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TO: Chapter Commanders and Adjutants
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FROM: Dr. Carl Forkner, Department Adjutant

SUBJ: VACANCIES IN DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES & BOARDS

DATE: July 17, 2026

Chapter Commanders and Adjutants,

Good evening from sunny Belfast, Northern Ireland, where it is a balmy 70°F.

We are now a month past the completion of our annual Department Convention and a few weeks into FY 2027. The DEC approved Commander Nogar's appointments within the 30 days prescribed by Department of Arizona Bylaws, § B-7.1.1 and § B-7.9.

The following Committee assignments have yet to be filled; the responsible party(ies) for nominating members to those positions is(are) listed with each position:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE LEADER</u>
Membership	Member (SD)	Southern District Liaison (1)
“	Member (NSO)	Phoenix NSO Supervisor (1)
Service Commission	HSC/TC (Prescott) (1)	Dept. Jr. Vice Commander; Northern District Liaison; Chapter 16 Commander
Public Affairs	Member (ND)	Northern District Liaison (1)
“	Member (SD)	Southern District Liaison (1)
“	Member (DAVA)	DAVA State Commander (1)
“	Member (At-large)	Any member in good standing (1)
Employment	Member (SD)	Southern District Liaison (1)
DEC Representatives	Alternate	Chapter 8 (1 by vote)
“	Primary	Chapter 11 (1 by vote)
“	Alternate	Chapter 11 (1 by vote)
“	Alternate	Chapter 14 (1 by vote)
“	Alternate	Chapter 18 (1 by vote)
“	Alternate	Chapter 26 (1 by vote)
“	Alternate	Chapter 36 (1 by vote)

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Realizing that many Chapters will not have their next General Meeting until August or September, *the deadline for submission of members to fill the listed positions is September 30th at midnight* (the same deadline as your AFR submittal). NOTE: Primary and Alternate DEC's must be submitted electronically on the mydav.org website.

A side note: Regarding AFRs, the Department Treasurer will be happy to assist you if needed (understand this means *help you* complete it, *not* complete it for you). If you think that you will need help with your AFR, don't wait until a couple weeks before it is due to ask for assistance—in most cases, that is not enough time to gather, review, and enter records, and then the process of finding the \$0.03 that is out of balance...If you wait and it cannot be completed in time, *don't blame the Department Treasurer!*

Likewise, the Department Admin Office staff will not do a Chapter's AFR for you—I have instructed them as such. As sent out last year, the Department's recommendation is that your AFR should show a minimum of 10% going to Service, regardless of the types of fundraisers you did, although many Chapters will far exceed that level.

I hope everyone has been having a good summer! See you in Orlando!

Sincerely,



Carl B. Forkner

cc: Department Line Officers
Department Judge Advocate
Department Treasurer
Department Admin Staff