



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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**TO: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, DEC, CHAPTERS, AND AUXILIARY UNITS**

**FROM: DAN FRANCIS, COMMANDER AND MARTY PENNOCK, ADJUTANT**

**SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2023 DAV MONTHLY REPORT**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MONTHLY REPORT IS TO BE PRESENTED AT YOUR MONTHLY MEETING EITHER BY THE DEC REPRESENTATIVE OR ADJUTANT. YOU SHOULD TRY TO HIGHLIGHT EACH OF THESE ARTICLES FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING. YOU MAY USE ANY OF THESE ARTICLES FOR YOUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.**

**1. POPULATION SUMMARY: Life membership discount running through March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**DAV** KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS **Population Summary** Execution Date: 1/25/2023 3:18:28 PM

DCU No	DCU Name	Current Year					Goal				
		Total Trial	Total Part Life	Total Full Life	Total Paid Members	Total Members	Goal	Goal %	Goal Variance		
40	Department of South Dakota	0	100	4,487	4,587	4,587	4,655	98.54%	-68		
1	Arthur H Muchow #1	0	28	1,930	1,958	1,958	1,962	99.80%	-4		
3	Rapid City #3	0	31	1,224	1,255	1,255	1,270	98.82%	-15		
4	Coyote State #4	0	25	60	85	85	85	100.00%	0		
6	Watertown #6	0	3	173	176	176	184	95.65%	-8		
11	Northern Hills #11	0	9	358	367	367	370	98.92%	-4		
13	Swanson O Connor #13	0	0	270	270	270	276	96.74%	-9		
18	Oahe #18	0	3	214	217	217	227	95.59%	-10		
19	Milbank-sisseton #19	0	1	88	89	89	97	91.75%	-8		
22	Brookings #22	0	0	139	139	139	148	93.92%	-9		
27	Davison County #27	0	0	31	31	31	36	86.11%	-5		
<b>Active</b>		<b>All Large</b>		<b>Merged</b>		<b>On Hold</b>		<b>Revoked</b>		<b>Suspended</b>	
9		1		3		0		1		0	

**2. SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS COUNCIL:** *The next SDVC meeting will take place April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023,* at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home in Hot Springs. The meeting will run from 3pm to 5pm (MST).

**3. DAV HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK:** The 2022-2023 DAV Transportation Network and Columbia Trust Grant Application was submitted for an Explorer 4WD, in Winner. We have not received a response to date.

#### 4. DAV AND AUXILIARY 2023 ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF SD CONVENTION:

Chapter 1 has approved to use the Chapter Home for the venue to host the *2023 DAV Department and Auxiliary State Convention, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

Convention booklet advertisement was sent out in the Department October 2022 quarterly newsletter.

A block of rooms has been secured at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 3721 W. Avera Drive, in Sioux Falls. **A cutoff date has been set for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Registration Form is attached.**

*Raffle sales started December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.* Chapters have all received their initial order of raffle tickets.

##### Raffle Prizes to Date

- \$1,000.00 DAV AHM Chapter No. 1 (2 Prizes of \$500.00)
- \$3,000.00 DAV Rapid City Chapter No. 3 (4 Prizes of \$750.00)
- \$ 100.00 DAV Watertown Chapter No. 6
- \$1,000.00 DAV Northern Hills Chapter No. 11 (2 Prizes of \$500.00)
- \$ 200.00 DAV Swanson – O’Connor Chapter No. 13
- \$ 50.00 DAV Oahe Chapter No. 18
- \$ 500.00 DAV Milbank-Sisseton Chapter No. 19
- \$ 100.00 DAV Brookings Chapter No. 22
- \$ 250.00 DAV Davison County Chapter No. 27
- \$ 100.00 Korean War Display, LLC
- \$ 100.00 Gene Murphy AHM Chapter No. 1
- \$ 100.00 Dick Turnwall Northern Hill Chapter No. 11
- Glarry Acoustic Guitar donated by Connie Johnson Brookings Chapter No. 22
- Vietnam Vets: Still Coming Home Book AHM Chapter No. 1
- Box -Wine, Glasses, Cutting Boards, Cheese, Crackers Gene Murphy AHM No. 1
- Handcrafted Wooden American Flag Dan Francis AHM Chapter No. 1

Department of South Dakota Annual Convention action items from the Chapters; Auxiliary Units; and Members: DEADLINES

- 31st January: Award recommendations for Department and National – eight nominations were received
- 10th February: Level I and Level II training for nominees identified. East River CSO/DSO Training will be provided at the DAV Home on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. West River CSO/DSO training will be provided June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Rapid City.
- 24th February: Department Officer proposals and Chapter endorsements
- 24th February: Constitution and bylaws change proposals
- 24th February: Resolution proposals
- 24th February: Fund raising project proposals
- 1<sup>st</sup> April: Convention booklet advertisements due and other information
- 14th April: Listing of deceased members for Convention Memorial Service
- 14th April: Chapter convention delegates listing
- 17th April: Committee Chairpersons and Department Officers Reports for Convention Delegate Packages. To be emailed or mailed to DAV Headquarters

Listing of other State Conventions attached.

Note: Department Packet of Information has been provided in support of many of the deadlines, to include the agenda.

**5. 2023 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: *FEbruary 26<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023.*** All travel to this event, minus the Department Commander, will be the responsibility of individual Chapters or National DAV.

Crystal Gateway Marriott  
1700 Richmond Highway (formerly Jefferson Davis Highway)  
Arlington, VA 22202  
*Telephone: 1.800.266.9432 or 1.703.920.3230*  
Group Name: Disabled American Veterans  
\$210 Single/Double

- Agenda available online at DAV.org

To date, the following have notified DAV Department of SD that they are attending the conference.

Commander Dan Francis, Adjutant Marty Pennock, Sr. Vice Commander Christine Speirs, 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander Mark Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander Tim Walsh, and Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers.

**6. 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION: *AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023***  
All travel to this event will be the responsibility of individual Chapters.

Harrah's Atlantic City  
777 Harrah's Blvd.  
Atlantic City, NJ 084011  
\$149 Single/ Double  
Phone: 888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST, 7 days a week)  
Group name: DAV 2023 National Convention  
Group code: SH07DV3 (*code -- "DAV 2023 National Conv"*)

## **7. SDDVA ANNUAL BENEFIT SCHOOL**

*The SDDVA annual benefit school will be held in Sioux Falls September 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*  
The training will be held at the SD Military Heritage Alliance (1600 W. Russell Street).

Lodging has been secured at the Sheraton (1211 N. West Avenue). The Sheraton will be honoring the \$75 state rate. Ask for the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs block of rooms. Room block is only open until August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If your Chapter wishes to attend, please inquire to Adjutant Pennock and provide him the names of individuals in your chapters that wish to attend. **This information is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

## **8. WINTER COATS**

DAV has a healthy supply of coats at the DAV HQ that were donated from Scheels in Sioux Falls. Please let us know if you have a need in your Veteran communities.

## **9. BALLOT 6**

Ballot 6 Passed and authorized the approval of the design to the DAV Department of SD Challenge Coin.

**10. OTHER INFORMATION:**

- National Commander’s Awards - **Due February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Provided in December DEC**
- DAV 2022 Legislative Victories for Veterans
- South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Military Women’s Memorial Celebrates 25 Years
- Pact Act Expands Veteran Health Car, Benefits
- Giving Transitioning Veterans a “Solid Start”
- Veterans to Receive Free Emergency Mental Health Care Beginning January 17
- Young and Hard-to Reach Veterans Need Better VA Contact to Access Benefits, Report Says
- VA Reaches 1 Million in Military Exposure Screenings
- New Law Expands VA Program for Veterans to Buy Vehicles Adapted for Their Disabilities
- VA Proposes Rule that Would Waive Copays for Eligible Native American, Alaska Native Veterans
- Republicans Name Chairmen for Armed Services, Vet Affairs Committees
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, 2023
- PVA Washington Update – January 13, 2023
- Operation Black Hills Cabin
- Vietnam and Era Veterans Reunion – Rapid City April 21-23
- South Dakota Legislative Upcoming Cracker Barrels and Legislative Coffees
- Nursing Home Complaints Surge 117% Since 2021
- DTOM Veterans Ranch in Need of Funds for Caretaker Housing
- Four Chaplains Memorial Service – Sioux Falls February 5
- Come Bowl – Sioux Falls February 11
- Korean War / Defense Veterans Appreciation Day – Brookings July 29
- Stand Up for Women Veterans Retreat – Sioux Falls March 11

**11. DAV DEPARTMENT BULLETIN DEADLINE: April 2023 BULLETIN: Submittal deadline: March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Email all reports, photos, stories to: [adj@davsd.org](mailto:adj@davsd.org).

Department Officers, Chapters, Auxiliary State Officers, and Auxiliary Units who wish to place an article in DAV Department of South Dakota Quarterly Bulletin should submit them by the deadline date – stated below. The DAV Department Officers WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for submitting their own articles.

**12. DAV DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA QUARTERLY BULLETIN & MONTHLY REPORT:**

If any of the DAV and Auxiliary members would like to receive the DAV Department Quarterly Bulletin and Monthly Report, please send your e-mail address to DAV Headquarters:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

You can either mail or e-mail the information to:  
 DAV Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
 E-mail: [admin@davsd.org](mailto:admin@davsd.org)

**2023 DAV DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

- Department of South Dakota Annual Convention action items from the Chapters; Auxiliary Units; and Members:
  - 15 Nov: Identify raffle prize donations
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Award recommendations for Department and National
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Level I and Level II training for nominees identified
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: Department Officer proposals and Chapter endorsements
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January 31, 2023

Dear Chapter and Auxiliary Commander:

Department Convention Credentials for your Chapter's DELEGATES and ALTERNATES will be based upon total paid members as of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In accordance with the Department ByLaws, Article 5, Section 2, your Chapter is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each 15 members or major portion thereof, of such Chapter. In addition, you are also entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for your Chapter.

The following material has been enclosed for your completion in preparation for the DAV 2023 Department Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, May 5-6, 2023.

#### **1. DAV 2023 CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

- A. This form must be completed, signed and returned no later than April 14, 2023, to Department Headquarters, 1519 W. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.
- B. Delegate badges and packages will be prepared in advance so that the registration procedures at Department Convention will be faster.
- C. The host Chapter (DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 – Sioux Falls) and the Credentials Committee will receive a copy for the DAV 2023 Convention Delegates and Alternates Form.

We encourage all delegates and alternates to pre-register for the convention by March 8, 2023. Please assist the host Chapter and the Auxiliary Department with the planning stages.

#### **2. DAV AND AUXILIARY LISTING OF DECEASED MEMBERS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE**

- A. This form must be completed and returned by April 14, 2023.

#### **3. DAV AND AUXILIARY CONVENTION LODGING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- A. You must make your hotel reservations by April 1, 2023
- B. Registration, Luncheons, and Banquet deadline is April, 2023

#### **4. DAV 83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL AND AUXILIARY 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

- A. DAV and Auxiliary invites all to purchase advertisement – Booklet Advertisement Application Enclosed.

#### **5. DEPARTMENT OFFICER NOMINATING QUESTIONNAIRE AND CHAPTER ENDORSEMENT**

- A. Deadline of February 24<sup>th</sup> to DAV Department Headquarters

Please contact Department Headquarters if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marty Pennock, Adjutant  
DAV Department of South Dakota

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
2023 CONVENTION DELEGATES  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA  
MAY 5-6, 2023**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES WERE ELECTED  
TO REPRESENT OUR CHAPTER AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name and Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Election

<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Membership Code</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Adjutant

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1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

**DAV AND AUXILIARY  
2023 DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENTION  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

Department Headquarters is requesting the names of all Chapter or Auxiliary Unit  
deceased members for the Memorial Ceremony and Convention Book

**CHAPTER OR AUXILIARY UNIT NO. : \_\_\_\_\_**


**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E:MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward to : Disabled American Veterans  
Department of South Dakota  
1519 W. 51st Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
E-mail: [admin@davsd.org](mailto:admin@davsd.org)  
FAX: (605) 338-5489

**Deadline Date: APRIL 1, 2023**  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.





KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS

DAV & AUXILIARY CONVENTION
LODGING AND REGISTRATION

The DAV Department of South Dakota 83rd Annual Department and 71st Auxiliary State Convention will be held May 5-6, 2023, at the DAV Department of South Dakota Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st Street, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota - (605) 332-6866.

LODGING: The Comfort Inn & Suites, 3721 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, at (605) 275-9577 or (605) 275-9585. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

Rooms have been reserved under the name of DAV. Please mention this when making your reservations - Group Account - 4485675. More rooms can be added if an early turnout warrants it. Your reservation MUST BE MADE BY April 1, 2023. The cost of each room is listed on the back of this registration form.

REGISTRATION, LUNCHEON AND BANQUET: Prior to April 1, 2023 - \$80.00 which includes registration fee, (1) Thursday Commander Reception Meal, two (2) Lunches, one (1) Friday Evening Meal and one (1) Saturday Evening Commander's Banquet. Full registration cost after April 1, 2023 is \$90.00.

No refunds on meals after April 1, 2023 and after this date individual meal tickets will be sold separately. Commander's Reception is Free, Forget-Me-Not Luncheon is \$20.00, Awards Luncheon is \$25.00, Friday Evening Meal is \$20.00 and Saturday Evening Commander's Banquet is \$35.00. Cutoff date for meals is April 25, 2023. Any special meals must be requested at the time of registration.

Mark your meal selections here:

Thursday Commander's Reception \_\_\_

Friday Forget-Me-Not Luncheon \_\_\_

Friday Evening Meal \_\_\_

Saturday Awards Luncheon \_\_\_

Saturday Commander's Banquet \_\_\_

Make registration check payable to: DAV Chapter 1 Convention Fund

Mail registration form and check to: DAV Chapter 1 Convention Committee 1519 W. 51st St Sioux Falls SD 57105

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# DAV

## Group Rates

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Extra</u>	<u>Child</u>
NK1 - 1 King Bed, No Smoking	5/4/23 - 5/4/23	139.00	139.00	10.00	0.00
NK1 - 1 King Bed, No Smoking	5/5/23 - 5/6/23	179.00	179.00	10.00	0.00
NQQ - 2 Queen Beds, No Smoking	5/4/23 - 5/4/23	139.00	139.00	10.00	0.00
NQQ - 2 Queen Beds, No Smoking	5/5/23 - 5/6/23	179.00	179.00	10.00	0.00
NQQ2 - 2 Queen Beds, No Smoking	5/4/23 - 5/4/23	139.00	139.00	10.00	0.00
NQQ2 - 2 Queen Beds, No Smoking	5/5/23 - 5/6/23	179.00	179.00	10.00	0.00
SNK1 - 1 King Bed, No Smoking, Suite	5/4/23 - 5/4/23	149.00	149.00	10.00	0.00
SNK1 - 1 King Bed, No Smoking, Suite	5/5/23 - 5/6/23	189.00	189.00	10.00	0.00



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**83rd ANNUAL DAV OF SD CONVENTION AND 71st ANNUAL DAV AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION BOOKLET**

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Sioux Falls Chapter No. 1 will be hosting the 83rd Annual Disabled American Veterans Department of South Dakota Convention and 71st Annual Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary State Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, May 5th-6th 2023.

The DAV gives veterans the best representation before the Veterans Administration, Congress and the White House. The DAV has many programs and services that they provide FREE to disabled veterans and their families throughout South Dakota and the Nation.

The DAV is asking for your support of our veterans disabled in wartime service by placing an advertisement in the convention program booklet.

Advertising rates are: Page size - 4.75" W x 7.75" H (inside of booklet only)

- Full Page - Full Color \$300
- Full Page - Black & White \$275
- Half Page - Black & White \$175
- Quarter Page - Black & White \$95

Please email advertisements in pdf format to admin@davsd.org, attention convention booklet ad. Make checks payable to DAV Chapter No. 1 Convention Fund and send it along with this form to:  
 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CH No. 1, 1519 W 51st St, Sioux Falls, 57105 by April 1st, 2023.

Name/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions call (605) 332.6866. Thank you for supporting the DAV of SD.

DAV NOMINATING COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE SOUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD OF MILITARY SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED VETERAN? YES ( ) NO ( )

ARE YOU A MEDICALLY DISCHARGED VETERAN? YES ( ) NO ( )

IS YOUR DISCHARGE HONORABLE? YES ( ) NO ( )

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: \_\_\_\_\_

DAV OFFICER EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAV COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INVOLVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY MEMBERS HAVE YOU RECRUITED? \_\_\_\_\_

DAV VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: VA HOSPITAL ( ) CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS (X)

WHAT TYPE OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A DEPARTMENT OFFICER IN THE DAV? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT OFFICES HAVE YOU HELD?

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL: \_\_\_\_\_

IF SELECTED, ARE YOU ABLE AND WILLING TO TRAVEL? YES ( ) NO ( )

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# DAV DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

## 2023 DAV & AUXILIARY CONVENTION AGENDA - TENTATIVE

### WEDNESDAY – MAY 3, 2023

8am Chapter & Dept Service Officer Training - Level 1- NSO Owen Richards, DAV Headquarters

### THURSDAY – MAY 4, 2023

8am Chapter & Dept Service Officer Training - Level 2 - NSO Owen Richards, DAV Headquarters

4 - 8pm Registration – DAV Headquarters

4pm Committee Meetings – DAV Headquarters Available

5pm Commander's Reception & Pizza – DAV Headquarters

### FRIDAY – MAY 5, 2023

8am - 4pm Registration

8am DAV Department of South Dakota Service and Transportation (Income Research Committee) – Chairperson Dick Turnwall

9am DAV Department Executive Committee (DEC)

10am Break

10:15am First Business Session

Budget & Finance Committee - Commander Dan Francis

Membership Committee - Sr Vice Commander Christine Speirs

Legislation Committee - Commander Dan Francis & Adjutant Marty Pennock

Publicity Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Jr Vice Mark Wolf & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr Vice Tim Walsh

Awards Committee - Chairperson Robert Hill

Credentials Committee - Chairperson Tim Walsh

DEC Report – Adjutant Marty Pennock

Income Research Committee - Chairperson Dick Turnwall

Hospital Transportation Report – HTCs John Huntington & Jack Post

National Service Officer Report - Owen Richards & Matthew Kistler

Nomination Committee – Chairperson Gaylord Helmbrecht

Constitution & Bylaws Committee - Chairperson Robert Hill

Employment Committee – Chairperson Helen Parr

Women Veteran Report – Chairperson Helen Parr

Time & Place Committee – Chairperson Dick Turnwall

Resolutions Committee – Chairperson Christine Speirs

Local Veterans Assistance Program - Chairperson Peggy Kirk

VAVS Committee - Chairperson John Huntington

Judge Advocate/Inspector Report – JA/I Robert Hill

Chaplain Report - Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht

SD Department of Veteran Affairs - Secretary Greg Whitlock

Historian Report – Chairperson Christine Speirs

SD State Veterans Home Task Force - Loren Murren & Bradly Colling

11:30am Auxiliary and DAV Forget-Me-Not Luncheon

1pm Joint Opening Session

Call to Order – Commander Dan Francis Wall Presentation of Honor To Our Flag –

Invocation – Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht Pledge of Allegiance – DAVA

Americanism Officer – Verna Messerschmidt

Department Commander Reports

DAV Commander Dan Francis

DAV Auxiliary Commander Vincean Hanson

Introduction of Guests

DAV Commander Dan Francis

DAV Auxiliary Commander Vincean Hanson

2:30pm Veterans Town Hall Meeting – Moderator Tim Walsh

4pm Committee Meetings – DAV Headquarters Available

6pm Evening Meal

7pm DAV Auxiliary Auction

**SATURDAY – MAY 6, 2023**

8am Registration

8:30am Memorial Service

9:45am Final Business Session

Credentials Committee - 2nd Jr Vice Commander Tim Walsh

Resolutions Committee - Senior Vice Commander Christine Speirs

Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Chairperson Robert Hill

Nomination Committee - Chairperson Gaylord Helmbrecht

10:45am Break

Time & Place Committee – Chairperson Dick Turwall

Budget & Finance Committee - Commander Dan Francis

Unfinished Business

New Business

Approval of Budget

Service Foundations Contributions

12pm Awards Luncheon for DAV and Auxiliary

1:30pm Final Business Session

Election of Officers for 2023 - 2024

**ADJOURNMENT**

2:30pm Post DEC meeting - Commander's Discretion

3:30pm Income Research Committee – Chairperson Dick Turwall

5:30pm Social Hour

6pm Commander's Banquet

Installation of Newly Elected Officers

**2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS**

DATE	STATE	CITY	HEADQUARTERS HOTEL	BANQUET DATE
March 24 - 26	AK	Anchorage	Aspen Suites Hotel	25-Mar
April 14-15	RI	Warwick	Crowne Plaza	4/14 & 04/15/2023
April 21-23	PR	Ponce	Hilton Ponce Golf & Casino Resort	22-Apr
April 27-29	MN	Duluth	Holiday Inn Duluth	28-Apr
April 28-30	WY	Sheridan	Best Western Sheridan Center	29-Apr
April 28-29	MS	Philadelphia	Golden Moon Casino & Hotel	29-Apr
May 3 - 6	ID	Boise	Riverside Hotel	5-May
May 4-7	CT	Cromwell	Courtyard by Marriott Cromwell	6-May
May 5-6	ME	Waterville	Best Western Plus Waterville	6-May
May 5-6	SD	Sioux Falls	Comfort Inn and Suites	6-May
May 5-7	NE	Columbus	Ramada Riverside Convention Center	6-May
May 5 - 7	ND	Mandon	Baymont by Wyndham	6-May
May 6-9	NV	Las Vegas	Plaza Hotel	9-May
May 8 - 12	TN	Pigeon Forge	Ramsey Hotel	11-May
May 11-14	SC	Columbia	DoubleTree by Hilton Columbia	13-May
May 13-14	OR	Portland	Shilo Inn Suites Hotel	13-May
May 18-21	LA	Kenner	Doubletree Hotel	20-May
May 19 - 21	KS	Wichita	Holiday Inn	20-May
May 19 - 20	VT	East Burke	Burke Mountain Hotel and Conference Center	20-May
May 21-26	MD	Ocean City	The Grand Hotel	25-May
May 24-25	CO	Estes Park	Ridgeline Hotel	25-May
May 26 - 27	DE	Camden	Department Headquarters (Comfort Suites)	26-May
May 31-June 4	CA	Sparks, NV	Nugget Casino Resort	3-Jun
June 1-3	UT	Ogden	Courtyard Ogden	2-Jun
June 1-3	AL	Tuscaloosa	Hotel Capstone	3-Jun
June 1-4	GA	Macon	Macon Marriott City Center	3-Jun
June 1-4	NC	Greensboro	Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons Hotel	3-Jun
June 2-3	MT	Lincoln	TBD	3-Jun
June 2-4	MO	Jefferson City	Courtyard by Marriott Jefferson City	3-Jun
June 2-3	IN	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Marriott East	3-Jun
June 7-10	AZ	Maricopa	Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino	9-Jun
June 7-11	WI	Madison	DoubleTree by Hilton	10-Jun
June 8-10	AR	North Little Rock	Wyndham Riverfront	10-Jun
June 8-11	IL	Springfield	Northfield Inn & Suites	10-Jun
June 8-11	MA	Leominster	DoubleTree by Hilton Leominster Hotel	June 8 - 10
June 9-10	TX	San Marcos	Embassy Suites	10-Jun
June 9-11	IA	Cedar Rapids	Marriot	10-Jun
June 9 - 11	NH	Nashua	Doubletree by Hilton Nashua	10-Jun
June 11-14	NJ	Wildwood	Wildwoods Convention Center	13-Jun
June 12-15	NM	Albuquerque	Isleta Resort Casino	14-Jun
June 13-15	OK	Oklahoma City	Embassy Suites Oklahoma City NW	14-Jun
June 15-17	FL	Lake Mary	Lake Mary Marriott	17-Jun
June 15-18	VA	Roanoke	Holiday Inn Tanglewood-Roanoke	17-Jun
June 16-17	WV	Mineral Wells	Comfort Suites Mineral Wells	17-Jun
June 16-17	HI	Honolulu	Ala Moana Hotel	17-Jun
June 21-24	WA	Bellingham	Holiday Inn & Suites	24-Jun
June 22-23	PA	Harrisburg	Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conf. Center	22-Jun
June 22-24	KY	Lexington	Embassy Suites	24-Jun
June 23-25	OH	Dublin	Embassy Suites Dublin	24-Jun
June 25-29	NY	Queensbury	Great Escape Lodge	27-Jun
June 28-30	MI	Mt. Pleasant	Soaring Eagle Hotel & Resort	29-Jun