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DAV CALIFORNIA NEWS



come to our
CONVENTION
in Anaheim

join us!

at
DAV Department of California

CONVENTION

MAY 15-18, 2024



Join us in Orange County for DAV California's 102nd Annual Convention on May 15-18 at the Hotel Fera Anaheim. Be a part of the DAV team and be educated by special guests and workshops. Make your voice heard on the issues that impact you, and learn how to better help veterans in your chapter and around the state.

Our 102nd Annual convention is sure to be an enjoyable one. The Hotel Fera Anaheim offers firework views and easy shuttle access to the Disney Parks. Just down the road from Angel Stadium and the Crystal Cathedral, The Fera features great restaurants, an outdoor pool, and those warm DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookies on arrival.

Also, thanks to our Convention Chair, Jose Mendoza, we will be raffling off over \$10,000 in prizes, giving away lots of donated swag and bringing in plenty of exciting community partners and guests from Nasa, Feeding America, and more!

Our Friday Fun Night will be Disco themed, so we hope you pull that leisure suit out of your closet and come fully prepared to shake your groove thing. There will be a DJ, dancing, prizes, entertainment, 360 photobooth and more! Bring the family and come ready for fun, comradery and growth. See you there!

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May 15-18, 2024
at Hotel Fera Anaheim
100 The City Dr.
Orange, CA 92868
(833) 301-0994

You're
Invited!

We invite you to join in the action at our 102nd Annual DAV convention, taking place May 15-18, 2024 in beautiful Anaheim, CA. Connect with members from around the state and share ideas. Catch up on the latest information from DAV and learn about what's impacting veterans in California. Attend workshops to better equip yourself as a leader and bring back helpful information to your chapter. Party it up with us at fun night. We will be joined by special guests, National Adjutant, Barry Jesinoski and Auxiliary National Commander, AnnMarie Hurley. Come out for good times, fellowship and collaboration!

CEO-Adjutant
DAV Department of California
National Sr. Vice Commander

Daniel Contreras



CONVENTION SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- 0800-1200 Registration
- 0900-1030 Claims & Service
- 1045-1200 Finance Committee
- 1330-1600 SEC Committee

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- 0800-1200 Registration

District Meetings:

- 0830-1000 District #1
- District #2
- District #3
- District #4
- 1000-1130 District #5
- District #6
- District #7

- 1300-1600 Joint Opening

- 1700-1800 Joint Memorial

Friday, May 17, 2024

- 0800-1200 Registration

Committee Meetings:

- 0800-0900 Employment
- Legislation/Vets Rights
- Resolutions/Membership
- 0900-1000 Constitution & Bylaws
- Women Veterans
- Hospital/Volunteerism
- 1000-1200 Workshop
- 1300-1600 1st General Business
- 1900-2200 Fun Night

Saturday, May 18, 2024

- 0900-1200 Chapter Leadership Forum
- 1330-1500 2nd General Business
- 1830-2030 Commander Reception

JOIN US FOR
FUN NIGHT



at the
DAV CALIFORNIA CONVENTION
HOTEL FERA ANAHEIM

GAMES!

DANCING!

PRIZES!

DJ!

FOOD!

**PHOTOBOOTH!
& MORE!**

DAV TAKES DC



*CEO-Adjutant/National Sr. Vice, Daniel, PSC
with Congressman Takano*



*Chapter #154 Commander, David
Boatwright & Legislative Chair, JR Wilson,
PSC, with Congressman Obernolte*

Every year, DAV members from across the country join forces in Washington DC to advocate for veterans and their families on Capitol Hill. A big thanks to all of you who came out this year, in early March, to make your voices heard. Our organization is all about veterans looking out for each other and working to make sure everyone in the veteran community receives the care they earned. In order to carry out this mission, our national organization sets critical policy goals and brings these to our lawmakers.

If you would like to see real and lasting change happen for veterans in California, or around the country, I would urge you to sign up for the Commander's Action Network ([CLICK HERE](#)), which will send you alerts on legislation that could impact you and your family, and what you can do about it. Also, check out our current national policy goals ([CLICK HERE](#)) to familiarize yourself with the work our legislative team is doing and add your voice to the conversation. Have questions about how to advocate for veterans' benefits? Reach out to the Benefits Protection Team at bptl@davcal.org and start making a difference today!

WANT TO SPARK CHANGE? WRITE A RESOLUTION!

**CLICK
HERE!**

- Have an idea for a new or changed policy?
- Resolutions are due April 15, 2024

*for more on DAV's current legislative issues
& a Resolution Template.*

Donate Your Car!

**Have an old or extra car?
Donate it to DAV & help Veterans in California!**

Call 833-227-4328 or visit dav.careasy.org



EMAIL US AT NEWS@DAVCAL.ORG WITH INFO OR PHOTOS OF CHAPTER EVENTS SO WE CAN SHARE WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Volunteer **DRIVE** *to help veterans*



**DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ONE DAY PER WEEK AVAILABLE?
VETERANS IN CALIFORNIA NEED YOUR HELP!**

Volunteers use VA-provided vehicles to transport patients from their homes to their VA appointments and back. A background check and physical will be required, at no cost.

**CALL 562-404-1266
TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER!**



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SUPPORT DAV'S THRIFT STORES!

Do you have clothing or household goods to donate? Reach out to your nearest DAV thrift operation and set up a pickup today!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Your donations provide injured and ill veterans with rehabilitative services & financial support through the DAV California Rehabilitation Foundation.

FRESNO AREA

559-237-0273
davcharities.com

POMONA AREA

800-238-8387
davpickupservice.org

SAN DIEGO AREA

800-894-2486
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