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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants

FROM: Jeremy G. Roberts, Department Adjutant

DATE: July 23, 2015

SUBJECT: DAV Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)

The DAV Department of North Carolina has always been a leader within the Disabled American Veterans. We have a renewed opportunity to continue the tradition of assisting ill and injured veterans, their families, widows, and orphans. We see examples of this each and every day aimed at meeting the main objective of our organization of empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. With this singular goal in mind, the Department of North Carolina is renewing our commitment to ill and injured veterans and their families by participating in a program developed by the DAV National Headquarters called the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP).

On October 3, 2007, former DAV National Director of Voluntary Services Ed Hartman, announced the creation of the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) whereby volunteers can receive the same incentive awards as those under the well-known VAVS Program. The VAVS Program provides recognition for volunteer work directly with the VA Medical Center and DAV Transportation Network Program. Both the VA and DAV recognize these voluntary efforts and grant different incentive awards for achieving different levels of volunteer hours (100, 250, 500, 1000, etc.).

The LVAP does not replace the existing VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) Program. The VAVS Program will continue to be managed by the VA via the Hospital Service Coordinators at each facility and LVAP will be managed by the DAV Chapters and Departments. These two programs are similar but separate. The LVAP opens the opportunity for those volunteers who want to volunteer for veterans and their families, but could not because of their geographical location in relationship to VA facilities.

Mr. Tim Palo has been designated as the Department of North Carolina's Point of Contact (POC) responsible for assembling Chapter reports and submitting Department consolidated reports to DAV National Headquarters via the LVAP online reporting system. Only Department Headquarters, not the Chapters, is authorized to report LVAP hours to the DAV National Headquarters.

LVAP volunteers are able to receive credit for a variety of non-VAVS volunteer activities, which include but are not limited to the following:

- A. **Department and Chapter Service Officer Work**
 - Claims Assistance
- B. **Fundraising Efforts**
 - Forget-Me-Not Drives
 - Golden Corral Military Appreciation Day
 - Other Department-approved fundraisers
- C. **Outreach Efforts**
 - Air-Shows
 - County Fairs
 - Funeral honor guards
 - National Guard Mobilizations/Demobilizations
 - National Night Out
 - Parades
 - Town Festivals
- D. **Veteran Assistance**
 - Grocery shopping
 - Home repairs
 - Welfare & Relief Assistance
 - Yard work
 - Other activities not able to be categorized elsewhere

The preceding list is not intended to be all-inclusive, but is examples of those non-VAVS type activities that the LVAP program will recognize. The volunteer must be performing the duties as a DAV, DAV Auxiliary, or National Order of Trench Rats representative. You may not participate in this program as a representative of another organization (American Legion, VFW, Boy Scouts, etc.). If an individual is compensated with wages for their time, then volunteer LVAP credit will not apply.

The principal management of LVAP program will be at Chapter level and will include:

1. All new LVAP volunteers are required to complete and submit the LVAP 21 form and ensure it is forwarded to Department.
2. LVAP volunteer hours will be reported to Department on a monthly basis no later than the 10th of the following month (for example, May reports will be submitted by June 10th), using the attached LVAP 21 and LVAP 60 forms.
3. LVAP volunteer hours will be reported to the Department using the attached LVAP 60 form of all Chapter members performing hours during the specified reporting period.
4. Chapter Commanders will designate in writing the primary and alternate LVAP POC at Chapter level responsible for monthly reporting to the Department for the LVAP Program.
5. Chapters are not to submit their reports directly to DAV National Headquarters.

Youth volunteers who serve in the LVAP will also be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program so long as they meet the minimum eligibility requirements for consideration.

Please feel free to contact Tim Palo or myself at (919)833-5567 should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Local Veterans Assistance Program within North Carolina.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy G. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jeremy G. Roberts

