



**Minutes of the District meeting at Drury Hotel  
Richmond, Virginia – December 6, 2025.**

NEC Nachee Miller (DC) called the meeting to order at 0900, followed by housekeeping information regarding cell phones and other important announcements.

Chaplain Cynthia Bailey (VA) provided the opening prayer.

NEC Nachee Miller led the district in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary LaVaughn Price (MD) called the roll of DAV National Executive Committee, 6th District Staff and Departments present: Present NEC Nachee Miller (DC), Secretary LaVaughn Price (MD), Digital Media, Oscar Mardis (MD), Treasurer, Chris Tinker (DC), and Chaplain Cynthia Bailey (VA); absent: Jorge Cruz (PR).

The following Departments were present: District of Columbia, Maryland, Commander Joan Seabree, Virginia, Commander Dwayne Ramey, and West Virginia. Commander Gary Ice in Puerto Rico was marked absent.

NEC Nachee Miller (DC) delivered welcoming remarks, thanking everyone who attended the District 6 conference. Introduction of guest Past National 2nd Junior Vice Commander, Cynthia Madison. National 4th Junior Vice Commander Adam Greathouse (WV)

NEC Nachee Miller (DC) introduced our first guest speaker from the DAV Washington, DC, Headquarters office, the National Membership Director, Shane Liermann, who delivered remarks via Zoom to the 6th District.

**Previous Minutes:**

Secretary Price informed the members that minutes from the meeting at the National Convention in Las Vegas had been sent out to all the Departments and members that an email address was available. Motion to accept the minutes that were sent out by LaVaughn Price, seconded from the floor, and passed.

**Guest Speakers:**

NEC Nachee Miller (DC) introduced the first Guest Speaker: DAV National Legislative Policy Advisor, Mr. Shane Liermann, Headquarters, Washington, DC.



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Director Liermann informed the district of the collective experience and expertise of our benefits experts. I am pleased to have the opportunity to share our observations and recommendations to improve the VA disability compensation processing system; however, we feel it necessary to first set the record straight on the outrageously misleading and highly inaccurate stories that The Washington Post recently published.

Setting the Record Straight on The Washington Post Story: Mr. Chairman, DAV was shocked and disgusted to read the Post article alleging that disabled veterans are “swamping” the VA with “false”, “fraudulent,” and “dubious” disability claims for injuries and illnesses that the Post considers illegitimate. Nothing could be further from the truth, and the Washington Post should be ashamed of publishing such an inaccurate and distorted piece.

For example, the Washington Post argues that disabled veterans are, “...swamping the U.S. government with questionable disability claims...” when, in fact, according to the VA Office of Inspector General, there have been fewer than 200 fraud convictions annually in recent years. With VBA processing almost 3 million claims in the most recent fiscal year, that equates to a fraud rate of less than 1/100th of 1%. We certainly acknowledge that there are other cases of fraud that have not yet been caught, and we hope that every individual involved, many of whom are not veterans, is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

NEC Nachee Miller (DC) introduced the second guest from the National Headquarters located in Erlanger, Kentucky, National Membership Director Lamarr Couser.

Director Couser informed the district about membership and its importance to the organization. He explained that any service member who was not dishonorably discharged and sustained an injury or illness during their time in the military—whether service-connected by the VA or not—or anyone who aggravated a previous injury during his or her time in service, is eligible for DAV membership so long as they served during a period of armed conflict (does not have to be direct combat).

It’s well known that DAV’s services, including professional help with VA claims, transition, and employment assistance, are available to ALL veterans at no cost and do not require membership in DAV. Membership further supports our mission to support our volunteers.



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However, DAV members do get savings on Ford vehicles and year-round discounted rates on hotels and rental cars—just to name a few perks. You also get a free subscription to [DAV Magazine](#).

But most importantly – especially if you were helped by DAV – becoming a member gives you the opportunity to pay it forward and add your voice to help your fellow veterans.

AFR Submission Requirements • Departments– Must submit AFR to National Headquarters. Chapters– Above \$25,000 in total income (excluding all funding from NHQ and in-kind donations) require AFR to both National HQ and Department HQ– \$25,000 or less in total income require AFR only to Department HQ • CPA review is total income for Departments and Chapters if income exceeds \$500,000 (excluding all funding from NHQ and in-kind donations)

March Membership Madness is a tool that encourages members to submit membership applications online. About 5 million people are eligible to join the DAV, so let's go get them. Lamarr, inform the district about the DAV Hot List that every chapter can request from National. Members can use the DAV Recruitment Resource, which provides elevator speeches for recruitment. After a Q&A period, Director Couser closed his presentation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Chris Tinker (DC) informed the district that we had a discrepancy in a check that was lost in the mail from the Department of Maryland.

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| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>\$14,042.19</b> |
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**Income:**

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| Donation Department of DC    | \$ 500.00   |
| Department of Maryland       | \$ 1,750.00 |
| Donation                     | \$ 500.00   |
| Mid-Winter Registration      | \$ 630.00   |
| Registration cash and checks | \$ 450.00   |

**Expenses:**

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| Bill for badges | \$ 40.19 |
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**Ending Balance:** **\$ 17,132.59**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Dwayne Ramey, seconded from the floor, passed by the district membership.

### **Department and NSO Reports**

Department Reports: Gary Ice presented the Department of West Virginia's report.

Department Report: Dwayne Ramey presented the report for the Department of Virginia

Department Report: Joan Sabree presented the report for the Department of Maryland.

No report from Puerto Rico

No report from DC

### **New Business**

Deniese William, Department of Virginia, announced that she was running for a national position and requested the district's support for her bid for the National Junior Vice Commander position. A motion to support her candidacy by PDC Cynthia Bailey (VA) was seconded from the floor and passed unanimously.

Commander Gary Ice (WV) made a motion to support National 4<sup>th</sup> Junior Vice Commander Adam Greathouse (WV) for higher office, seconded from the floor, and passed unanimously.

After no further business came before the meeting, the meeting was closed until the DAV District evening event. Closing prayer by Cynthia Bailey (VA) and salute to the flag led by NEC Nachee Miller.

Respectfully submitted  
LaVaughn Price Secretary