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SUBJECT: 2020 DAV National Convention Cancellation

Out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of DAV members, their families, our guests and staff have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Dallas, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We have continued to monitor conditions and guidance over the past few months in the hopes that it would be possible to forward with our most important annual gathering. However, based on guidance and feedback we've received from a variety of sources, we would not be able to effectively host an event that would allow us to complete our important business and ensure the safety of our veterans, Auxiliary members, families and other important guests.

We will issue updates to the national convention page online at dav.org/events/2020-national-convention/ and use other channels to inform our members. We'll ultimately be hosting a digital event to recognize our volunteers and leaders while delivering important mission-related information. Understandably, as the national convention has only been canceled once before in our organization's history, you may have questions concerning the status of normal proceedings and elections. I encourage you to visit the national convention page for guidance on these and other issues. We'll be updating it as needed.

We remain incredibly grateful for your understanding during this extraordinary time. For your continued safety, we encourage you to follow the instructions given by the CDC, and to keep reaching out to your fellow department and chapter members to stay socially connected while maintaining physical distance.

The 2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention was to usher in our centennial celebration, and we have all very much looked forward to marking the 100th anniversary together in Dallas. But health and well-being of our community of veterans and advocates are paramount. These disruptions will not ultimately stop us from commemorating DAV's century of service when it once again becomes safe to do so and we will continue to plan to host activities in the Cincinnati area in September. We look forward to seeing you all next year at the [2021 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention](#) in Reno, Nevada.

Thank you for your patience and support, and stay safe.


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