL NADEAU

You can smell it in the air, it's called Fall. With that we are doing many great things in the Dept. Check out the website DAVMA.ORG. The Constitution and Bylaws committee meets every month, with that being said it is never too late to jump on the committee. Fresh new ideas are always welcomed. We had a DEC meeting a couple of weeks ago and one of the important things that came out of that is the DAV CAN Challenge again you can find all of this on our website. Have a great month.



As the HSC I want to report that our drivers will be using a new system called Drivers Schedule as of Oct. 1st this new system will streamline rides quicker for both the drivers and veterans. Of course, we are always looking for more drivers in all areas of the state. These veterans really need these rides to their VA, Va community care and Comp & Pen appointments. I will take veteran or non-veterans as drivers. If interested, you can email me at HSC@davma.org or call 413-435-6870. "It's not about us it's about them" & "No Veteran left Behind"

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, PDC DEB OLSON

AFR's: The Chapter's AFR (Annual Financial Report) are to be completed on-line via www.MYDAV.ORG. 30 chapters still need to submit their AFR's through mydav.org. Several Chapters have entered their reports, but they are not listed as submitted. If you are having issues finishing the process, contact myself, Mike Valila or a line officer. I know these Growing Pains are challenging, but it will be worth it, and it gets easier as we do it.

990's: tax filing is due before November 15th. Please do these now, again if you have an issue call me, I can walk you through the process.

CSO training: Certification training for CSOs took place in June prior to the department convention and the makeup session was held on September 28th in Malden. The Department now has 110 certificated CSOs across the state and are stationed at our 5 VA hospitals, both Soldiers' homes and a couple outposts. I'd like to see our CSOs at the local VA clinics and Vet centers a couple hours a month. Also, if you're close to a base or a reserve station and can pull a few hours a month, it will get the DAV name out and you can invite those you meet to your next chapter meeting. (Membership – yes if they are still serving, they are eligible to join.)

LVAP and Sena: LVAP (LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) forms for September 2024 are due to the department as soon after your chapter meeting as possible. I'd like to get caught up on volunteer hours, if you have not submitted your hours for July, August and September please do so. If possible, please keep the months separate. Sena reports, especially from the CSOs, are also due monthly.

DSO (Department Service Officers) and CSO (Chapter Service Officers) please complete the SENA (Service Encounter & Needs Assessment) on-line, the matrix from this will help us to identify needs in our communities, write resolutions, and seek funds and support, to address these needs. Go to <https://DAVMA.org>, Membership, Member Portal, forms, monthly reporting to complete forms. Don't forget to read Andrea's article on the challenges she has put out to all chapters for legislation and resolutions.

The LVAP and Sena forms can be completed by any member, including auxiliary, assisting veterans in their communities. Your time counts when assisting a veteran. Leave no one behind, show them we care. There are scholarships available for the youth that volunteer assisting veterans, spread the word.

If you need any assistance or if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact your line officers, we were elected or appointed to serve you. We all stand at the ready, we are an email or a phone call away. Thank you for all you do in your community.





ADJUTANT MIKE VALILA

It is already October- what a busy and productive year! With November right around the corner we are gearing up for the DAV 5K Boston. Chapters have been stepping up big, getting involved in their communities and

sharing DAV's message. Thank you for continuing the mission! As of October 1st we have already had over 1,000 registrations! Out of that, we have seen 281 veteran registrations.

Branch Breakdown

- Marine Corps: **44**
- Army: **143**
- Navy: **38**
- Air Force: **47**
- Coast Guard: **9**

Make sure you register today

for the DAV5k Boston as we are expected to sell-out early, as we have the past 3 years! So visit DAV5k.Boston to register.

Veterans are **FREE**, or \$15 if you would like a race shirt. General admission is \$40. This event is a walk, run, or roll, and a ton of fun for the whole family! I look forward to enjoying this day, properly honoring our fellow veterans, and raising awareness for the DAV Department of Massachusetts. Hope to see many of you there!

As I mentioned, we are on the heels of our DAV 5K Boston at Castle Island on November 9, 2024. Also, please tune-in and listen on November 8th as we'll have our annual Radiothon hosted by iHeartMedia, Boston's WRKO-AM 680. Our live broadcast this year will be focused on telling Veteran Success Stories, encouraging listeners to donate and raise funds for the DAV of Massachusetts' service programs. Since 2016, the Radiothon has raised over \$900,000 to benefit DAV Department of MA.

The Department Women Veteran's Committee will host their 2nd Women Veterans Retreat at the Fitzwilliam Retreat & Conservation property. If you know a female veteran interested in attending, please have them email inquiry@davma.org. Please note they do not need to be a DAV member to attend.

WE'RE HIRING!

Upcoming open positions are listed below. Express interest and inquire within **for full job description** by emailing a resume to: inquiry@davma.org

Transportation Network **Assistant Coordinator**

Gardner, MA

Duties: Answering phones, email, recruiting & retention of volunteer drivers, promoting service program, other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Customer Service skills, good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, ability to communicate well with others.

Veteran Advancement Center **Personal Care Assistant (PCA)**

Leominster, MA

Duties: Providing medication reminders, preparing/cooking meals, light house keeping, and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Customer Service skills, basic cooking skills, and ability to communicate well with others.

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★ JOIN US FOR THE DAV 5K BOSTON ★

The DAV 5K Boston proudly presented by Veterans Development Corporation returns to DCR Fort Independence at Castle Island on **Saturday, November 9, 2024.**

ABOUT THE DAV 5K BOSTON

The DAV 5K Boston is a run, walk or roll that thanks those who served and raises awareness of the issues our ill and injured veterans face every day.

DATE: Saturday, November 9, 2024

START TIME: 10:00 AM Race Start

LOCATION: DCR Fort Independence at Castle Island

REGISTRATION: Registration fee is \$40 online

COST: Veterans Registration with a Runner Shirt is \$15

Veterans Registration without a Runner Shirt is FREE

The registration fee includes a long sleeve runner shirt, a finisher medal and access to the post-race celebration.

All proceeds support the DAV Department of MA

DISTANCE: 5 kilometers run or 1 mile walk

WEBSITE: www.dav5k.boston

REGISTER TODAY



About Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Massachusetts

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 at the State House in Boston; and **educating** the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Our veterans need your support. Your sponsorship will help us accomplish our goals for 2024.

For more information, visit davma.org.



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STATE COMMANDER, LIZ BUTTERS

I'm writing this report while attending the 2024 Auxiliary National Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. It's wonderful to connect with old friends and make new ones.

My thanks to MA unit members Deb Geary, Diane Sullivan, and Janet Pratt who, with PNC Susan Henry, participated in the skit DAVA National Education Scholarship & Vocational/Training Assistance Programs, chairperson of which this year is AnnMarie Hurlley.

Immediate Past National Commander. Scholarship application forms can be found on our website at www.davauxiliary.org, or by contacting DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters at 833-368-1220.

DAVMA Auxiliary Overnight Teambuilding Oct 18th & AUXILIARY TRAINING DAY OCT 19TH.

DO YOU ENJOY FOOD, GAMES, PAINTING, CAMPFIRES, SMORES' AND STAR-GAZING?
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS OVERNIGHT!

Attendees arriving Friday, Oct. 18th, and staying overnight, will enjoy teambuilding surrounded by the beauty of nature in Fitzwilliam, NH.

Can't join us Friday night?

If you are available Saturday, Oct. 19th, you can still join us!

Come in the morning for some breakfast, training and lunch! We would love to have you!

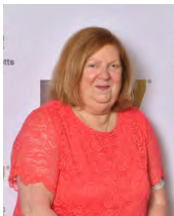
RSVP by October 10th or reach out with any questions to State Adjutant Janet Pratt via email: janetprattdava@gmail.com

This is provided at no-cost to attendees. Commanders, Adjutants and Treasurers are urged to attend. Are you a unit member interested in attending? Just RSVP! We are happy for you to join in and learn more about the Auxiliary, our leadership roles and how to help further our mission!

We look forward to seeing everyone!



SR. VICE COMMANDER, CINDY LEGGE



Fall is here, and it's time to get out and sell raffle tickets for the Auxiliary's State Hospital Fundraiser that benefits the veterans in the Massachusetts VA Medical Centers and Soldiers' Homes.

If you were not at the September SEC Meeting in Malden to receive your tickets, they will be mailed to you. Please call me at 508-367-4576 to let me know if you need more tickets.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather, sell some tickets, and bring the ticket stubs, cash, or checks to me at the November SEC Meeting in Malden. Thank you all for your assistance with this important fundraiser.

ALLISON DEVINE, 1ST JR VICE COMMANDER

With the concurrence of the delegates at the 2024 DAV Auxiliary National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, the life membership dues for our organization will increase to \$300 effective January 1, 2025. Here is what to expect:

- Current members who are recruited through December 31, 2024, will not be required to pay the new rate.
- Parent/legal guardian is encouraged to pay at least \$20 down prior to December 31, 2024, to lock in the lower rate on Junior memberships. Remember, the parent/legal guardian signature is required to process the payment.
- Communicate to potential members that there will be a dues increase after the new year. Encourage them to sign-up early!
- The minimum down payment will remain \$20 with flexible payment options of once per year to remain active.
- Look for communications from National Headquarters on the release of new applications and brochures.
- Destroy all material with the old rates as of January 1, 2025.

So just how do you recruit new members?

1. Personal Invitations: The most effective method is often the simplest. Ask someone to join!
2. Reach Out to DAV Members: Invite Disabled American Veterans (DAV) members to join the Auxiliary.
3. Family Connections: Encourage your family members to join. The DAV Auxiliary is a family-oriented organization, and involving multiple generations can strengthen both families and our community.
4. Advertising: Utilize local media, social platforms, and community events to spread awareness about the DAV Auxiliary and its mission.

Members can soon generate their link by entering their membership number at <https://auxiliary.dav.org/sponsor-a-supporter/>. Members can also share their Sponsor a Supporter link as a QR code, which potential members can scan to access the same link. The link remains active throughout the year!

One final item as we start the new year: I ask that each unit challenge their current active members to sign up at least 1 new member in the 2024/2025 year.

DCU No	DCU Name	Current Year					Quota			
		Goal Met	Total Junior	Total Part Life	Total Full Life	Total Paid Members	Total Members	Quota	Quota %	Quota Variance
20	AUX Department of Massachusetts		193	295	2,893	3,168	3,361	3,430	97.99%	-69
1	Bay State #1	G	24	15	1,381	1,396	1,420	1,420	100.00%	0
2	Queen City #2		0	4	45	49	49	50	98.00%	-1
3	Silver Star Jfk Mem #3		19	11	112	123	142	147	96.60%	-5
4	Worcester #4		10	13	150	163	173	179	96.65%	-6
9	Wm. S. Greene #9		5	5	51	56	61	63	96.83%	-2
11	Westover #11		7	4	16	20	27	28	96.43%	-1
27	Somerville #27		12	109	237	346	358	371	96.50%	-13
29	Braintree #29		34	66	229	295	329	342	96.20%	-13
33	Scott Vetterling #33		3	5	37	42	45	46	97.83%	-1
35	Marshfield Memorial #35		4	27	117	144	148	153	96.73%	-5
40	E. A. Twomey Sr. #40		22	0	100	100	122	126	96.83%	-4
47	Billerica #47		1	7	22	29	30	31	96.77%	-1
56	Westcott Houghton #56		46	4	241	245	291	302	96.36%	-11
57	W. F. Reardon #57		3	8	15	23	26	27	96.30%	-1
96	Cape Cod #96		3	2	112	114	117	121	96.69%	-4
110	Tewksbury Ma #110		0	5	18	23	23	24	95.83%	-1
Active			15							
At Large			1							
Merged			8							
On Hold			0							
Revoked						22				
Suspended								0		

2ND JR. VICE COMMANDER, DOROTHY RAYMOND

According to National records, 4.2 million veterans live in rural areas and have a difficult time accessing the VA health care, especially to the medical facilities. Our veterans deserve increased attention to assistance in accessing VA's high-quality healthcare. S. 3751, the Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act, would help more veterans in highly rural areas get transportation to VA healthcare facilities. This bill would help the VA provide all rural veterans better access to health care and help ensure our nation keeps its promises to American Veterans.

H.R. 7816, the Clear Communication for Veterans Claim Act. This bill would require the Secretary of the VA to collaborate with a federally funded research and development center to evaluate the clarity organization of notice letters sent to claimants for VA benefits. Sometimes, letters are sent to our veterans and their families with language they don't understand. Where clarity of the legal info contained in these missives is crucial, DAV is on record recommending that VA look at their letters by concentrating on the language for the reader and not the legal requirements.

Since the beginning of the 118th Congress, hundreds of bills have been introduced to improve the health care and benefits provided to our nation's veterans, their caregivers, families and survivors. Over many months of meetings, discussions, committee briefings has led to the introduction of an omnibus package of legislation that addresses several of our highest legislative priorities to include reforming and expanding healthcare, benefits and services provided by the VA.

H.R. 8371, the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. This bill contains dozens of bills that pertain urgent needs of veterans and caregivers to include improving veterans' mental health and long-term care services: VA's Caregiver program veterans' homeless program, electronic health record modernization, dental care, educational assistance, burial benefits, and more. This bill aligns with several resolutions to fulfill the promise of caring for our nations ill and injured veterans.

Recently, DAV formally released our Vision for Veterans for the 119th Congress, which established seven priority issues ahead of the 2024 elections to help congressional candidates, as well as current lawmakers, understand the vital challenges facing the veteran community and offer a series of concrete solutions to address them.

- DO NOT reduce, offset or tax veterans' disability benefits;
- Strengthen Dependency and indemnity Compensation (DIC) support for veterans' survivors;
- Make Dental Care a health care benefit for all service-disabled veterans;
- Provide assisted living care options for service-disabled veterans;
- Reform the process for creating toxic exposure presumptive;
- Create new Planning and funding mechanisms for VA infrastructure;
- Exempt all veterans programs, benefits and services from PAYGO and budget caps.

This is crucial for candidates and lawmakers seeking office, acting as a guide for their decision-making and reminds them to always keep veterans' interests in mind.. Respectfully submitted,

ADJUTANT, JANET PRATT



Unit annual financial reports were due to National Headquarters by September 30, 2024, and copies sent to DAV & DAVA Department of MA department adjutants. If your unit has yet to submit its report, please do so as soon as possible. Ensure you use the new form, and not an outdated version you may have. The current form is available online at www.davauxiliary.org.

Join the State Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts, Unit Commanders, Adjutants & Treasurers Training on October 18-19.

Note that registration and confirmation are required. Limited on-site accommodation available; allocated on a first come first serve basis. Overnight guests must bring twin bed sheets, blankets or sleeping bags and pillows. Bunk beds are provided.

Please let us know if you have any food allergies.
Please RSVP ASAP

Any questions or concerns please email janetprattdava@gmail.com



Other Upcoming Events

February 22, 2025	DAV Auxiliary National Commander Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns Arlington National Cemetery 1 Memorial Ave., Arlington, VA Ceremony starts at 11:15 a.m.
August 9 – 12, 2025	2025 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention Paris Las Vegas 3655 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109 \$159 single/double We will communicate when room block opens!
September 25 – 27, 2025	DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference DoubleTree by Hilton, Lawrenceburg 51 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana 47025 812.539.8888 \$159.99 single/double - \$169.99 triple - \$179.99 quad Complimentary breakfast and parking
August 1 – 4, 2026	2026 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention Rosen Shingle Creek 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 \$149 single/double

Unit 33 Greenfield sponsored a boat ride down the Connecticut River for veterans recently.

Has your unit done something special for veterans recently? Send us a photo to share!

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, PSC SANDY FINCEL CHAIRMAN

The Finance Committee will commence (if needed) at 9:30 AM ½ hour prior to the Sept. 9th SEC Meeting in Gardner MA. Request for monies should be in writing 10 days in advance of the SEC Meeting either by email to gorsfincel@gmail.com or USPS mail to Sandy Fincel, 2 Smith St. Apt 1, Gloucester, MA. 01930. Thank you.

STATE TREASURER, PSC JEAN SHIFFLETT

I would like to Thank all the Auxiliary Units that have sent in their 2023-2024 Mandates. I will be contacting any Auxiliary Unit that has not sent in them to date. This will give me an opportunity to say hello.

Anyone needing a check for reimbursement should contact me at 617-827-1911 immediately so I can request a warrant from the State Adjutant. Checks will not be issued without a warrant. Reminder, IRS 990-N e-Postcard must be completed by November 15, 2024.

WOMEN VETERAN RETREAT

OCTOBER 25-27TH 2024

**ENJOY A FREE
RELAXING WEEKEND
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inquiry@davma.org**

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Spaces are limited and
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6:00PM

October 16 DAV Chapter 35
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Marshfield, MA 02020

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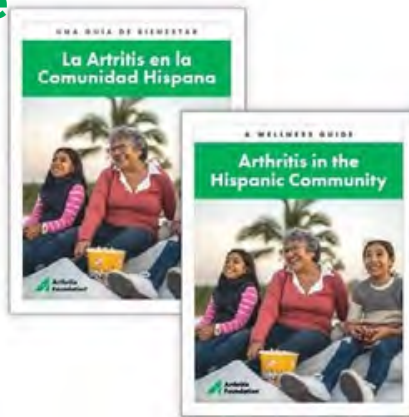


Spotlight on Hispanic Heritage Month

As we come to the end of Hispanic Heritage month, celebrated every September 15 - October 15, the Arthritis Foundation turns the spotlight on our resources and offerings specifically for the Hispanic community.

Hispanic Wellness Guide

In this free guide, available in both Spanish and English, you'll learn about different types of arthritis that especially affect Hispanics, how they are diagnosed and treated, and what you can do to take control and ease the pain and other symptoms.



[CLICK HERE FOR THE WELLNESS GUIDE](#)

HELPLINE



Find support when you need it with the Arthritis Foundation Helpline. Our trained staff — including a Spanish-speaking expert — understand arthritis and are available by phone or web chat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday to Friday.

Call 1-800-283-7800 or submit your questions via our Helpline Form.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE HELPLINE FORM](#)



Powerful Solutions for Better Care Webinar

Hispanic Americans are more likely to experience severe pain and less likely to receive good treatment. Learn more about the most common types of arthritis

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BETTER CARE WEBINAR](#)

that affect the Hispanic community, as well how to advocate for yourself at the doctor's office and build a treatment plan that's right for you.



Hispanic Connect Group

The online support group serves Hispanic members of the arthritis community across the country. You will meet others who understand what you are going through, hear from expert speakers, and learn how to live your best life with arthritis.

[CLICK HERE TO CONNECT](#)

For more information or to get in touch with the local Massachusetts Office reach out to **Erica D'Agostino at (857) 327-5688** or by email edagostino@arthritis.org
All of our resources for Military & Veterans Services can be found www.arthritis.org/veteran