



Legislative Officer Duties

The Legislative Chair is responsible for coordinating and overseeing DAV's national grassroots efforts and resolution process at the local level. The Legislative Chairman is also responsible for advocating for local issues, which are not in conflict with resolutions adopted at the National level or with Department policies.

The Chapter Legislative Officer should:

- Sign up for DAV CAN, <http://www.dav.org/voters/JoinCAN.aspx>
- Distribute alerts at DAV meetings and encourage members to take action
- Encourage others to join DAV CAN
- Develop a local grassroots network of DAV members, family and friends
- Have a DAV presence at Congressional town hall meetings to communicate DAV positions to elected officials whenever possible
- Get to know staff members of federal elected officials
- Keep informed of support/opposition of federal elected officials on DAV issues
- Notify DAV legislative staff about federal issues we need to be aware of
- Keep up with state/local issues affecting disabled veterans and their families
- Protect from erosion and enhance state veterans benefits
- Develop relationship with state legislators and state Department of Veterans Affairs officials
- Notify DAV legislative staff of developing trends in local issues
- Notify DAV legislative staff of local congressional field hearings (on the federal level) and, if requested to testify, seek assistance from DAV legislative staff
- Disseminate legislative information to (national, state, and local) Department and Chapter members
- Ensure that resolutions considered by the Chapter are consistent with DAV's stated mission (DAV Resolution No. 001).
- Encourage members to bring forth resolutions in support of DAV's mission