

November 1, 2023

TO: DAV California Leadership
FROM: Daniel Contreras, PSC, National 1st Sr. Vice Commander
CEO-Adjutant
Disabled American Veterans - Department of California
SUBJECT: 2024 Midwinter Conference

Leaders,

The DAV Department of California's Annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held this January 19 & 20, 2024, at The Hills Hotel, located at 25205 La Paz Rd Laguna Hills, CA 92653. Meetings will start on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 8:00 AM, and conclude on Saturday, January 20, 2024, immediately following the Commander's Reception. We have enclosed a tentative schedule of events for the conference.

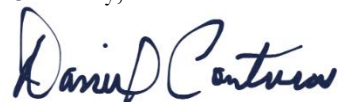
Chapter Service Officer (CSO) training will be offered this year. Members of the DAV will now be able to choose whether they would like to attend a more in depth CSO-I **OR** CSO-II training that will take place over two days. There will be an assessment test, to test functional knowledge prior to the beginning of the training sessions. If you would like for attendees to be "indemnified" and receive certificates from the National organization, they must be acknowledged on the Service Officer Addendums and returned to HQ@davcal.org no later than January 3, 2024.

If you need lodging, reservations will need to be made with The Hills Hotel prior to **Tuesday, December 26, 2023**. Room rates are \$129.00 Standard King plus tax per night. To receive the special DAV room rates, please inform the hotel when making your reservations that you are with the DAV Department of California (Please note, resort fees will be waived at check-out.) You can also visit our events page online at <https://www.davcal.org/midwinter-2024.html>. The link for Commander's Reception tickets will be listed there as well.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to initiate the conversations of Commander's Award recipients, as well as the forming of Resolutions for the Annual Conference in May. Please start to hold these conversations with your Chapters in your monthly meetings as well.

We hope you can join us, and we look forward to seeing you in the City of Laguna Hills!

Sincerely,



Daniel Contreras, PSC, National 1st Sr. Vice Commander
CEO-Adjutant
Disabled American Veterans Department of California



Service Officer Nominations

**DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO DAV NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
MAIL TO YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE COORDINATING THE CERTIFICATION TRAINING.**

(Please Type or Print)

Chapter or Department _____

Location: City _____ State _____

Address of Regular Meetings _____ / _____ / _____
Street Address City & State ZIP

Time & Day of Regular Meetings _____ / _____ / _____
Time Day Week of Month

Website Address _____ Chapter Phone _____

****Multiple nominations are not necessary.****

Nominee #1

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #2

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #3

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #4

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #5

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #6

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #7

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #8

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

Nominee #9

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Member Code# _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Fax (____) _____

The Preceding Names and Positions Are Hereby Certified By:

(Form must be signed by the new commander and new adjutant.)

Commander: _____ Date: _____

Adjutant: _____ Date: _____

**NOTE: MEMBERS CANNOT CONDUCT SERVICE WORK PRIOR TO COMPLETING
DEPARTMENT/CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING AND BECOMING CERTIFIED.**

Do not return this form to DAV National Headquarters. Mail to your local national service office coordinating the certification training.



MID-WINTER 2024
The Hills Hotel, Laguna Hills CA
January 19 & 20, 2024

Tentative Schedule

Friday, January 19, 2024

Membership Committee Meeting
Claims and Services Commission Meeting
Finance Committee Meeting
Line Officer Interviews
Chapter Service Officer Training / Re-cert Seminar Phase 1

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Announcements
Chapter Service Officer Training / Re-cert Seminar Phase 2
Chapter Service Officer Q&A Session with NSOs
Commanders Awards and Recognitions
Legislation Discussion
State Executive Committee & Brief
Commanders Reception

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Leadership,

On behalf of Disabled American Veterans - Department of California, thank you for the work you are doing in your district. The Department of California is currently seeking eligible candidates to run for the office of Junior Vice Commander.

As a leader in this community, we are requesting that you forward the attached **Candidate Questionnaire** to the members in your district who you feel are a potential candidate for Junior Vice Commander. The potential candidates for Junior Vice Commander must submit their bio, completed enclosed questionnaire and their letters of recommendations to HQ@davcal.org no later than December 15, 2023. This form can also be found on our events page at <https://www.davcal.org/midwinter-2024.html>.

On Friday, January 19, 2024, at the Department of California's Annual Mid-Winter Conference, prospective candidates will be interviewed. Each prospective candidate will be notified of the time of the interview beforehand.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to hearing from this year's candidates for Junior Vice Commander.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Contreras". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Contreras, PSC, National 1st Sr. Vice Commander
CEO - Adjutant
Disabled American Veterans Department of California



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

(To be filled out by a prospective Candidate for Department Line Officer)

Name:

Member of DAV Since:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Chapter No.:

Branch of Service:

Marine Corps

Army

Navy

Air Force

Coast Guard

Space Force

Service Dates:

Are You a Service-Connected Veteran?

Yes

No

Military Disabled Retiree?

Yes

No

Honorably Discharged?

Yes

No

If No. What Type?

Would you like to disclose an explanation?

Yes

No

Describe Your Educational Background and/or Your Vocational or Business Involvement.
(Use Additional Pages as Needed.)



List All Chapter, Department or Any National Offices Held.
(Also List Any Other DAV Involvement of Importance, E.G. VAVS)

Explain Your Accomplishments and Aspirations Revolving Around DAV. What Are Your Personal Talents and General or Unique Qualifications?

Explain Why You Are a Good Candidate for Our Department Line.
(Use Additional Pages as Needed.)

Candidates will be expected to give a 3–5-minute presentation to the committee, and take part in an interview session immediately following.

Attach letters of recommendation and endorsements from anyone from the department(s) and district(s).

All nominations must be submitted, with a complete bio, to DAV California Headquarters at HQ@davcal.org by December 15, 2023.

Gifts to members of the nominating committee are prohibited.