

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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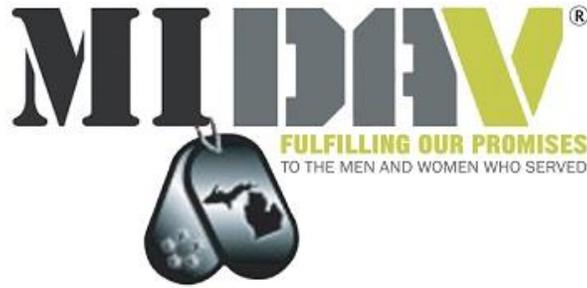
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State Adjutant

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Dear Chapter Commanders and Chapter Adjutants,

During this unprecedented time in our country, and with the restrictions that have been placed on the State of Michigan to combat COVID-19, the DAV Department of Michigan officers would like to remind/inform all chapters of the following, effective immediately:

1. Chapter meetings should be cancelled immediately until further notice.
2. Fundraising/ballot requests for all future fundraising events are suspended immediately until further notice. Scheduled events in the near future that have been approved should be formally cancelled as appropriate and prudent in the interest of safety.
3. All DAV voluntary programs are cancelled until further notice including the transportation and VAWS programs.
4. The 2020 DAV state convention has been CANCELLED. This includes service officer training.
5. All State and Chapter Line Officers will remain in place until current restrictions are lifted and meetings/elections can be held. Chapters will be notified when elections can resume.
6. SERVICE PROGRAM: All National and Department Service Officers across the State of Michigan are not in their offices and are working remotely and are continuing to offer assistance to our Veterans via email and phone. All Service Office inquiries should be sent via email to dav.vbadet@va.gov. We ask that everyone remain patient as increased wait times are possible.
7. Department Headquarters staff is working remotely to the maximum extent possible and is closed to all walk-in visitors. We remain available by phone and email and will respond as quickly as possible to any questions you may have. Please send all general email inquiries to headquarters@davmichigan.com.
8. We ask that you monitor our website for the most up to date information at www.mi-dav.org, and our Facebook page. If you are not able to access the internet, we recommend contacting an officer or member of your chapter to access to ensure the membership of your chapter stays informed.



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In this time of national emergency, it is important that we remain in contact with our chapter members; especially those among us who may not have a support network, family or friends. These are lonely times for everyone, and especially so for them. While this brutal and unforgiving pandemic may prevent us from comforting our brothers and sisters with our physical presence, we can do our part by reaching out to those in need via phone, and other electronic methods.

Please be safe everyone. We are in this fight together.

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