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SUBJECT: Delta Dental renews partnership and collaborates on upcoming resource page

I'm excited to announce a renewal and expansion of our strategic partnership with Delta Dental, the leading provider of dental benefits in the United States. As part of the renewed partnership, Delta Dental will support two of our flagship sporting events, the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic and the DAV 5K, and will collaborate on a new dental health resource page.

Of the nearly 9 million veterans enrolled in VA health care, approximately 26% are eligible for dental care coverage. In fiscal year 2025 alone, 888,051 veterans received dental care through the VA, with more than 3.5 million dental procedures delivered through community care. As our national commander said during his Mid-Winter testimony, "Access to comprehensive dental care for all service-disabled veterans is another essential step. Poor dental health can lead to heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Dental care *is* health care."

Launching this summer, the resource page will help veterans and their CHAMPVA family members better understand the impact of oral health, highlight preventive dental care measures and provide guidance on planning for dental care. Delta Dental has been a committed partner since 2017, and this new resource will be especially valuable for veterans without access to dental coverage who are seeking support.

For any questions regarding the partnership, please contact partners@dav.org.

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Please see the attached memo outlining Delta Dental's renewed partnership with DAV.

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