

2020 Mid-Winter Conference

February 23-26, 2020
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, Virginia



A Century of
Service to Veterans



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Commanders & Adjutants Association Registration

8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Arlington Registration Desk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Commanders & Adjutants Association Registration

8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Arlington Registration Desk

DAV Headquarters Office

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria

Commanders & Adjutants Association Business Session

9 a.m.–Noon
Salons 3–4

Welcome Remarks

- John Donovan, President, Commanders & Adjutants Association
- Butch Whitehead, National Commander
- Dr. Paul R. Lawrence, VA Under Secretary for Benefits
- Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen, Task Force Executive Director,
The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy
of Suicide (PREVENTS)
- J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant
- Diane Franz, Auxiliary National Commander

Benefits Protection Team Workshop

1–3 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Joy Ilem, National Legislative Director
 - Adrian Atizado, Deputy National Legislative Director
 - Shane Liermann, Deputy National Legislative Director for Benefits
 - Jeremy Villanueva, Assistant National Legislative Director
 - Marquis Barefield, Assistant National Legislative Director
 - Peter Dickinson, Senior Executive Advisor
- Please join the legislative team for an update on recent successes, DAV's 2020 legislative priorities and emerging issues such as burn pits and other toxic exposures, mental health, suicide prevention and survivor benefits.*

DAV Centennial Information Booth

1–4 p.m.
Arlington Foyer

Membership Workshop

3:15–4:15 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Doug Wells, National Membership Director
- National Membership Director Doug Wells will discuss DAV's recruitment initiatives, and share other exciting and important information regarding membership.*

“For **nearly a century** now, DAV has responded to the **changing needs of veterans** by ensuring that their **voices are heard** by Congress.”

—National Legislative Director Joy Ilem

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DAV Headquarters Office 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria

DAV Centennial Information Booth 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Arlington Foyer

Service Workshop 9–10:15 a.m.
Salons 3–4

- Jim Marszalek, National Service Director
 - Chad Moos, Deputy National Service Director
 - Scott Hope, Deputy National Service Director for Training
 - Randy Reeves, VA Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs
- The 2020 National Service Workshop will include a presentation by the VA Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves.*

Voluntary Services Workshop—Overview on VAVS and Local Veterans Assistance Program 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Salons 3–4

- John Kleindienst, National Voluntary Services Director
 - Ron Minter, Assistant National Voluntary Services Director
 - Sabrina Clark, Director, Voluntary Service, VHA
- Receive an overview of VAVS as well as DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program. This will include an update from Sabrina Clark, Director of VA Voluntary Service.*

Inspector General Workshop 12:45–1:45 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Ed Hartman, Inspector General
- This workshop will focus on the appropriate and expected use of DAV funds and protecting assets in accordance with Article 14, Section 14.9 of the National Bylaws.*

Employment Workshop 2–3 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Jeff Hall, National Employment Director
 - Rob Lougee, Assistant National Employment Director
- This workshop will provide an overview of our employment program.*

Communications Seminar 3:15–4:15 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Rob Lewis, National Communications Director
 - Ashleigh Byrnes, Deputy National Communications Director
- 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.*

Outreach 101 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Salons 3–4

- Mary Dever, Assistant National Communications Director
 - Todd Hunter, Assistant National Communications Director
- Learn to use local and social media channels to amplify DAV's message.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alexandria

National Service Foundation

- Arthur H. Wilson, President

9 a.m.
Salons 5–6

Charitable Service Trust

- Richard E. Marbes, President

(immediately following NSF Meeting)
Salons 5–6

Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial Foundation

- Dennis Joyner, President

(immediately following CST Meeting)
Salons 5–6

Presentation of DAV 2020 Legislative Program

*Please arrive **no earlier** than 1 p.m.*

2 p.m.
Dirksen Senate Office Building,
Room SD-G50

National Commander's Reception

6:30–8:30 p.m.
Salons 3–4

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

DAV Headquarters Office

8 a.m.–Noon
Alexandria

National Executive Committee

- Butch Whitehead, National Commander

9 a.m.
Salon 4

Board of Directors

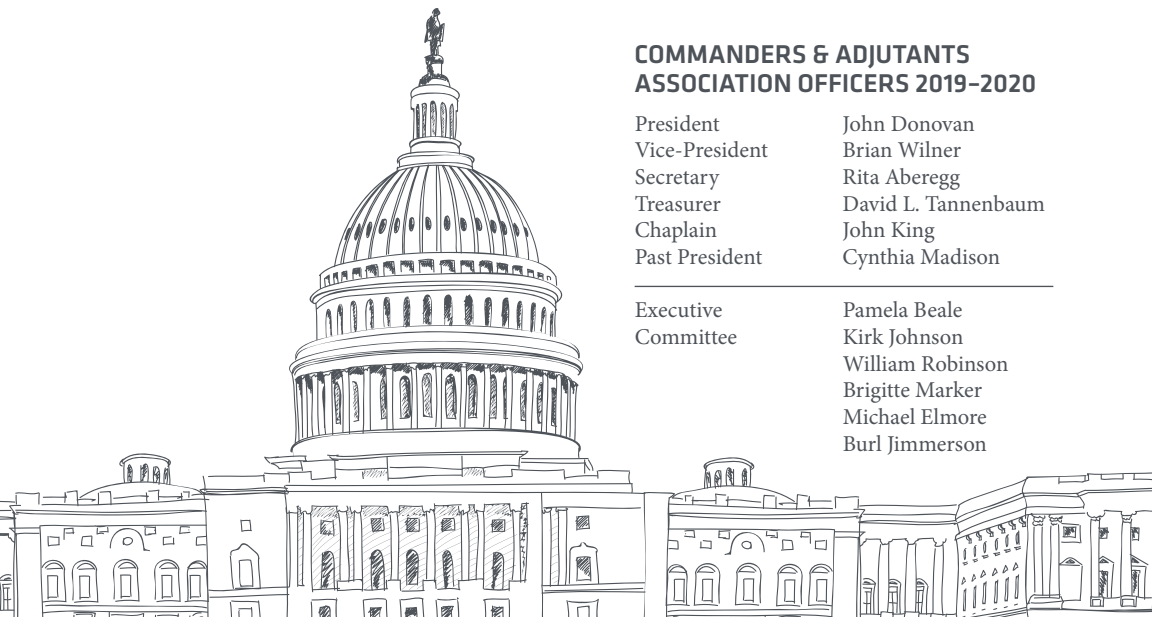
- Dennis R. Nixon, Chairman

(immediately following NEC Meeting)
Salon 4

COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2019–2020

President	John Donovan
Vice-President	Brian Wilner
Secretary	Rita Aberegg
Treasurer	David L. Tannenbaum
Chaplain	John King
Past President	Cynthia Madison

Executive Committee	Pamela Beale Kirk Johnson William Robinson Brigitte Marker Michael Elmore Burl Jimmerson
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TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 25, 2 P.M.



Presentation of the DAV Legislative Program

Dirksen Senate
Office Building,
Room SD-G50*

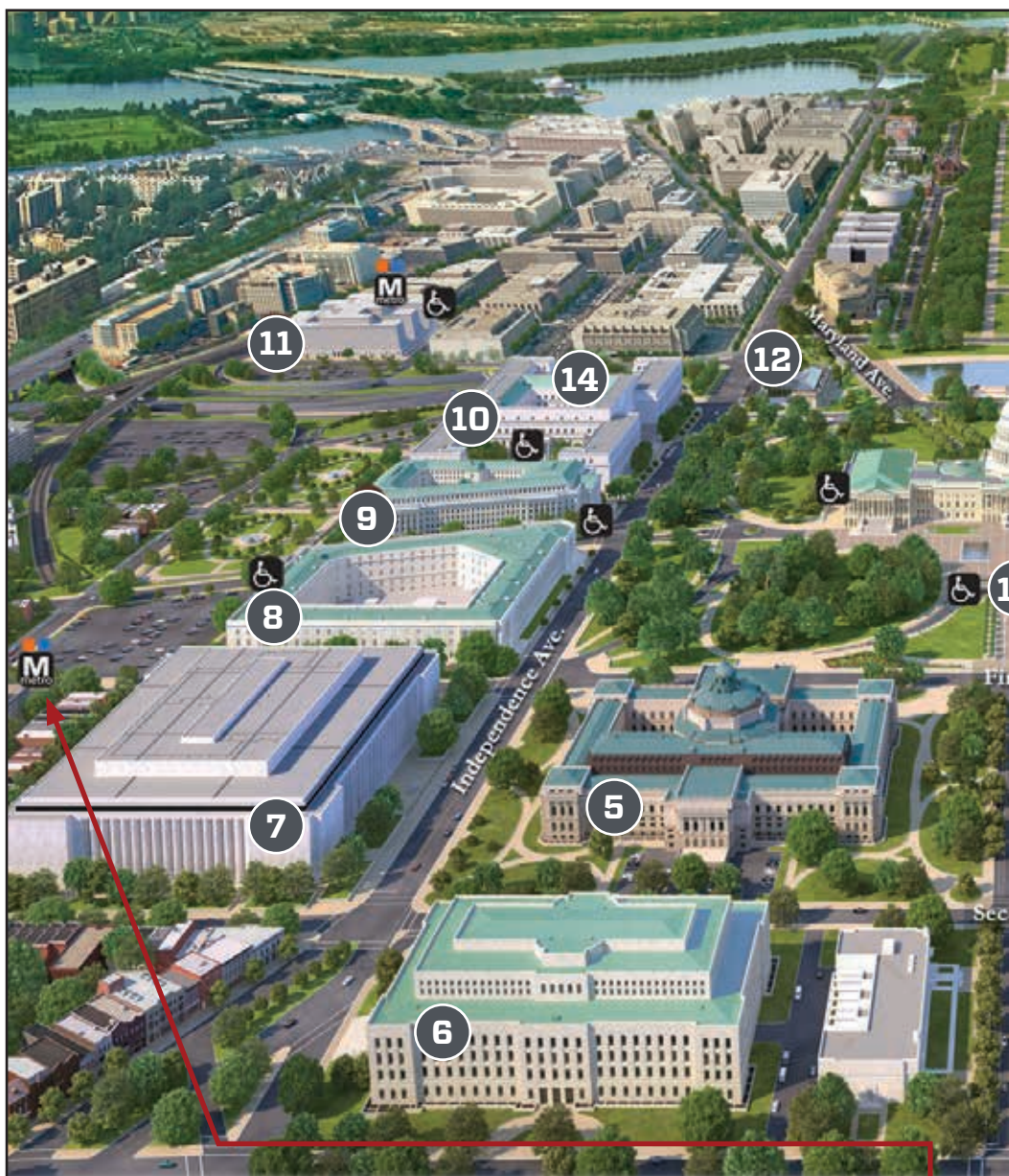
National Commander Butch
Whitehead's presentation
to the House and Senate
Veterans' Affairs Committees

*Please arrive no earlier than 1 p.m.

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.



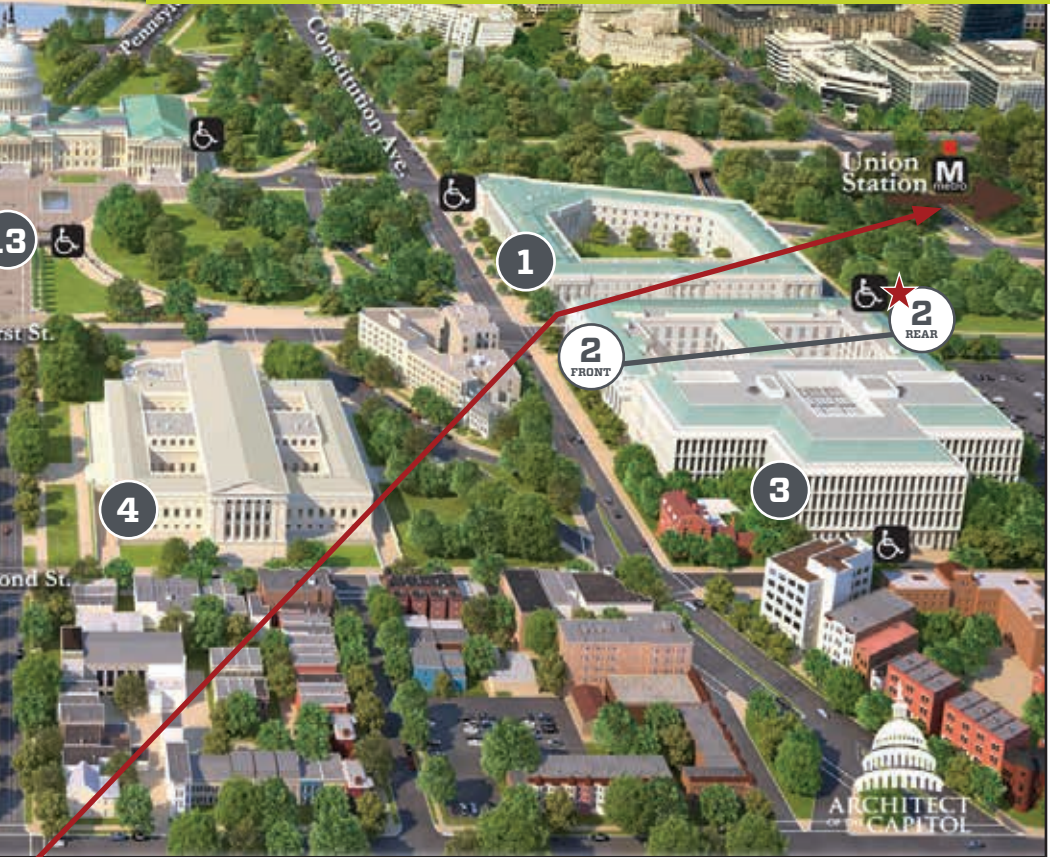
★ **Commander's Testimony**

- 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.

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 are 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/Lyft

- Drop off point is **101 C St. NE, Dirksen Bldg.**
- For wheelchair accessible vehicles, select **TAXI WAV**, **UBER WAV** or **LYFT WAV**.
- Taxis: **Red Top** 703-522-3333 or **Yellow** 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

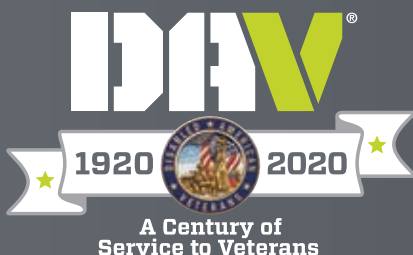
- Dial “0” or “9-922” on the hotel phone.
- Individuals seeking treatment at the Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center during normal working hours, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., should contact VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street NW, Washington, D.C., at 202-745-8000.

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.



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