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Meeting Minutes: DAV First Business Session

Organization: Disabled American Veterans, Department of Arizona

Event: 103rd Annual Department of Arizona Convention

Location: Crowne Plaza Phoenix-Chandler Golf Resort, Chandler, Arizona

Date/Time: June 11, 2026; 1330

Presiding Officer: Commander Bruce Nogar

Recorder: Adjutant Carl Forkner

1. Credentials and Voting Strength Report

The Credentials Committee reported that the department population was obtained from the national printout dated June 7, 2026. The department population was reported as 22,841, less Chapter 5 population of 29, resulting in a voting population of 2,288.

Registered voting strength was reported as follows: chapter votes, 1,956; State Executive Committee votes, 11; department officer votes, 13; and BDC votes, 4, for a total of 1,984 votes. Vote thresholds were reported as: majority, 993; two-thirds, 1,323; and three-fourths, 1,488.

2. Reading and Acceptance of Pre-Convention DEC Minutes

The minutes of the Pre-Convention Department Executive Committee meeting were read. The meeting was called to order as part of the opening ceremony of the 103rd Annual Department of Arizona Convention. The meeting opened with prayer by the chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was confirmed.

The convention rules were read into the record, including parliamentary authority under Robert's Rules of Order, recognition protocols, debate limits of five minutes per speaker, and resolution submission requirements. A point of order was raised concerning dissemination of the rules, and it was clarified that the rules had been included in the instruction package.

The proposed Department budget for fiscal year 2026–2027 was presented during the Pre-Convention DEC meeting. The report included projected income and expenses, including increased national travel budgets due to rising costs and a spend-down plan involving vehicle purchases and administrative adjustments.

A motion was made by Debbie Roberts and seconded by K.J. Cooper to accept the 2026–2027 Department budget as amended. The motion carried unanimously. Committee appointments were announced, including Credentials, Constitution and Bylaws, General Resolutions, Employment, Legislation and Veterans Rights, and the Nomination Committee.

Following discussion on whether the budget approved by the DEC was to be presented to the convention body for final approval, clarification was provided that the budget was to be submitted to the convention body. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Pre-Convention DEC minutes. The motion carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report and Proposed Budget

The Department Treasurer, Kevin Carbon, presented financial reports and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026–2027. The Treasurer reported that the prior fiscal year’s income exceeded expenditures by more than three times, requiring development of a spend-down plan. Department leadership developed a plan to spend more than \$587,000, exceeding the national requirement of \$557,884.

The Treasurer stated that funds would be spent in Arizona to improve the lives of local veterans and their dependents, including expanding CSO work into remote areas. It was noted that account reconciliation was completed through March due to a QuickBooks issue following a Microsoft update, but records were recovered and the Department remained on track not to exceed current budget line items.

Budget highlights included projected general income of \$105,200; combined service and general account income of \$245,050.03; projected general expenses of \$80,450; projected service expenses of \$855,460.04; and projected combined service and general expenses of \$935,910.04.

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented and was seconded. During discussion, questions were raised regarding the budget header, line-item review, and whether the convention body should approve the budget. It was clarified that the final budget should be approved by the convention body. Due to lack of immediate printing capability, the body agreed that printed copies would be provided at the next business session.

A motion was made and seconded to table the reading and vote on the proposed budget until the next business session so the proposed budget could be provided to the body. The motion carried.

4. First Reading of Resolution Supporting Glenn E. Homan

The first reading was conducted for Resolution AZ0000 supporting Glenn E. Homan's candidacy for higher office within DAV. The resolution recognized Homan's service at chapter, state, and national levels, including service on national committees and advocacy on behalf of disabled veterans. The resolution stated that the DAV Department of Arizona, assembled in Chandler, Arizona, June 11–13, 2026, unanimously supports Glenn E. Homan's candidacy for higher office in DAV.

5. Resolutions Committee Report

The Resolutions Committee reported that it met at 3:00 p.m. the previous day to review and discuss submitted resolutions. The committee stated it remained prepared to receive additional resolutions, subject to convention rules requiring two readings during the three business sessions.

The first readings were conducted for eleven Constitution and Bylaws resolutions and six legislative resolutions. The Constitution and Bylaws resolutions included matters concerning compensation reporting and tax compliance; chapter boundary procedures; gender-neutral language modernization; past department commander convention benefits; duties and authority of the department commander; duties and authority of the department adjutant; duties and reporting responsibilities of the department inspector; duties and authority of the department treasurer; duties of the judge advocate; department convention committee procedures; and finance committee review of spend-down plans.

The legislative resolutions included support for awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to World War II nurses; responsible use of artificial intelligence in VA claims processing; allowing veterans to change representation at any time during an appeal; fair reimbursement of veterans' travel costs for authorized medical care; reducing barriers to employment, education, and access to benefits; and recognizing minor children under court-ordered legal guardianship as VA dependents.

The first reading of the resolutions was completed.

6. Unfinished Business: Midterm/DEC Minutes

Under unfinished business, a member requested that the midterm minutes be reviewed by the convention body. The Department of Arizona 2026 Midterm Conference and Post-Conference DEC minutes dated January 24, 2026, in Glendale, Arizona, were read into the record.

The midterm minutes summarized the joint opening session, introduction of VIP guests and officers, officer reports, treasurer's report, convention site selection, spend-down requirements, chapter announcements, printer donations, and other business. The Post-Conference DEC meeting included review and approval of the Department's two-year spend-down plan, budget items for fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028, vehicle purchases, chapter boundary realignment, and a motion regarding District 18 and alternate NEC policy.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the midterm and DEC minutes. During discussion, a request was made that printed copies be provided to the convention body, including line-item members for the approved spend-down actions. The request was accepted, and printed copies were to be made available. The motion to accept the minutes carried.

7. Announcements and Good of the Order

The Adjutant announced that seminars were scheduled following the session, including an awards seminar, treasurer seminar, and benefits protection team leader and resolutions seminar. The Credentials Committee was scheduled to meet the following morning at 8:30 a.m.

During Good of the Order, concerns were raised regarding accessibility and the speed of reading resolutions. It was stated that efforts would be made to read more slowly and develop more accessible solutions, including making materials available when possible.

A request was made to extend seminar time because the meeting had run longer than expected. It was determined that seminars would be moved to the following day, and a revised schedule would be distributed and placed on tables the next morning.

Members were reminded that financial documents are for internal DAV use only and should not be left unattended. Members were also informed that registration processes were being automated and that future convention registration and ticketing were expected to be handled electronically.

The Credentials Committee reminded members to verify that they were registered under the correct status, including delegate, department officer, DEC member, or other appropriate designation.

8. Recess

A motion was made by Carl Forkner to recess. The motion was seconded. Following discussion and the closing prayer, the body recessed until 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl B. Forkner', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Carl B. Forkner
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