



90th Annual Convention 2022

Committee Reports



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May 31, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Rita Aberegg, Audit Chair

Subject: Report of the Audit Committee

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022 through May 31, 2022

The Audit Committee is comprised of Rita Aberegg (7), Stephen Perkins (29), Cecil Edwards (60), John Simmons (22), and Vincent Remsen (2). The Audit Committee has not met since the Fall Conference of 2021. Stephen Perkins has reviewed all vouchers since then and the Audit Committee will not meet to review those that have been submitted while we are at the Annual Convention.

The John Simmons from the Audit Committee has reviewed the Quarterly Distribution Reports of those chapters receiving funds from the Thrift Stores. We intend to review any discrepancies with the pertinent personnel of each chapter, to ensure the funds received are being used for Service to Veterans. This is a Work in Progress and the committee is open to suggestions on how we can make filing these Quarterly Reports as easy as possible.

I look forward to meeting with as many comrades as feel comfortable attending the Annual Convention. It's been a hard year and I know the light at the end of the tunnel is fresh air and freedom for us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Aberegg



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MEMORANDUM

FOR: 2022 Department Convention
FROM: PDC Lisa Gregory, Awards Committee Chair
Subject: Report of the Awards Committee

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022 through May 31, 2022

The awards committee is working on a rewrite of the current guide to help clarify some of the guidelines and include new information that will follow the National Commander Awards Program. Once completed it will be sent to each Chapter Commander and Adjutant and be available on the Department website at virginiadav.org under the administration tab, and forms.

Once the convention is completed, we will be open to accept awards for the Fall Conference after July 15th.

The following Awards can be nominated for to be presented at Fall Conference:

- Outstanding Chapter of the Year
- Outstanding Community Service by a Chapter (W. Pat White Award)
- Outstanding Community Service by a Member (W. Pat White Award)
- Outstanding Volunteer Service (Emmanuel N. Vlattas Award)
- Outstanding Chapter Service Officer (Phyllis B. Simmons Award)

The following awards will be based reports from the National Membership System:

- NSO Membership Recruiter of the Year
- Membership Recruiter of the Year
- Membership Award for Chapter/Highest Numerical Increase
- Membership Award for Chapter/ Highest Percentage Increase

The Committee will be presenting a seminar on June 16th at 11:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing Chapters submit members and others that deserve to be recognized.

Respectfully submitted,

PDC Lisa Gregory

Chair, Dept. Awards Committee



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June 1, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR: 90th Annual Department Convention 2022
FROM: Shawn B. Ware, Chair
Subject: Report of the Employment Committee

This report is for the period March 14, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

We have continued to work closely with the Chapters, DSC Committees, and VEC (LVER/DVOP Specialists) to foster relationships, share information, and assist veterans in the community. We received two direct requests for veteran employment assistance: one from Chapter 13 and one from Chapter 34. We were able to provide the veterans with employment resources and connect them with a LVER to assist with finding employment. I also had the opportunity to visit several chapters to make introductions and give an overview of the committee and how we can help veterans seeking employment.

We launched a committee Facebook page ([@virginiadavemploymentcommittee](https://www.facebook.com/virginiadavemploymentcommittee)) as another valuable resource to communicate and share information. So far, we only have 35 followers. If you haven't done so, please like and follow this page so you can receive and share the information we post. This will help us increase our presence and get information and resources out to those who need it.

On the legislative side, we identified and submitted three employment-related legislative proposals (resolutions) for consideration during Department Annual Convention: 1) Support Prompt Payment of Contracts to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses; 2) Support Legislation Enhancing Government-Wide Goals for Participation by Small Businesses Owned and Controlled by Service-Disabled Veterans; and 3) Support Outreach to and Employment of Women Veterans.

I would like to thank our committee members: Will Bible (60), Sha'ron Dorsey-Monroe (2), La Juanda Gray-Parks (2), and PDC Lisa Gregory (7, Ex-Officio) for their support and work on this committee. I would also like to personally thank everyone else who provided support, feedback, and encouragement along the way. I am thankful for the opportunity, and it has been my pleasure to serve you all and our fellow veterans on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn B. Ware



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MEMORANDUM

FOR: 90th Annual Convention - 2022
FROM: David Cuff, Chair
Subject: Report of the Finance Committee

This report is for the period March 14, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

The Finance Committee plan to meet on June 10th in the Department Headquarters and/or via To-Go-Meeting to prepare a draft budget for the 2022-2023 accounting year. Treasurer Cox will present a draft budget based on financial data from the prior two fiscal years and year-to date data. All budget guidelines will be reviewed, and changes made as appropriate. The committee will meet, if necessary, prior to the convention to finalize the draft budget and budget guidelines for presentation at the 4th DEC.

I hope that the convention will be productive and enjoyable for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cuff



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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Thomas Wendel Benefits Protection Team Leader
Subject: Report of the Benefits Protection Team Leader/Legislative Committee

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022, through May 31, 2022

Conducted BPTL Seminar at Spring conference

Conducted Resolution Seminar at Spring conference

Signed up 12 new people to the Commanders Action Network

Attended two Legislative webinars

Submitted 1 BPTL newsletter

It has been my honor to serve as the Department of Virginia's Benefit Protection Team Leader (BPTL) for the past 3 years. Due to health and family reasons I won't be able to continue as your BPTL. I want to thank everyone for your assistance over the years. With your help I believe we have changed laws and made a difference.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Wendel

BPTL



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May 31st, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR: 2022 Annual Convention
FROM: Rodney Craig, Membership Chairman
Subject: Membership Report

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022, through May 31, 2022

The Membership portal is up and running. Departments/Chapters/Members can obtain access at mydav.org.

Who has access?

Members have access to his/her own membership record

Department Officers: Commanders, Adjutants, Senior Vice Commanders, and Officer to receive the mail. They have access to membership records of all members within his/her department. They also have access to pull and run reports.

Chapter Officers: Commander, Adjutant, Senior Vice Commander, and Officer to receive mail. They have access to membership records of all members within his/her Chapter.

Congratulations to the following chapters for meeting the membership goal for the year: Chapter 3, 13, 15, 20, 22, 30, and 58.

If anyone has anyone have any questions, please contact me at 757 383-3501 or rodneycraig@cox.net

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Craig

Chapter 27



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June 1st, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR: 2022 Convention
FROM: Jim Procnier, PDC; Webmaster
Subject: Report of the Social Media Committee

This report is for the period March 14, 2022 through May 31, 2022, and is submitted on behalf of Chair Shane Liermann and the entire committee.

FACEBOOK: Department-of-Virginia-Disabled-American-Veterans

Over 20 different posts during this period and now our page has 1345 followers, which is an increase from the last report. Our follower's breakdown shows that 57% men and 43% women. There have been some changes in the gender breakdown for the age groups noted below:

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Tanya Canty, Chair, Emergency Relief

Subject: Report of the DAV Virginia Emergency Relief Committee

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022, through May 31, 2022.

Although the pandemic is slowing down and most restrictions have been lifted, COVID-19 definitely impacted our service delivery. During this reporting period, some DAV Chapters continued to limit their 'in person' contacts, instead using telephone and virtual formats as their best methods to provide much needed support and resources. Other chapters have opened their doors on a 'by appointment' basis to engage veterans and better understand their needs. No matter the choice, our DAV Chapters ensured they safely protected their chapter members and the veterans they served. Our Chapters also continued to rely on partner agencies and other local organizations that support veterans and their families.

During this reporting period, veterans and their families received financial assistance for short-term emergencies to cover rent, lodging, utility payments, car notes, furniture, and food.

DAV Chapter 2: Expended \$2273.32 for 12 veterans and their families for lodging and other supportive services.

DAV Chapter 5: Expended \$3553.36 for 6 veteran families for rent and utilities.

DAV Chapter 6: Expended \$1500 for 3 veteran families for rent and utilities.

DAV Chapter 7: Expended \$500 for a veteran family for utility assistance. Also received 20 children's bicycles from a community partner to distribute to veteran families.

DAV Chapter 13: Expended \$972 for 3 veterans and their families for housing, rent and a car payment.

Subject: Report of the DAV Virginia Emergency Relief Committee

DAV Chapter 20: Expended \$650 for 3 veterans and their families for housing, food, and furniture. DAV Chapter 20 also referred 18 veterans to community partners for additional resources.

DAV Chapter 21: Expended \$2410.89 for 6 veterans and their families for rent and utility assistance, lodging, fuel, and furniture.

DAV Chapter 22: Expended \$592.95 to assist a veteran with lodging.

DAV Chapter 34: Zero funds expended during this reporting period.

DAV Chapter 58: Zero funds expended during this reporting period.

We are committed to doing the work that support our veterans and their families. We will continue to link our veterans to community partners and others to build a network of resources and we will remain hopeful for a brighter future as we work through new economic realities and pandemic challenges.

Sincerely,

Tanya Canty
Chairperson
Virginia DAV Emergency Relief Committee



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MEMORANDUM

FOR: 2022 Department Convention
FROM: Lisa Gregory, Chair, Dept. Homeless Committee
Subject: Report of the Homeless Committee

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022 through May 31, 2022

Greetings,

During this period the Committee has worked to utilize local, state and federal resources to assist with temporary housing for Homeless Veterans and working to get them connected to the proper resources to meet their needs. This information may sound repetitive to many, but it is important since some needs of Homeless Veterans can be outside the scope or monetary amounts DAV Chapters can offer.

Working through this time with several organizations we are starting to see an increase of requests to cover hotel costs. I ask Chapters to do what you can, but to be mindful that some assistance can be a one-time grant, and they may have a more pressing need down the road. If another agency can house a Veteran then look at offering assistance with more emergency needs the Veteran may have, i.e. food, clothing, hygiene items, etc. We feel this will be more useful in meeting the upfront needs for the Veteran.

In times where local resources may take longer to access the Department does have funds to allow Chapters to immediately house a Veteran temporarily. After working with agencies through the pandemic the priority now is to make sure Veterans are housed and safe. I would still encourage immediate contact with any agency that maintains a database to ensure they do not get disqualified from other programs due to our help.

I would also like to thank the Line Officers for coordination cross Chapter support in several cases. We have to remember we are here to work together regardless of our locations.

Other Chapters that have offered assistance and reported back are Chapter 2, offering \$1,000 in funds for temporary housing, Chapter 7, is currently working to assist moving a Homeless Veteran into a new home, and Chapter 13 has assisted with over \$650 in Homeless assistance.

We know other Chapters are working to assist as well and we would like to be able to highlight your efforts here. Thank you also to the work of the Emergency Relief Committee for assisting as well.

If we can utilize the services out there, such as the VA Homeless Transition Team, Local Shelters, Virginia Veteran and Family Support, The United Way, The Red Cross and many others, we can provide what is needed to help get Homeless Veterans into permanent and safe housing.

Thank you for all you do everyday!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gregory

Chair, Homeless Committee



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May 20, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Department 90th Annual Convention

FROM: Philissa Marable, Chair, Women Veterans Committee

SUBJECT: Report of the Women Veterans Committee

This report is for the period March 14, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

Met with Congresswoman Elaine Luria, the following topics were discussed:

- MST, Suicide, PTSD, Care at the VAMC Women's Clinic, and other legislation pertinent to women veterans' concerns.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the MST Claims Coordination Act, 417-0, sponsored by Elaine Luria. The Act will help survivors of military sexual assault and harassment access medical care and mental health services.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act, 420-0, sponsored by Elaine Luria. The Act ensures every medical facility managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs contains a lactation space for mothers.

Met with Michael Harper, Associate Director of Operations VAMC, the following topics were discussed:

- Women Veteran Concerns (similar to the items discussed with Congresswoman Luria)
- The potential closure of VAMC Hampton and its effect on access to care for Women Veterans

Meeting and greeting via Zoom – to plan and implement the following:

- Disseminated the Women Veterans Committee Newsletter March 2022
- Women Veterans Committee Newsletter June 2022 – working stage
- WVC presentation for Annual Convention – working stage
- Attend/Participate in Flag Day Ceremony (Norfolk, VA) – working stage
- Developing or supporting resolutions related to women veterans – working stage

Additional items of interest:

- Attended VWVP Women Veteran Pinning Ceremony at Virginia War Memorial (March 2022)
- Attended VWVP Women Veteran Wednesday (March 2022) (family, employment, financial resources, etc...)
- S.A.V.E. Our Heroes Suicide Prevention Training – Virtual (May 2022)
- Outreach to Women Veterans (Freedom Sings support group, wellness checks, send cards, etc...)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Philissa Marable
Chair, Women Veterans Committee
DAV Department of Virginia**



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MEMORANDUM

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TWITTER: @DavVirginia

Original Tweets:	25
Number of Impressions:	5,519
Profile visits:	23
Total followers:	956
New followers:	13

For the reporting period we had an average of 72.6 impressions per day. Demographics of followers remains nearly steady at 51% male and 49% female.

Since February 2016, we have sent 5,083 Tweets.

WEBSITE: VirginiaDAV.org

Total number of visits since Oct 2016: 52,431 (+3,687 since Mar 2022)

- Average of 9,198 per year, 782.5 per month, 25.35 per day

Chat line & DAV Info email: 165 individual requests for claim assistance, Emergency Relief, inquiries from members and Chapters, and general info request. 8 of those requests came from out-of-state.

Notes:

1. Very few of our Chapters with social media accounts are active and/or re-posting content.
2. Still no submissions of any upcoming activities or events from Chapters so we can assist with publicizing or reporting.
3. We still get quite a few Chapters trying to send in reports and documents to the Department Adjutant via the VirginiaDAVinfo@gmail account. Please sent all reports directly to the Adjutant on his email.

Respectfully submitted,

James Procunier

James Procunier, PDC
Webmaster



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MEMORANDUM

FOR: 2022 Annual Department 90th Convention
FROM: Jeff Ogilvie Chairman, IVAC Committee
Subject: Report of the IVAC Committee

This report is for the period March 14th, 2022 through May 31, 2022

I was informed by a Veteran that there are 2 Veterans in a facility that need help to file a claim. Both of these facilities are far from my home, and I have tried to reach another DAV organization to help.

Other than that the facilities that were contacted are still not letting everyone in due to Covid just family and Chaplains.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ogilvie
Chair, IVAC Committee