

INCLUDE CHAPTER MEETINGS AND DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS AS ELIGIBLE HOURS TO REPORT THROUGH THE LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LVAP)

WHEREAS, Chapter meetings and Department Conventions do not count as Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) hours; and

WHEREAS, seminars, training, and activities designed to operate the Chapter and Department smoothly are eligible to report as LVAP hours; and

WHEREAS, conducting Chapter meetings are vital to the operations of a Chapter in order to complete business;

WHEREAS, Department Conventions include trainings and seminars; and

WHEREAS, there is no mention of National Conventions to be excluded from reporting as LVAP hours and that National Conventions also include trainings and seminars vital to the operations of a Chapter and Department;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California assembled in Reno, Nevada, June 5-8, 2019 supports Chapter meetings and Department Conventions do count as LVAP hours, so long as they are not financially compensated or reimbursed.

ADOPTED BY DAV Oakland Chapter 7 on May 11, 2019.

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Approved by the DAV, Department of California membership at the Department of
nia State Convention in Reno, Nevada on June 8, 2019

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**CREATION OF ANNUAL LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LVAP) AWARD AT THE DAV
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, DAV and DAV Auxiliary George H. Seal Memorial Award is awarded annually by DAV in recognition of extraordinary volunteer dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program at both Department and National levels;

WHEREAS, the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) was established by DAV in 2007 to facilitate and recognize initiatives in which volunteers can contribute their skills, talents, professional abilities, and time in ways that benefit veterans residing within their local communities;

WHEREAS, DAV and DAV Auxiliary Department of California members who participate in LVAP are currently not recognized with an award at the annual Department Convention; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California assembled in Reno, Nevada, June 5-8, 2019 supports the creation of a Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) award, in recognition of extraordinary volunteer dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans in the local community, to be awarded annually by the DAV Department of California at Department Convention.

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**SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO CREATE PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTION FOR LONG-TERM
HEALTH EFFECTS OF ANTI-MALARIAL MEDICATIONS**

WHEREAS, malaria is a serious infectious disease transmitted by mosquitoes and is found in Iraq, Afghanistan, and many areas in Africa, South America, and Asia; and

WHEREAS, mefloquine, an antimalarial drug, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in May 1989 and was widely prescribed to U.S. military service members until 2009;

WHEREAS, the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* reported on three randomized controlled trials between 2001-2003 and the studies confirmed mefloquine's potential for causing psychological illness, and all three study reports described an excess of neuropsychiatric adverse effects in the mefloquine arm;

WHEREAS, mefloquine was implicated in a series of murder-suicides at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in 2002, and media reports also tied it to an uptick in military suicides in 2003, and the US Army's report on the murders called a connection to mefloquine unlikely, but did not exclude it;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the FDA published a safety alert on mefloquine and added a black box warning (its strongest warning) to the drug label, noting it can cause permanent psychiatric and neurological side effects;

WHEREAS, the FDA notice pointed out that neurologic side effects may include dizziness, loss of balance (vestibular problems), tinnitus and psychiatric side effects which can include anxiety, paranoia, depression, psychosis, nightmares, or hallucinations and to self-report these symptoms and immediately discontinue use;

WHEREAS, being deployed in a combat zone makes self-reporting symptoms less likely and can be confused with stressors of being in combat; and

WHEREAS, Veterans may file a claim for disability compensation for health problems they believe are related to the use of mefloquine during military service and VA decides these claims on a case-by-case basis, which may or may not be approved despite exposure;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California assembled in Reno, Nevada, June 5-8, 2019 supports the enactment of legislation to establish presumptive service connection for the long-term health effects caused by antimalarial drugs to include mefloquine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Disabled American Veterans, Department of California assembled in Reno, Nevada, June 5-8, 2019 supports the enactment of legislation to establish presumptive service connection for the long-term health effects caused by antimalarial drugs to include mefloquine.

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