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July 2024



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



COMMANDER, BOB BRONSON

First, thank you for entrusting me as your new Department Commander. This is a position that I do not take lightly and will do my utmost to make sure that we, as the oldest and most respected Veterans Service Organization, have one of our most successful years possible. It is a high bar that has been set after not only our immediate Past Department Commander (PDC), Bob Kinsman, but all our PDCs. We have many challenges ahead, but

when we all work together, there are few obstacles that we can not overcome. All things are possible when we do this. I intend on continuing the tradition of having an open-door policy. Anyone can contact me at anytime, of course within reason, for anything they want to discuss. In case you are not aware of the other way to access the Department Line Officers and Adjutant, anyone can send an Email to Inquiry@davma.org. It is there as a "Department Suggestion Box" and is checked regularly.

Our mission this year sounds simple: **to improve the lives of our fellow Veterans and their families.** When taken at face value, it leaves a lot of leeway, and does not focus in on any one way of helping. This is by design. If you are not sure where or what to do to help, ask someone, reach out to a veteran or their family, or sit in on any of our committee meetings. You are always welcome to monitor them and see where you may be of assistance.

As such, thank you to all our Line Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and Committee members for stepping up and giving the most important gift they can to our organization- the gift of their time. Thank you to all of them and to all of you who support the many Chapters of the DAV and the Units of the DAVA. It's only by working together that we can be successful.

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SR. VICE, ANDREA GAYLE-BENNETT



I am deeply honored to have been elected as your Senior Vice Commander. Thank you everyone for your support and trust. Your confidence in me is both humbling and motivating, and I am committed to serving you with dedication and enthusiasm.

I would like to take a moment to especially thank the volunteers who have stepped up to serve on the Legislative Committee. Your willingness to contribute your time and expertise is crucial to our mission. The role of the Legislative Committee is vital; it involves monitoring proposed legislation affecting veterans and assisting chapters in developing resolutions. By working together, we can ensure that our voices are heard, and our concerns are addressed at all levels of government.

I am pleased to announce that the first meeting of the Legislative Committee was held on June 26, 2024, at 6pm, virtually. This meeting was an opportunity for us to discuss our objectives, strategize, and set our priorities for the coming year. The DAV Legislative Committee has established the following priorities:

- **Increase Usage of the DAV Commander's Action Network (DAV CAN):**
 - Encourage more members and friends to use the network and track engagement statistics.
 - Investigate a similar CAN at the State Level to replicate effective advocacy strategies and enhance statewide impact.
- **Resolutions:** Each chapter is to provide at least two (2) resolutions this year, with the committee offering training on how to write them.
- **Legislative Day:** Organize a day for DAV members to visit the state house, meet with legislators, and engage with the Veterans Committee.
- **Volunteer Hours Reporting:** Promote the use of the SENA Form and LVAP Form to increase reporting of volunteer hours, as this data impacts state and national grants.

As the committee chair, one of my primary goals is to enhance our legislative efforts.

I am eager to hear your suggestions and ideas for our legislative committee. Please reach out to any member of the legislative committee with your thoughts, proposals, suggestions and ideas. Your active participation and encouragement are needed as we work together. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

July is a month for us to recognize several special days:

- July 4th - Independence Day. Take a moment to reflect on the freedoms we cherish, and the sacrifices made by our fellow service men and women to secure them. This day should remind us of our shared commitment to service and the enduring values that unite us.
- July 27th: National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. A day of recognition to commemorate the more than 35,000 U.S. Service members who lost their lives during the Korean War.
- July 28th: Buffalo Soldiers Day. A day to honor the legacy and contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers and commemorate the formation of the first regular Army regiments comprising African American soldiers in 1866.

Take a moment to reflect on these important dates and honor the sacrifices and contributions of our fellow veterans.

Thank you once again for your trust and support. I look forward to working with all of you in this new role.

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





1ST JR VICE, DENNIS DEVINE

As a new fiscal year starts, I would like to thank the members who gave me the opportunity to continue in on the Department Line. It is an honor and privilege to serve my fellow brothers and sisters in arms.

I want to thank all members who kept track of their LVAP hours and reported them monthly while I was 2nd Jr Vice Commander. I know of many members who never put in their hours as they don't want recognition; they just want to help. But by keeping track, we as an organization receive credit for those hours we volunteer. DAV is required to report that information with legislators, watchdog groups, donors and sponsors, and more. It shows the VA how much money we save them by our voluntary efforts, as well as highlights areas where more services may be needed.

LVAP hours for the fiscal year 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024 may still be submitted to the Department. The forms should be emailed to Deb Olson at Dolson@davma.org and must be received by July 5th to be included in this year's report.

Please ensure that all LVAP forms should be submitted by the first week following a completed month. Copies will then be forwarded to National and to the newly installed Department 2nd Jr. Vice Commander Gene McGreevy, so the Department can track the hours too.

As 1st Jr. Vice Commander I look forward to working with the Membership Committee. We are responsible for overseeing the recruiting and retention of members throughout the Department, with a goal for all Chapters and the Department to meet its Life Membership recruiting goal each year. If you would like to join the Committee, please let me know. Below is a list of our current members for 2024-2025 Membership Committee:

- Dennis Devine (Chapter 3)
- Gene McGreevy (Chapter 11)
- Sheila Pelletier (Chapter 30)
- Mike Euvard (Chapter 30)
- Tracy Claudio (Chapter 47)
- Russell Moore (Chapter 122)
- David Boyd (Chapter 29)

In closing, I want to remind you that in July we will experience very hot temperatures. Please keep an eye on neighbors who may not have access to air conditioning, and also make sure they have plenty of water on hand. We must make sure our veterans, and especially elderly veterans, are staying hydrated to avoid heat casualties.



2ND JR VICE GENE MCGREEVY



First, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to move up in the Department Chairs as 2nd Junior Vice I'm honored to continue serving the Department.

As 2nd Junior Vice I will be responsible for the Service and Charitable Committee. So far the following individuals have volunteered to join the committee:

- Denise Devine (Chapter 3)
- Phil Nadeau (Chapter 4)
- Michael Sullivan (Chapter 27)
- Deb Olson (Chapter 85)

If you would like to join our Committee, please contact me directly by email at emcgreevy@aol.com or by phone at 413-530-4018.

During the year I will try to meet with as many Chapters as possible to ensure that LVAP are filled out to ensure all volunteer hours are captured, DSO/CSO hours, hospital visits, picnics, Christmas parties, Chapter meetings, outreach events, forget me not drives, DAV Sunday, and all other volunteer activities are properly recorded.

As 2nd Jr. Vice Commander I am responsible for mentoring Chapters: #10 Chelsea, #23 Newton, #25 Lowell, #27 Somerville, #30 Fitchburg, #45 Waltham, #56 North Attleboro, #57 Taunton, #92 Northampton, #113 Burlington, #114 Natick, and #122 North Middlesex. I will be in touch with each of you in the next coming weeks and months as we move past summer break.

As far Charitable goes our Service & Charitable Committee will meet to discuss, plan, and execute programs across the Commonwealth that truly impact disabled veterans and their families, and focus on their true needs. Below are my goals for this year:

- **Plan** and organize initiatives that provide assistance and support to disabled veterans and their families.
- **Collaborate** with DAV chapters and community partners to identify service opportunities and charitable projects that align with the organization's mission.
- **Monitor** the progress of service projects and charitable activities to ensure their successful implementation.

Our Line Officers are here to serve you, so please feel free to reach out to me if you are in need of any assistance. Each Line Officer is assigned a number of Chapters to oversee and assist. Please identify who is charged with your Chapter from the list below and make sure you build a good relationship with them so if you need help on anything, you know who to contact.

Chapters Assigned to Line Officers:

Sr. Vice:

- #2 Lawrence,
- #3 W. Roxbury,
- #4 Worcester,
- #7 New Bedford,
- #15 Pittsfield,
- #40 Newburyport
- #50 Rockland,
- #53 Webster,
- #65 Weymouth,
- #72 Plymouth,
- #91 Attleboro,
- #96 Cape Cod,
- #119 Whitman

1st Jr. Vice:

- #9 Fall River,
- #20 Haverhill,
- #24 Leominster,
- #37 Reading,
- #42 Dedham,
- #59 Ware,
- #74 Gloucester,
- #88 Woburn,
- #84 Salem,
- #85 Malden,
- #100 Peabody,
- #115 Saugus

2nd Jr. Vice:

- #10 Chelsea,
- #23 Newton,
- #25 Lowell,
- #27 Somerville,
- #30 Fitchburg,
- #45 Waltham,
- #56 N. Attleboro,
- #57 Taunton,
- #92 Northampton
- #113 Burlington,
- #114 Natick,
- #122 North Middlesex

3rd Jr. Vice:

- #6 Milford,
- #11 Westover,
- #29 Braintree,
- #33 Greenfield,
- #35 Marshfield,
- #46 Athol,
- #47 Billerica,
- #68 Springfield,
- #82 Marlboro,
- #90 Norwood
- #81 Falmouth

3RD JR VICE PHIL NADEAU

Congratulations to my fellow Department Line Officers, and to all newly installed Chapter Leaders. We all are going to do great things this year. Thank you for the support in electing me Department 3rd Jr Vice Commander. In my capacity this year I will be responsible for the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. As your 3rd Jr Vice Commander, I will work very hard, listen to and support your needs in the Department.

I am looking forward to serving the Department, and all of our Chapter's Members throughout the year as I learn this new role. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

I would like to introduce the new members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

- Chairman: Phil Nadeau (3rd Jr Vice)
- Co-Chair: Gene McGreevy (2nd Jr Vice)
- Member: John Hart (Chapter 11)
- Member: Herb Colon (Chapter 11)
- Member: Michael Sullivan (Chapter 27)
- Member: Mike Euvard (Chapter 30)
- Member: Alex Yukna (Chapter 35)

The purpose of the Constitution and Bylaw Committee is to ensure that our Department Constitution and Bylaws are within compliance. Our Department Constitution and Bylaws are living documents, so we are charged with bringing forward any suggested updates, additions, removals, or changes. These suggested changes are then brought before the voting body at our Department Convention in June each year where our member delegates representing all Chapters across the state have a voice and say in approving the changes. If there is something you would like to see added/changed to our current Bylaws, please join this Committee!

If you would like to join the Committee, please reach out to me directly at 413-530-3989. If you have suggestions on bylaw changes, contact me or any committee member. It is important to remember that the bylaws are the foundation of the Department!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 413-530-3989 or at hsc@davma.org. I am also the Hospital Service Coordinator (HSC) for our Department, managing the Transportation Network. If you would like to become a volunteer driver, or you know someone interested, please email me.

Thank you all for everything you do for our Department, in your Chapter, and local community. It's not about us, it's about them.

"No veteran left behind"

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DAV Womens Retreat 2024

DAV Massachusetts held its first Women Veterans Retreat the end of June at our Conservation & Wellness Retreat Center in Fitzwilliam, NH. With over a dozen women veterans in attendance, this retreat was offered at no-cost thanks to the help of so many that donated goods, money and time toward this event.

With the theme 'Taking Time for Me', we welcomed guests to come in providing guided classes on gardening, painting and sign making, cooking/baking, equine therapy and creating floral arrangements. There was also plenty of time spent building camaraderie, enjoying amazing meals, smores cooked over an open fire, and so much more. With faces filled of smiles, and laughter heard echoing through the halls, it is safe to say a good time was had by all who came.

The group discussed and requested further retreats in the future, to which the Women Committee will work this year to produce.

On behalf of the DAVMA Women Veterans Committee and the Department, thank you to all of our volunteers and donors for making this first retreat such a glowing success and a special thank you to the DAV Auxiliary of MA for all their assistance.

-WOMEN VETERAN COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, SHEILA PELLETIER



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for more photos!**





ADJUTANT MIKE VALILA

Now that Department Convention has passed we set our sights forward to a busy summer. Outside of our ZipTrips with Fox25 News each Friday the Department is participating in a number of other events across the Commonwealth. For a full listing, please visit davma.org and click on "Events" and/or follow us on Facebook @DAVMassachusetts. I look forward to seeing many of you at National Convention August 3-6th in Phoenix, Arizona.

Congratulations to our newly elected and installed Chapter Line Officers! In addition, congratulations to our new Department Commander Bob Bronson, Sr. Vice Andrea Gayle-Bennett, 1st Jr Vice Dennis Devine, 2nd Jr Vice Gene McGreevy, and 3rd Jr Vice Phil Nadeau, as well as to our new BOD Representatives of District 6, John Hart, and District 7, Alexander Yukna. I look forward to the year ahead and all that we will accomplish together.

In June, the Department provided Commander & Adjutant Training, as well as Treasurer Training to our newly installed Chapter Leaders. If you were unable to attend the training, please visit davma.org and locate the trainings on our Members Portal under "forms".

At Department Convention, NSO Area Supervisor (NAS) for Area 1, and Boston NSO Office Supervisor Mason Sullivan informed members that he was retiring the end of June. On behalf of the Department, thank you, Mason, for 20+ years of service to the NSO Corps and to service provided to our veterans throughout all those years! Effective July 1st, Rick Vaccari having accepted the NAS position, is now leading the Boston NSO Office.

At C&A Orientation this week, we learned that the National Service Department will be unveiling their electronic trainings for Level I & II certification following National Convention this August. Once rolled out, service officers will be able to take the training at their leisure through DAV's iTrak site, and print their own certificates once completed. Chapter Commanders and Adjutants will **still** need to complete Service Officer Nomination Forms and send into the NSO Office before they'll be granted access to the training. We will provide further updates once information becomes available.

At this past Department Convention, we had a total of 28 Resolutions submitted and approved. Of those, were 7 State-Level Resolutions, and 21 National Resolutions approved. The National Resolutions have been submitted forward for voting at DAV National Convention August 3-6th in Phoenix, Arizona. Please look over the next 2 pages, and be sure to click or scan the QR codes to expand additional content. I have included the full text of the resolutions, as well as the newly adopted Constitution & Bylaw changes. If you have any questions, please contact your Department Line Officers or myself. Once again, I look forward to the year ahead and all the great things that we will accomplish together!



Approved Federal
Resolutions submitted for
voting at DAV National
Convention



Approved State Level
Resolutions



Adopted Department
Constitution & Bylaw
Amendments

Resolutions Approved at Department Convention, June 7-8th, 2024

- **Resolution #1:** An Act to Consider Treatment for a Presumptive Service-Connected Condition as a Claim for VA Compensation
- **Resolution #2:** An Act Reducing Eligibility for Receipt of DIC for Survivors from 10 years to 5 years
- **Resolution #3:** An Act for POW/MIA Accounting Commitment and Agency Funding
- **Resolution #4:** An Act to Increase Abatement for 100% Service-Connected Disability
- **Resolution #5:** An Act Urging the Creation of a Women Veteran Specialty License Plate
- **Resolution #6:** An Act to Update Military Childcare Centers
- **Resolution #7:** An Act for Reproductive/Pediatric Healthcare to Evaluate Pre-Existing Training Centers
- **Resolution #8:** An Act to Expand PACT Act Toxic Exposure Presumptions to include Military Occupation Specialty (MOS)
- **Resolution #9:** An Act for Tax Exemption Corresponding to Percentage of Disability Rating for Senior Veterans over 65 on Primary Home
- **Resolution #10:** An Act to Streamline Property Tax Abatements for Disabled Veterans
- **Resolution #11:** An Act to Expand Coverage of Benefits to Biological Grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans that Qualify for Presumptive Herbicide Exposure whom Suffer from Spina Bifida, or Other Medical Conditions Currently Recognized that are Only for Biological Children of Veterans
- **Resolution #12:** An Act to Return the Check-in/Travel Claim Kiosks to all VA Hospitals, Clinics, and Medical Buildings
- **Resolution #13:** An Act Urging Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans, Surviving Spouses, and Dependents
- **Resolution #14:** An Act to Establish a Free National Military/Veteran Fishing License that Applies to a Single State of the Veterans Choosing
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- **Resolution #16:** An Act for Honorably Discharged Veterans to have Firearms Identification Card (FID) and associated 2nd Amendment Licenses such as, but not limited to License to Carry Fees Waived
- **Resolution #17:** An Act to Expand upon the PACT Act
- **Resolution #18:** An Act for All Veterans to Have the Right to Healthcare

Resolutions Approved at Department Convention Continued...

- **Resolution #19:** An Act to Provide Security at DAV Events and Meetings
- **Resolution #20:** An Act to Endorse and Support Coleman Nee's Run For Higher National Office
- **Resolution #21:** An Act Commending National Commander Nancy Espinosa on her Term as National Commander
- **Resolution #22:** An Act Commending Department Commander Robert Kinsman on his Term as Department Commander
- **Resolution #23:** An Act to Support Legislation to Establish Additional Paid Leave for MA Veterans to Receive Treatment of their Service-Connected Conditions
- **Resolution #24:** An Act to Support Legislation to Include Children in Legal Custody as a Dependent for VA Purposes
- **Resolution #24:** An Act to Support Legislation to Include Children in Legal Custody as a Dependent for VA Purposes
- **Resolution #25:** An Act to Regardless of Age or Receipt of any Other Earned Federal Benefits Ensure that Total Disability Based on Individual Unemployability Remains Available
- **Resolution #26:** An Act for Maternity Care Coordination
- **Resolution #27:** An Act Calling for Testing of Ovarian Cancer
- **Resolution #28:** An Act for Expansion of Dependent Medical Coverage for Herbicide Exposure



Fourth of July at Boston POPs

The Office of Veterans Services is partnering with the Boston POPs! They would like to invite veterans to come to the Boston POPs 4th of July celebration. By registering you will receive early access, a picnic blanket, and boxed lunch.

To register you must be a veteran, active service member, or family member of a veteran / service member.

[click here to register](#)



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STATE COMMANDER, LIZ BUTTERS

My thanks to the 2024 auxiliary convention delegates for electing me to serve another term as State Commander. With the honor, however, comes the stark realization we must do more to encourage member participation at unit and state meetings, and nurture and educate members to guide them on the pathway to seek elected offices at unit and state levels.

If we are to continue to succeed and maintain as a viable organization, member participation at unit, state and community events is not only of the utmost importance, but also is one of the best methods of sharing ideas, learning about the auxiliary and its programs, and educating each other and the public about them.

The DAV Department of MA will be present at all the FOX25 Zip Trips this summer (visit davma.org and click "events:" for further details). I strongly urge state and unit officers and members to attend the trips scheduled in your local communities.

Paraphrasing Mother Theresa, please don't ever think that what you contribute is just a drop in the ocean, for the ocean would be much less because of those missing drops! You are all greatly appreciated. Enjoy the summer, and please attend unit and state meetings, and participate, participate, participate!!!!

ADJUTANT, JANET PRATT



Congratulations to all the incoming Elected and Appointed Officers. The most important thing to remember is communication is key, we are all here to be a team and work together. If you have a question or need help with anything, please feel free to reach out to any of the Line officers or the PSC.

REMINDERS:

Unit Financial Report Form, instructions, and guidelines for completing the annual audit for the 2023-2024 filling year have been sent out by National HQ to Unit Adjutants. National HQ must receive the completed form no later than September 30, 2024. Please remember to email or mail your completed Financial to National DAV Auxiliary Headquarters, the Auxiliary State Adjutant and the DAV Department of Massachusetts Department Adjutant,

IRS 990-N-e Post Card Reminder: All Chapters, Units and State Departments have until November 15, 2024, to complete.

State Executive Committee (SEC) Meetings: Each unit annually elects a State Executive Committee member and an Alternate State Executive Committee member. It is expected that one of these people will represent your unit at each SEC meeting. If both SEC and Alternate attend the meetings only the SEC can vote.

If you are attending The National Convention, please email jmp3621@aol.com with the dates that you are traveling, hotel information and if you are bringing any guests.

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SR. VICE COMMANDER, CINDY LEGGE

Hello Everyone. Thank you for electing me to serve this year as Auxiliary State Senior Vice Commander (SVC). As SVC, I am responsible this year for the annual state hospital fundraiser program. Pending approval from the DAV Department of MA, once again we will have 3 prizes consisting of lottery ticket baskets:

1st Prize – Basket with \$300 lottery tickets

2nd Prize – Basket with \$200 lottery tickets

3rd Prize – Basket with \$100 lottery tickets

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$10.00 for 6 tickets.

All proceeds will benefit hospitalized veterans in Massachusetts V. A. hospitals and Soldiers Homes. Drawing date is May 10, 2025. After receiving DAV MA approval, we hope to distribute tickets at the September SEC/DEC meetings.

Cash donations are welcome and may be mailed to me at 7 Fuller Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360.

My unit, Cape Cod 96, is donating a Cape Cod themed basket for the fundraiser. I hope that all MA units - chapters, too! - will accept our friendly challenge to also donate baskets or goods – gift certificates, sports items or game tickets, miscellaneous items handmade or store bought - to benefit our hospitalized veterans.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the rest of the summer!



DAV Recruiter Rally

DAV is looking for as many of our current members as possible to recruit at least one new person each.



Beginning May 1, 2024 and running through June 30, 2025, any DAV or DAV Auxiliary member who recruits at least one DAV member is eligible to win a trip for two, including hotel, to Las Vegas for the 2025 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention and \$2,500 spending money!





1ST JR VICE COMMANDER, ALLISON DEVINE

I just want to say thank you for having the faith in me for the position of 1st Junior Vice. I am looking forward to another successful year as we build back participation and bring in new members. In the next couple of weeks each Unit Commander and Adjutant will be receiving a listing of the members in their Unit area who are currently reflected in At-Large. I ask that each unit reach out to those members in some manner to get them assigned to a specific Unit and hopefully re-engage them in our activities.

Also, please take a look at the Events page on <https://davma.org/events/> to stay up to date on the different events taking place, including the ZipTrips. This will give Units in those areas the opportunity to be represented and to engage potential new members. For the 2023/2024 we were short of Quota for the state by 28 members, so using these events to showcase what your Unit is doing in the community and for our Veterans will greatly help.

Please be sure to continually check the DAV Auxiliary National Newsletter for new incentives popping up. For the 2023-2024 year the incentives included a Pizza Party, Gift Cards, DAV Auxiliary Stanley Cup, and the chance to win either a trip to 2024 National Fall Conference or 2025 National Convention. Nationally there is a DAV Recruiter Rally taking place.

This gives the Unit Members a chance at winning a great prize and gives your Unit the chance to engage new members in our organization.

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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out: allydev@gmail.com

FRANCES COSTA, PNC/PDC JA

Well, we've completed another state convention. Congratulations to all the line officers. Looking forward to a prosperous 2024-2025 term.

It is your responsibility to read and be understanding of your duties in the MA State Standing Rules and be familiar with National Constitution and By Laws.



Please read the SSRs in it's entirety because your position may be mentioned throughout the document. If you have questions, you should reach out to your mentor for assistance. (That's what they are for)

Where the State Commander goes all line officers should also be present. Communication is the key.





Reminders

National Convention 2024 DAV and Auxiliary

Don't forget – registration is available online only for the 2024 DAV and Auxiliary national convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Those who do not register online can register on-site. Registration is \$25 for those 18 years of age and older and includes the Tuesday evening introduction of national officers and dinner. All attendees, regardless of age, will be required to have credentials to attend events. <https://www.dav.org/events/2024-national-convention/>

Hyatt Regency Phoenix

122 N Second Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
\$154 Single/Double
Phone: (602) 252-1234

Group Name: Disabled American Veterans
Group Code: G-DAV1

Sheraton Grand Phoenix

340 North 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
\$149 Single/Double
Phone: (866) 837-421

Group Name: Disabled American Veterans
(DAV)
Group Code: Di5123; Group Mini Code DV0

NOTE: Wheelchair Accessible Rooms: The ADA rooms at the Hyatt are full. To reserve an ADA room at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix, use this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50722512>
2024 National Fall Conference
September 26 – 28, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton, 51 Walnut
Street, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025,
Phone 812.539.8888
Room Block Code: DAVA 2024.

Room Rates: Single/Double – \$149.99,
Triple – \$159.99. Quad – \$169.99.
Additional accommodations available at:
Hollywood Hotel and Casino
777 Hollywood Blvd.
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

National Fall Conference- Ticket Pre-Sale Information

Ticket Pre-Sale Information Tickets to the Saturday evening dinner at the National Fall Conference must be purchased in advance. No dinner tickets will be available for purchase on site. Checks may be sent to national headquarters at any time and should be earmarked "Fall Conference Dinner" with the number of tickets requested. Those wishing to pay with a credit/debit card may call national headquarters between now and the reservation cutoff date of September 13, 2024. The cost of the dinner is \$60.00 per person. The menu is Classic Italian Buffet with Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Primavera, Marinara Sauce, Cavatappi, Alfredo Sauce, Penne, Breadsticks, Caesar Salad, Lemon Italian Crème or Chocolate Cake. Please send checks to national headquarters at 860 Dolwick Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018. Dinner tickets will be available for pick-up beginning Thursday, September 25, 2024, in the DAV Auxiliary office. Pick-up location to be determined.