



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND, INC.

Building Better Lives for America's Disabled Veterans

**HAROLD E. WEBSTER
COMMANDER**

**JOSEPH S. CUOCCI
ADJUTANT**

23 January 2015

To: All Chapters & Units, Department Staff, PDCs, HSCs, NSOs, Maryland Service Foundation, National Order of Trench Rats, Department Committee Chairs, PSCs, State Commander and Adjutant

From: Joseph S. Cuocci
Department Adjutant

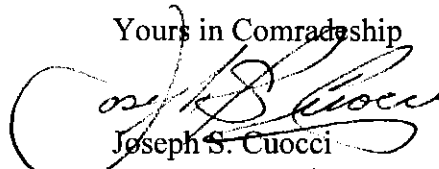
Subject: 71st Convention Updated Information

The 71st Annual Convention for the Department of Maryland Disabled American Veterans will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel and Convention Center located on 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842. Convention events will start on May 28th, and end on May 30, 2015 with the Commander's Banquet, at six o'clock. The room rate is \$125.00 for Pool side/Ocean View per night and does not include tax, cutoff date for DAV Rate is 3/30/15. Reservations for this event can and should be made now. To reserve your reservations for this event, you may contact the hotel by calling 1-800-476-9253 or 410-524-7777 and ask for Reservations. **Note:** Any reservations done on online will not get DAV Rate. Also Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hotel and its surroundings.

The Department is asking that if there are any suggestions for possible training during the upcoming Convention, please contact the Department Office at 410-539-1310 ASAP.

Attached are the Tentative Agenda for the DAV and DAVA Convention, Rules of the Convention, Forget-Me-Not Luncheon information, and Convention Banquet Reservations Sheet. Please make your reservations for Forget-Me-Not and Convention Banquet Tickets before May 1st, 2015. **Note: there will be NO Convention Banquet Tickets sold at Convention.**

Yours in Comradship



Joseph S. Cuocci
Department Adjutant

Attachments: (5)



**71st Annual Convention
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND, INC.
(TENTATIVE AGENDA)**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Located downstairs

3:00 – 5:00 pm Registration Premiere Lobby

Thursday, May 28, 2015

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration Premiere Lobby
9:00 am – 9:45 am Continental Breakfast Premiere Lobby
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Joint Opening Session/Memorial Service Caribbean D&E (Theatre)
(Business Dress Attire Please)
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration Premiere Lobby
1:30 pm– 3:00 pm NSO Information Seminar Caribbean D&E (Theatre)
7: 00 pm – 10:00 pm Bingo Night Caribbean B&C (Classroom)

Friday, May 29, 2015

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration Premiere Lobby
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Business Session Caribbean D&E (Theatre)
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Forget-Me-Not Luncheon Palmetto 4&5
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Registration Premiere Lobby
9:00 am – 5: 00 pm Business Session Caribbean B&C (Classroom)
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm DAV/DAVA CMDR'S Reception Suite 227/229/Atrium (pool area)

- Hospitality Room (Drinks) open 5-11 pm
- Hospitality Room (Food) open 7-9 pm

Saturday, May 30, 2015

7:30 am – 9:00 am PDC Breakfast Schooners
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration Premiere Lobby
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Business Session (Election of Officers) Caribbean D&E
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Cocktails Palmetto 2&3
6-10 pm Convention Banquet (Buffet Dinner & Dance) Palmetto 4&5

- Commanders DAVA/DAV Officers at 6:15 (outside banquet Room)
- Social Hour 5-6 pm (Cash Bar) – 6:00 pm take seats for introduction by National Rep (DAV/DAVA Officers)
- Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 31, 2015

11:00 am Check out-time—have a safe trip home

1. The schedule of activities listed in the Convention Program shall be the Official "Orders of the Day" except as noted below.
2. The convention shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department and parliamentary procedures as prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order.
3. For the purpose of recognition, any delegate at this Convention shall:
 - (1) Stand
 - (2) Address the Chair as "Commander"
 - (3) State his/her name Chapter or Title
 - (4) Proceed to speak ONLY after being recognized by the Chair
4. Recognition shall be granted ONLY ONCE, TO ANY ONE SPEAKER ON ANY ONE SUBJECT. No speaker shall discourse for a period longer than five (5) minutes on any one subject, except by consent of two thirds (2/3's) of the Delegates present. A rebuttal of not more than two (2) minutes may be permitted, including rebuttal by the original speaker.
5. A Chapter's Registration Fee must be paid prior to any recognition of a Chapter Delegate to vote.
6. No Chapter shall have it's Delegates seated if such Chapter is indebted to the Department of Maryland exist or has not sent in it's annual financial report.
7. Resolutions must be written and submitted in triplicate to the Department Adjutant for record and transmittal to the appropriate Committee of the Convention as early as possible, but not later than 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday May 26, 2015.
8. No resolution may be discussed by the Convention, until it has been reported out by a Convention Committee.
9. Resolutions not reported favorably by a Convention Committee, may be presented from the floor subsequent to the report of the Committee to which the resolution was presented for consideration. Conventions Committee may comment on resolution not reported favorable and provide reasons for their recommendation.
10. Resolutions failing the approval of a Convention Committee may be considered by the Convention, without prejudice, if presented from the floor by proponents of such resolution, upon discharge of the Committee to which the resolution was referred.

11. No Convention Committee shall accept for consideration, or give consideration to, any resolution the subject matter of which does not pertain to the duties and functions of the particular Committee. Any such resolution shall be returned the Department Administrator for disposition.
12. Convention Committees may originate, sponsor, or consolidate resolutions as may be desired by the Committee and which pertain to subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee.
13. Discussion of personal grievances, local conditions, claims involving one individual only, or matters of personal interest shall not be in order at the Convention, but such matters may be presented to a proper Committee of the Convention for such action as said Committee may deem appropriate.
14. Delegates and Department Officers shall be seated in the forward area of the Convention Hall and visitors shall be seated in the rear of the hall.
15. Each Chapter Delegation shall elect a Chairman, who shall announce the votes of the Delegation. When a poll of any Delegation is demanded by a member of the Delegation entitled to vote, the Chairman shall poll the Delegation without discussion or debate.
16. In the event there is a challenge in any Chapter Delegation concerning the candidate for election, a ten (10) minute recess may be allowed to caucus the vote, upon the request of the Delegation Chairman, but with the provision that should the Delegation not return at the specified time or expiration of the recess, the vote of the Delegation shall not be recorded.
17. Voting shall be by voice and nominations for Department Office shall be made from the floor. At the time prescribed for election of Officers the Presiding Officer shall announce that nominations are in order for Department Officers. He shall give ample time to any and all for the nominating a member in good standing for the Department Office. Nominations shall not be closed, until the Presiding Officer has stated three (3) times "Are there any more Nominations?"
18. The Registration Desk will close at 9:45 A.M. on Saturday.
19. The election of Department Officers for the year 2015-2016 shall begin on Saturday, at the ending of Business Session providing all other Convention Business has been disposed of.
20. The Presiding Officer shall announce the election at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the designated time. The Installation of Officers will be held immediately after elections.

21. No more than two (2) nominating speeches shall be made on behalf of a candidate, and such speech shall be limited to three (3) minutes. While not required, seconding speeches may be made, but shall be limited to one (1) minute.
22. In the event of more than two (2) candidates nominated for one office, balloting shall continue until one candidate has received a majority of votes cast.
23. At least five (5) Chapters must join a request for a Roll Call on any subject.
24. All registered Delegates entering the Convention Hall shall wear badges and the Sergeant at Arms shall enforce this rule at the Convention.
25. The Nominating Committee will give their report prior to the ending of Business Session on Friday.
26. No motions can be made under the Good of the Order.

**CONVENTION BANQUET DANCE RESERVATION
For Guests**

Please Print Legibly or Type All Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE _____ **ZIPCODE** _____

I would like _____ Ticket(s) at \$40.00 each

Total enclosed \$ _____ (Payment must be made at time of purchase)

Buffet Style Menu consisting of:

- Minestrone Soup
- Caesar Salad
- Antipasto Display w/Chilled Slices of Prosciutto, Salami & Capocollo
- Sliced Provolone, Marinated Vegetables, Pepperoncini & Olives served w/Crostini
- Chicken Marsala Served w/Buttered Fettuccine
- Eye Round w/Demi Glaze
- Sauteed Zucchini & Yellow Squash w/Onions & Tomatoes
- Italian Bread & Garlic Bread
- Cannolis, Eclairs & Cream Filled Horns
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee and Iced Tea

Cash Bar

Tickets are to be picked up at DAV Registration desk at Convention

Note: There will be NO tickets sold at Convention.

Mail your reservation request NO Later than May 1, 2015:

**DAV, DEPT. OF MD
War Memorial Bldg., Rm B
101 N. Gay Street
Baltimore, MD 21202**

You may reproduce this form for other guests attending.



FORGET-ME-NOT LUNCHEON

TO HONOR

DAV AUXILIARY STATE COMMANDER

Claudia Holt

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

Palmetto 4&5

Tossed Garden Salad w/ blue cheese & Balsamic Vinegar dressing

Open Faced Roast Beef on Texas Toast w/Brown Gravy

Chefs featured Vegetable of Day

Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter

Apple Pie w/Whip Cream

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, and Ice Tea

\$22.00 DONATION PER PERSON

**Reservations may be made with Miriam Boles (301) 994-0848.
Tickets will be available at the APRIL DEC/SEC Meetings.
SEATING IS LIMITED. Call ASAP to make your reservation,
reservations must be made by May 24th, 2015. Make Checks
Payable to DAVA, State Department of Maryland.**