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Next Monthly meeting is:

Wednesday March 27, 2024

E-board Please Wear "RED" Shirts

(We wore BLUE Last Month)

Setup Volunteers Please arrive at 4:00 PM
to assist with the meeting room setup.

1700 E-board meeting in back room
1800-1900 Social Hour (Meal Time)
1900-TBA Membership general meeting

Feeling Generous and want to make a Donation to our chapter?

Donate by Mail

Make Checks Payable to: "DAV - Chapter #23"

**DAV Chapter #23
PO Box 10335
Santa Ana, CA 92711**

Your gift gives ill and injured veterans the opportunity to live a life with respect and dignity. Help change the lives of even more veterans in need with a donation to DAV today.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAV Chapter 23
2024-2025 E-Board

Nominations and Voting
Must be Present to be Nominated and To Vote



RESOURCES



Free Mental Health App for Veterans and their Families

Unlock free access to 24/7 live mental health groups in [Innerworld](#). Become an anonymous avatar and connect with other Veterans and their family members in live virtual support groups. You can learn life-changing tools and help others on topics like depression, anxiety, PTSD, transitioning to civilian life and more.

[DOWNLOAD NOW](#)



Watch Out for Common Scams and Fraud Affecting Veterans

In this episode of The BLUF, we look at how being aware of scams and frauds can help safeguard your VA benefits and your identity.

[WATCH](#)



Protect Yourself this Tax Season: Tips for Veterans to Avoid Scams

Veterans and their families are particularly vulnerable targets of scams during tax season, with scammers often exploiting their personal information and circumstances. Check out these tips on how to protect your information.

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A Veteran's Vulnerability Unlocks Mental Healing

Yasmeen became severely depressed after witnessing a fellow Sailor die while in the Navy. After attempting self-harm, she knew it was time to seek help. Watch Yasmeen describe the crucial role that VA counseling played in her mental health journey.

[LISTEN TO HER STORY](#)



File Your Taxes for FREE: Eligible Taxpayers in 12 States Can Now Use IRS Direct File

The IRS Direct File pilot enables eligible taxpayers in [12 states](#), including Arizona, California, Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, to file taxes directly with the IRS for free, simplifying the process.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Free Service to Help Preserve and Share Your Military Service Story

Together We Served is offering Veterans a free service to help preserve and share your memories and photos of key people and events from your military service. You can share this presentation with friends and family.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Your Claim Exam Questions Answered

After filing a disability claim, you may have some lingering questions about what comes next in the claims process. Many Veterans wonder what will happen at their [VA claim exam](#) (also known as a compensation and pension, or C&P



exam). To help answer these questions, VA has updated two websites to [provide current information on frequently asked questions](#).



Join DAV California for our Upcoming Convention!



The 2024 Annual Convention of the Department of California will be held May 15-18, 2024 at the The Hotel Fera in Anaheim (100 The City Dr. Orange, CA 92868)! *Committee meetings will begin May 15th and the convention festivities begin on May 16th.*

Room rates are \$129+tax. You must make your reservations for the Hotel Fera before the Friday April 19th, 2024 cutoff date in order to receive our group rate. Contact the hotel to make reservations directly by calling (833) 301-0994. Please make sure that you request the group rate for the “Disabled American Veterans Department of California 2024 California State Convention.”

Click here to register for convention and learn more details (And share this link with anyone who might be interested):

<https://www.davcal.org/convention-2024.html>

For all questions regarding convention, please contact Events@davcal.org

Hope to see you all there!

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Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
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MIA Update: See websote

<https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaRecentlyAccountedFor>

Claim Shark companies have made statements that they aren't breaking the law because they don't charge fees for "preparing" veterans' claims. Claim Sharks state that they "assist" or "consult" for veterans' claims, and this how they rationalize why they should be allowed to charge thousands of dollars for their services.

This is still illegal. Using creative semantics to skirt the law is not innovative, and it is not honest or transparent.

There are no "good actors" or "bad actors". Every company that charges for initial claims assistance is doing it illegally.

Claim Sharks say veterans should have the "choice" to be fleeced out of thousands of dollars. No matter how much money these companies spend on Capitol Hill, We will not allow them to dismantle consumer protections and normalize harming veterans.

VETERANS, GET ON THIS TODAY:

**DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT BENEFITS ARE
AVAILABLE TO YOU.**

**"You can only blame yourself if you are
not receiving the VA benefits you rate"**

**The VA will only give you what you ask for,
So ask for every injury you know you received in service,
remember most injuries get worse over time for most of us
aging veterans**

(Yes, We know a Few of you are Extremally healthy)

**You can do this yourself Online,
Just need to create a VA.Gov account if you have not already done so.**

DAV Veteran Service Officer (VSO)

Were here to help you submit your claim/s.

Long Beach VAMC

5901 E. 7th St.

Bldg. 8, Room 107

Long Beach, CA 90822

Hours: 8-3 M-F

(562) 826-5711

Department Service Officer:

Bryan Root

562-826-8000 x8587

bryan.root@davcal.org

Disabled American Veterans Department of CA

Address:

13733 Rosecrans Ave, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Hours:

Friday 8 AM–4 PM

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

Monday 8 AM–4 PM

Tuesday 8 AM–4 PM

Wednesday 8 AM–4 PM

Thursday 8 AM–4 PM

Phone: (562) 404-1266

Your Local DAV National Service Officer (NSO) can help with:

- Assisting veterans in filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs for compensation, pension, healthcare, and other benefits.
- Caregiver benefits
- Guidance on state and local veteran benefits
- Burial benefits for qualified veterans and their spouse
- Vocational Readiness and Employment benefits

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Link's to things you need to know

- Disability
- Education and Training
- Careers and Employment
- Pension
- Housing Assistance
- Life Insurance
- Burials and Memorials
- Records

VA is here for you.

[1-800-MyVA411](tel:1-800-MyVA411) ([800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411)) is always the right number



[DAV Helps Keep the Promises Made to Veterans](#)

DAV--Disabled American Veterans--is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year. The organization provides more than 500,000 rides for veterans attending medical appointments

annually and has assisted veterans with more than 12 million benefit claims since the organization was chartered by Congress in 1932. In 2022, DAV helped attain more than \$26 billion in earned benefits to care for veterans, their families and survivors.

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You are a Life Member once you pay \$325.00,**

If you are a Paid up for Life Member, Come to our
meeting
(4th Wednesday of each month)
Show the Commander (Mel Forbes) your Life
Membership card,
and receive a DAV Chapter Tee Shirt.





For any Information that needs to be put into our newsletter. Please email Newsletter editor:
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ORANGE COUNTY DAV CHAPTER #23
MONTHLY MEETING'S: 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
LOCATION: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3173
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