



**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

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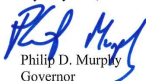
Dear Honored Guests,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am honored to welcome you to the 101<sup>st</sup> Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and DAV Auxiliary National Convention here in historic Atlantic City. Atlantic City is a city of firsts—the world's first beach boardwalk was built here, for example, and it is where the first saltwater taffy was pulled. It is fitting, then, that Atlantic should be the *first* city in New Jersey to host a DAV National Convention. It is a privilege to welcome such distinguished visitors to the Garden State, and I trust that you will enjoy and benefit from your time here.

Whether it be driving veterans to and from appointments or advocating for them as they fight to receive the benefits they are entitled to, the responsibilities that DAV has taken on are essential services. For American servicemembers, whose sacrifices are immeasurable, it amounts to nothing more than keeping our promises. I have been proud to sign into law legislation that creates avenues for veterans to secure the lives they deserve in the State of New Jersey, including expanding veteran access to civil service positions. From myself, my family, and all New Jerseyans, I would like to extend our immense gratitude to the former and current servicemembers present, and to respectfully commend your strength and courage.

It is impossible to put in words the debt of gratitude owed to the men and women who have risked their lives protecting the freedoms of all Americans. To you, and to those who honor you, welcome to New Jersey. You have my sincerest wishes for an excellent convention.

My very best,

  
Philip D. Murphy  
Governor

# DON'T FORGET!

## RSVP to the Introduction of National Officers Dinner

**You must reserve a ticket to attend.**

Available in the Wildwood coat check  
window (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

Thursday, Aug. 3 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 4 – Sunday, Aug. 6 | 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All who are attending national convention events must be registered and display credentials.

Tickets are required for all who attend the Introduction of National Officers Dinner.

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Attendance is free for children under 18,  
but they must still be registered as a guest.

- District No. 1:** Massachusetts
- District No. 2:** New York
- District No. 3:** Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont
- District No. 4:** Connecticut, Delaware & New Jersey
- District No. 5:** Pennsylvania
- District No. 6:** District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia & Puerto Rico
- District No. 7:** Florida
- District No. 8:** Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi & Tennessee
- District No. 9:** Georgia, North Carolina & South Carolina
- District No. 10:** Michigan
- District No. 11:** Ohio
- District No. 12:** Illinois & Wisconsin
- District No. 13:** Indiana & Kentucky
- District No. 14:** Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota
- District No. 15:** Iowa, Kansas, Missouri & Nebraska
- District No. 16:** California
- District No. 17:** Colorado, New Mexico, Utah & Wyoming
- District No. 18:** Arizona, Hawaii & Nevada
- District No. 19:** Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington
- District No. 20:** Texas
- District No. 21:** Arkansas & Oklahoma



**All social media information is located on Linktree. View by scanning the QR code or visit [linktr.ee/davsocial](http://linktr.ee/davsocial).**

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## DAV Shuttle Departures

All DAV Shuttle departures will be from the entrance of the Waterfront Conference Center. DAV Shuttle staff will be wearing bright green shirts with the DAV logo on front and “DAV Transportation Staff” on the back. Shuttle fees include round trip portage fee from the hotel bell staff.

Questions about DAV shuttle departures:  
Visit the Shuttle Table outside Wildwood 13

**Mon., Aug. 7 – Tues., Aug. 8**                      **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Bell Staff Bag Request: (Shuttle fees include round trip portage fee from the hotel bell staff. )**

If you plan to use the bell staff to take your bags to the departure area, you must make your request to the bell stand more than 45 minutes out from your scheduled departure time and your bags must have the green DAV band on them. Bands can be picked up from the shuttle desk. The bell staff will take bags with the green band to Wildwood 15. To ensure your bags are placed on the proper shuttle, you must retrieve your bags from Wildwood 15 and take them with you to your shuttle vehicle (the bell staff will not load bags directly to the shuttle vehicle).

## First Aid / VA Medical Room

Waterfront Tower Room 4100

Provided by the Wilmington, VA Medical Center

**Thurs., Aug. 3**

Noon – 4 p.m.

**Fri., Aug. 4 – Mon., Aug. 7**

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 8**

8 a.m. – Noon

Highly trained EMTs will be located in the Waterfront Conference Center when meetings and events are in session.



## Membership Portal Assistance

Wildwood 16-17

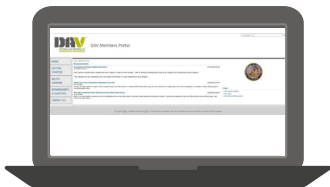
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**Fri., Aug. 4 – Mon., Aug. 7**

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 8**

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.



## Trust and Foundation Donations

Wildwood Registration Desk 1 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Fri., Aug. 4 – Sun., Aug. 6**

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 7**

8 a.m. – Noon

# VET CENTER

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Vet Centers have been proudly providing counseling, referral, and community engagement services since 1979. With 300 Vet Centers in both rural and urban areas, 83 Mobile Vet Centers (MVCs), 23 Vet Center Outstations, the 24/7 Vet Center Call Center, and over 1,000 Community Access Points, Vet Centers are here for our Veterans, service members, and their families.

## Mobile Vet Center Counseling Hours:

Access through the Wildwood Terrace doors

**Fri., Aug. 4** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Sat., Aug. 5 – Mon., Aug. 7** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Vet Center (Appointments and information)

Wildwood 7-8 foyer

**Fri., Aug. 4** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Sat., Aug. 5 – Mon., Aug. 7** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## VA Benefit Questions

Avalon 8-9 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

DAV national service officers will be available to counsel you and answer questions about the benefits you've earned or the claim you've filed. To take advantage of this free service, stop by the Claims Assistance Office during the hours listed below.

**Fri., Aug. 4** 1 – 4 p.m.

**Sat., Aug. 5** 1 – 4 p.m.

**Sun., Aug. 6** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Mon., Aug. 7** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Tues., Aug. 8** 9 a.m. – Noon

## Thursday, August 3, 2023

<b>Registration</b> Wildwood 16–17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<b>Will Call (Registration)</b> Wildwood Registration Desk 2–4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Friday, August 4, 2023

<b>Registration</b> Wildwood 16–17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<b>Will Call (Registration)</b> Wildwood Registration Desk 2–4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
<b>DAV National Executive Committee</b> Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)	9 a.m.
<b>DAV Board of Directors Meeting</b> Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)	<i>Immediately following NEC meeting</i>
<b>MyDAV.org/DAV Website Training</b> Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)	11 a.m.
<b>Benefits Protection Team Seminar</b> Avalon 10–13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<b>Even-Numbered District Meetings</b> (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)	1 – 2 p.m.
District 2	Avalon 18
District 4	Avalon 15
District 6	Avalon 1–3
District 8	Avalon 17
District 10	Avalon 19
District 12	Avalon 21



District 14	Avalon 23
District 16	Avalon 22
District 18	Avalon 20
District 20	Avalon 10-12

**Odd-Numbered District Meetings**

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

(2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

District 1	Avalon 18
District 3	Avalon 15
District 5	Avalon 19
District 7	Avalon 10-12
District 9	Avalon 1-3
District 11	Avalon 20
District 13	Avalon 21
District 15	Avalon 17
District 17	Avalon 23
District 19	Avalon 24
District 21	Avalon 22

**Workshop: Preparing to Serve on  
a Convention Resolution Committee**

3:45 p.m.

Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

**Registration**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Will Call (Registration)**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wildwood Registration Desk 2-4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)



**DAV/Auxiliary Joint Opening Session**

8:30 a.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

- Convention Call to Order & Welcome
- Post Colors **Department of Massachusetts Honor Guard**
- National Anthem **Mary Ann Hotaling, Ms. Veteran America 2020**
- Invocation **Debra Varner, National Chaplain**
- Welcoming Remarks **Johnnie Walker, Convention Chair**
- Introduction of National Officers
- Report **Joseph Parsetich, National Commander**
- Remarks **AnnMarie Hurley, Auxiliary Sr. Vice Commander**
- Presentation **Delores Roussey, Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- Remarks **Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs**
- Remarks **Ford**
- Presentation **Jacob Weber, DAV Scholarships**
- Awards **John Raber and Vickie Partridge, Volunteer of the Year**
- Presentation **Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick**
- Award **Bugle Award**
- Remarks **Camp Corral**
- Report **Barry Jesinoski, National Adjutant**
- Remarks **Humana**
- Presentation **Kim Hubers, Disabled American Veteran of the Year**
- Remarks **USAA**
- Adopt Policy
- Announcements **Barry Jesinoski, National Adjutant**
- Benediction **Debra Varner, National Chaplain**
- Recess

**DAV Convention Credentials Committee**

1 – 2 p.m.

Avalon 21 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Service and Legislative Seminar**

2 – 4 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

Saturday, August 5 – Sunday, August 6

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**DAV Convention Constitution and Bylaws Committee** 4:15 p.m.  
Avalon 22–24 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV Convention General Resolutions  
and Membership Committee** 4:15 p.m.  
Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV Convention Employment Committee** 4:15 p.m.  
Avalon 18–20 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV Convention Nominating Committee** 4:15 p.m.  
Avalon 25–26 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Commanders & Adjutants Association** 4:15 p.m.  
Avalon 1–4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV/Auxiliary National Commanders' Reception** 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Avalon 10–17 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

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Sunday, August 6, 2023

**Memorial Service** 7:30 a.m.  
Wildwood Ballroom 2–7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV Convention Credentials Committee** 8 – 8:30 a.m.  
Avalon 21 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Registration** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wildwood 16–17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)



**Will Call (Registration)** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wildwood Registration Desk 2–4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV First Business Session** 9 a.m.  
Wildwood Ballroom 2–7 (Egress 20) (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

- Call to Order **Joseph Parsetich**, *National Commander*
- Invocation **Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*
- Report **Credentials Committee**
- Report **Randy Reese**, *Executive Director, Washington Headquarters*
- Report **Cody VanBoxel**, *Executive Director, National Headquarters*
- Presentation **Carrie Roeger**, Arthur H. and Mary E. Wilson Award for Top Venture Impacting Veterans
- National Commander Awards **Employment, Voluntary Services, Service, Membership**
- Remarks **Kelly McKeague**, *Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency*
- Remarks **Commissioner Michael Smith**, *American Battle Monuments Commission*
- Report **Board of Directors/Treasurer**
- Report **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**
- Announcements **Barry Jesinoski**, *National Adjutant*
- Benediction **Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

**DAV Convention Legislative & Veterans Rights Committee** 1 p.m.  
Avalon 1–3 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Membership Seminar** 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.  
Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Inspector General Seminar** 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Avalon 5–7 2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**POW/MIA Seminar** 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.  
Avalon 10–13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**VA Burial Benefits Seminar**

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

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**Commanders and Adjutants Association**

4 – 6 p.m.

Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

**Registration**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Will Call (Registration)**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wildwood Registration Desk 2-4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**My Journey Women's Workshop**

8 – 10 a.m.

Avalon 14-17 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Psychedelic Research for PTSD/MAPS-PBC**

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Employment Seminar**

9 – 10 a.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Voluntary Services Seminar**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Communications & Social Media Seminar**

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Chaplain Seminar**

1 – 2:15 p.m.

Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**National Service Foundation**

2 p.m.

Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Charitable Service Trust**

Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

*Immediately following  
National Service Foundation*

**Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation**

Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

*Immediately following  
Charitable Service Trust*

**Planned Giving: Provide and Honor Seminar**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Women Veterans Seminar**

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**C&P Exams: What You Should Know Seminar**

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)



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**Fun Night (Cash Bar)**

8 – 10 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**The Lt. Dan Band** is a DAV favorite.

There's something for everyone, and each show highlights the passion and energy each member brings to the stage.

Fun Night is sponsored by



**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**Registration**

8 – 10 a.m.

Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)



**DAV Second Business Session**

8:30 a.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

- Call to Order **Joseph Parsetich**, National Commander
- Invocation **Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*
- Report **Convention Committees**
- Report **Charitable Service Trust**
- Report **Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation**
- Remarks **Commanders & Adjutants Association**
- Report and Awards **National Service Foundation**
- Announcements **Barry Jesinoski**, *National Adjutant*
- Benediction **Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

**DAV Final Business Session**

1:30 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

- Call to Order **Joseph Parsetich**, *National Commander*
- Invocation **Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*
- Announcement **Close of Registration**
- Report **Credentials Committee**, *Final*
- Report **Nominating Committee**, *Final*
- Nomination and Election of Officers
- Cap Presentation **Newly Elected Commander**
- Remarks **Newly Elected Officers**
- Announcements **Barry Jesinoski**, *National Adjutant*
- Benediction **Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*
- Recess

**DAV National Executive Committee**

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

*Immediately following  
DAV Final Business Session***DAV Board of Directors**

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

*Immediately following  
NEC Meeting***Introduction of National Officers Dinner**

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

6:30 – 9 p.m.

**STORE HOURS**

Wildwood 8-11 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

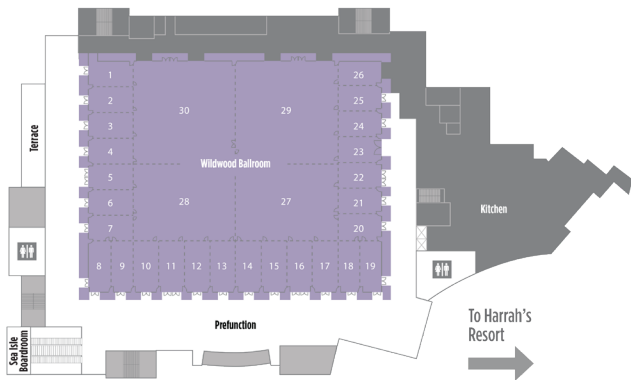
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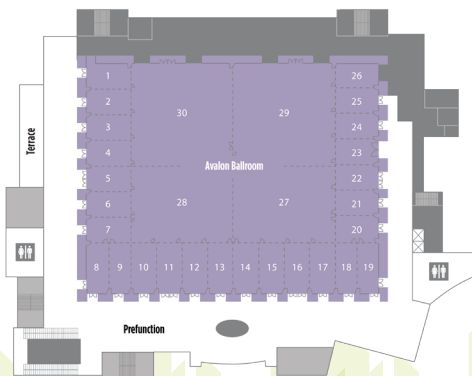




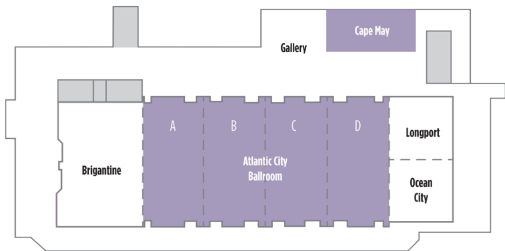
## 1st Level Conference Ctr.



## 2nd Level Conference Ctr.



Third Level Coastal Tower



Watch in your room:  
**DAV TV Channel 124 or 02**

Friday – Tuesday

To see just some of the veterans and their stories that DAV helps every day.

Service and Legislative Seminar  
**Q & A Session**

**Saturday, August 5, 2023** | 2 – 4 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7  
 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Jim Marszalek**, *National Service Director*

**Joy Ilem**, *National Legislative Director*

**Dr. Shereef Elnahal, M.D., M.B.A.**, *Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration*

**Michael Frueh**, *Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration*

DAV's Service and Legislative Seminar will feature guests from the Department of Veterans Affairs health care and benefits administration. Please join us for a candid conversation with these national leaders who are shaping the future of veterans' health care and benefits delivery.



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*Veterans Health Administration*



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*Principal Deputy Under*  
*Secretary for Benefits, Veterans*  
*Benefits Administration*

Seminars are open to every DAV and Auxiliary member and registered guest. You are encouraged to attend as many as possible, so decide which sessions interest you the most and which will be the greatest help in your work with DAV and the Auxiliary.

### Friday, August 4, 2023

- ◆ **MyDAV.org/DAV Website Training** 11 a.m.  
Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Doug Wells**, *National Membership Director*

Instruction will be offered on MyDAV.org and DAV's new department and chapter websites. MyDAV.org provides members and leaders access to important information, to include reports and other functionality. DAV websites allow chapters and departments the ability to promote their events, share information, and so much more!

- ◆ **Benefits Protection Team Seminar** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Joy J. Ilem**, *National Legislative Director*

#### National Legislative Staff

Please join the national legislative team for updates on key legislative issues to include: parity in compensation benefits; toxic exposures; women and underserved veterans; long-term care; mental health and suicide prevention; and VA health care. The team will also provide an update on fiscal year 2024 budget recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- ◆ **Workshop: Preparing to Serve on a Convention Resolution Committee** 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.  
Avalon 4 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Shane Liermann**, *Deputy National Legislative Director*

#### National Legislative Staff

First time being selected to serve on a convention committee? Please join the national legislative department for an overview on the resolution process, discussion on what to expect, duties and responsibilities and how to best prepare to serve as a delegate on a Convention Committee.

## Saturday, August 5, 2023

### ◆ Service and Legislative Seminar

2 – 4 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

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## Sunday, August 6, 2023

### ◆ DAV Membership Seminar

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Doug Wells**, *National Membership Director*

Join the National Membership Director and Interim Membership Committee for information and updates on DAV's exciting recruitment programs, membership incentives and new initiatives.

### ◆ Inspector General Seminar

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Edward E. Hartman**, *Inspector General*

This workshop provides current and practical information on matters related to the day to day activities and operations of departments and chapters. This is a great opportunity for new department and chapter leaders to learn the basics of the National Constitution, Bylaws and National Executive Committee Regulations of our Organization.



◆ **POW/MIA Seminar**

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Kelly McKeague**, *Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Director***Vince Darcangelo**, *Chair, Interim POW/MIA Committee***Marty Pennock**, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member***Ken Weinheimer**, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member***Lamond Rose**, *Interim POW/MIA Committee Member*

The POW/MIA Seminar will provide information about Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency recovery and identification processes, including mission updates, legislative updates, and more.

◆ **VA Burial Benefits Seminar**

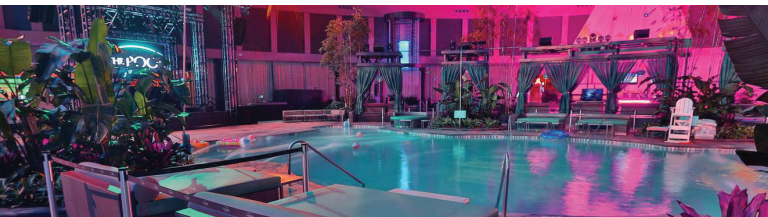
4 – 4:45 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Chris Marsh**, *Director of Corporate Alliances, Dignity Memorial*

There is a great deal of confusion about the burial benefits provided to veterans and their spouses by the VA, and in most cases dependent children. Did you know over 60% of veterans think the VA will provide a funeral at no cost? This is not true. Another 6 out of 10 veterans think the VA will provide a free casket. This is also not true. Learn what national and state veterans cemeteries provide and don't provide, what burial benefits you and your spouse qualify for and which special discounts are offered by Dignity Memorial® affiliates when pre-planning a funeral service in advance. By attending this seminar you will have all the information necessary to receive all the VA burial benefits you earned as well as learn about the many benefits for you and your family when making funeral or cremation arrangements in advance.

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## Monday, August 7, 2023

### ◆ **My Journey Women's Workshop**

8 – 10 a.m.

Avalon 14–17 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Toni Hightower**, *VA Veterans Experience Office*

**Naomi Mathis**, *Associate National Legislative Director (Moderator)*

This goal and action plan creation workshop helps women veterans envision and plan for significant pre- and post-separation life events. It empowers women to develop proactive and thoughtful goals, while providing guidance customized to each veteran's unique needs. Learn skills that can help women veterans navigate transitions and discover post-military possibilities while making meaningful connections.

### ◆ **Psychedelic Research for PTSD/MAPS-PBC**

8 – 8:45 a.m.

Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Kacy Hutchinson**, *Chief of Government Affairs and Advocacy, MAPS PBS*

**Jonathan Lubecky**, *MAPS-PBC*

Psychedelic science is an emerging area, generating innovative and effective treatments to PTSD. This seminar will be a scientific presentation of the research behind MDMA-assisted psychotherapy, and presentation from veteran who was a part of the recent Phase II clinical trials.

### ◆ **Employment & Entrepreneurship Program Seminar**

9 – 10 a.m.

Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Ryan Burgos**, *National Employment Director*

**Jeremy Yost**, *Assistant National Employment Director*

**Nick Brophy**, *DAV Patriot Boot Camp Director*

**Julian Purdy Deputy**, *Assistant Secretary of Policy of VETS with the DOL*

Few things are as important to veterans as caring for their families and engaging in worthwhile missions. Learn about the resources available to veterans through DAV and the Department of Labor.

**◆ Voluntary Services Seminar**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**John Kleindienst**, *National Voluntary Services Director***Ron Minter**, *Assistant National Voluntary Services Director***Oscar Olguin**, *Assistant National Voluntary Services Director***DAV Interim Hospital and Voluntary Services Committee**

Recruiting and retaining volunteers is critical to DAV's ability to keep promises to those who served. We will discuss the best practices, resources and importance of recruiting/retaining DAV volunteers for our programs and services.

**◆ Communications & Social Media Seminar**

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Avalon 5-7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Dan Clare**, *Chief Communications & Outreach Officer***Rob Lewis**, *National Communications Director***Todd Hunter**, *Deputy National Communications Director*

DAV chapters and volunteer coordinators are increasingly engaging the media to promote DAV's mission at the local level. This seminar focuses on the tools available to member leaders, including DAV PSAs and publicity kits. We'll discuss best practices for social media, how to leverage local media and discuss resources to help you leverage outreach to achieve DAV goals. We'll also provide an update on the women veterans report.

**◆ Chaplains Seminar**

1 – 2:15 p.m.

Avalon 10-13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Debra Varner**, *National Chaplain*

In this presentation, we'll discuss the important, but often misunderstood responsibilities of a DAV chaplain. To bring comfort and facilitate the spiritual needs of a diverse organization, it's critical that leaders know the role these elected officers play and collaborate and communicate effectively so they can properly interface and serve our members.



◆ **Planned Giving: Provide and Honor Seminar** 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Avalon 10–13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Jason Belland**, *Assistant National Director Personal Philanthropy Programs*

This seminar will provide valuable information on estate planning that will be beneficial for you and your family. In addition we will discuss tax wise giving strategies that can be advantageous for your philanthropic giving. Join us for this session and each attendee will get a free DAV gift and be entered for the chance to win one of (2) \$50.00 Amazon gift cards!

◆ **Women Veterans Seminar** 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.  
Avalon 5–7 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Naomi Mathis**, *Associate National Legislative Director (Moderator)*

**Lourdes Tiglao**, *Director, VA Center For Women Veterans*

**Matthew Miller**, *PhD, MPH Executive Director-VA Suicide Prevention—Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention*

**Mike Fisher**, *Chief Officer VA Readjustment Counseling Services*

Please join us at the Women Veteran's Seminar where three key VA Leaders will speak about women veterans' issues, mental health services, and the Vet Center program.

◆ **C&P Exams: What You Should Know Seminar** 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.  
Avalon 10–13 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Tony De Falco**, *Vice President, International Services & Security Compliance, Veterans Evaluation Services (VES)*

A Compensation and Pension (C&P) exam is one of the most important components used by the VA to determine your disability claim. Veterans Evaluation Services (VES), a Maximus company, will present an overview of what to expect during the C&P exam process and how VES can help Veterans and transitioning service members.

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# DAV AUXILIARY SCHEDULE

## Thursday, August 3, 2023

<b>Registration</b>	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wildwood 16–17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	
<b>Will Call (Registration)</b>	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wildwood Registration Desk 2–4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	
<b>Auxiliary National Executive Committee</b>	6:30 p.m.
Atlantic City Ballroom A-B (Third Level Coastal Tower)	

## Friday, August 4, 2022

<b>Registration</b>	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wildwood 16–17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	
<b>Will Call (Registration)</b>	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wildwood Registration Desk 2–4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)	
<b>Auxiliary Odd-Numbered District Meetings</b>	9 – 10:15 a.m.
(2nd Level Conference Ctr.)	
District 1	Avalon 18
District 3	Avalon 15
District 5	Avalon 19
District 7	Avalon 13
District 9	Avalon 1–3
District 11	Avalon 20
District 13	Avalon 21
District 15	Avalon 17
District 17	Avalon 23
District 19	Avalon 24
District 21	Avalon 22

**Auxiliary Even-Numbered District Meetings**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

(2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

District 2	Avalon 18
District 4	Avalon 15
District 6	Avalon 1-3
District 8	Avalon 17
District 10	Avalon 19
District 12	Avalon 21
District 14	Avalon 23
District 16	Avalon 22
District 18	Avalon 20
District 20	Avalon 13

**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

**Registration**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Will Call (Registration)**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wildwood Registration Desk 2-4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**DAV/Auxiliary Joint Opening Session**

8:30 a.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

*See Pages 8 for details.*

**Auxiliary First Business Session**

2 – 4 p.m.

Atlantic City Ballroom A-B (Third Level Coastal Tower)

**Auxiliary Convention Nominating Committee**

2:30 – 8 p.m.

Ocean City (Third Level Coastal Tower)

**DAV/Auxiliary National Commanders' Reception**

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Avalon 10-17 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

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**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**Memorial Service** 7:30 a.m.  
Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Registration** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Will Call (Registration)** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wildwood Registration Desk 2-4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Auxiliary Convention Nominating Committee** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Ocean City (Third Level Coastal Tower)

**Auxiliary Committee Meetings** 9 a.m.

Americanism	Atlantic City A (Third Level Coastal Tower)
Community Service	Atlantic City C (Third Level Coastal Tower)
Constitution & Bylaws	Atlantic City B (Third Level Coastal Tower)
Junior Activities	Atlantic City D (Third Level Coastal Tower)
Legislation	Longport (Third Level Coastal Tower)
Mae Holmes	Avalon 18-20 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)
VAVS	Avalon 1-3 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

**Registration** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

**Will Call (Registration)** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wildwood Registration Desk 2-4 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

### Auxiliary Second Business Session

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Atlantic City Ballroom A-B (Third Level Coastal Tower)

- First Reading of Constitution & Bylaws
- Education Scholarship Report
- Awards
- Second Reading of Constitution & Bylaws

### Forget-Me-Not Luncheon

12:30 p.m.

Avalon 14-17 (2nd Level Conference Ctr.)

### Fun Night, featuring the Lt. Dan Band | Cash Bar

8 - 10 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

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## Tuesday, August 8, 2023

### Registration

8 - 10 a.m.

Wildwood 16-17 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)

### Auxiliary Final Business Session

9 a.m.

Atlantic City Ballroom A-B (Third Level Coastal Tower)

- Installation of NEC
- Nomination and Election of Officers
- Unfinished Business

### Auxiliary National Executive Committee

Atlantic City Ballroom A-B (Third Level Coastal Tower)

*Immediately following Auxiliary Business Session*

### Introduction of National Officers Dinner

6:30 - 9 p.m.

Wildwood Ballroom 2-7 (1st Level Conference Ctr.)



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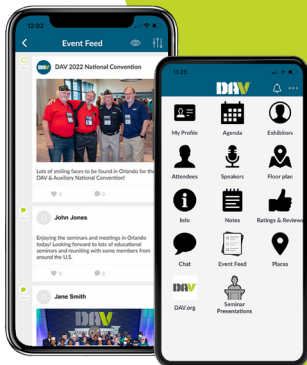
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