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SUBJECT: DAV & Auxiliary Virtual Salute

As you all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has, unfortunately, forced the cancellation or postponement of many of our key events this year, including the 2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention. While the outbreak has presented numerous challenges that have required a tremendous amount of flexibility, our team has remained committed to recognizing the people and companies whose dedication to America's disabled veterans fuels and inspires our mission.

To that end, we will be hosting a special online event to recognize our distinguished members and supporters and to look back on this unprecedented year. The **DAV & Auxiliary Virtual Salute** will debut on our website next Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. Eastern time. You can join the live event at [DAV.org/VirtualSalute](https://dav.org/VirtualSalute) or on our [Facebook page](#).

The event will look back on the year in service and highlight the 2020 DAV Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year and other award recipients. It will also feature brief remarks from National Commander Stephen "Butch" Whitehead, National Adjutant Marc Burgess and Auxiliary National Commander Diane Franz, along with remarks from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie and other special guests. Seminars and other educational video content will be posted on the website as well.

I ask that you all please tune in and share the word of the DAV & Auxiliary Virtual Salute with your fellow members and veterans. We simply could not accomplish all we do on their behalf without the support of those who will be recognized and the programs they support, and they deserve the biggest spotlight possible.


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