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**TO:** National Executive Committee Members  
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**SUBJECT:** Revision of NEC Regulation 3

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We recently learned that a subordinate entity signed an agreement with a government-related entity, which we knew nothing about and has proven to be a significant and difficult matter to address. Knowing that there are several DAV Departments, and perhaps a Chapter or two, which manage grants provided by a city, county, or state government agency to support and fund DAV specific programs, we find it necessary to understand the terms and conditions of those agreements.

Accordingly, on July 10, 2025, National Adjutant Barry Jesinoski submitted NEC Ballot #049 to the NEC in order to amend NEC Regulation 3, to add the following as paragraph 3(a) and amend the other paragraphs as 3(b) and 3(c). The NEC favorably considered the Ballot and the new language reads as follows: "Any DAV subordinate entity must receive prior, written approval from the National Executive Committee before entering into a business relationship with a government entity. As part of the approval process, the DAV subordinate entity must submit all relevant documentation concerning the proposed relationship for review by the National Executive Committee. Additionally, any proposed funding given by a local government entity to a DAV subordinate entity must be restricted for use to support DAV's free programs of service. DAV subordinate entities are prohibited from entering any business relationship that involves the receipt of federal funds."

This new language to *NEC Regulation 3* goes into effect immediately, and as a reminder, any proposed business relationships with a government entity must directly support DAV's free programs of service.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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