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TO: Department Finance Committee
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FROM: Dr. Carl Forkner, Department Adjutant

SUBJ: COMBINED FINANCE COMMITTEE & DEC MEETING – SEP 22, 1230

DATE: July 24, 2026

Esteemed Finance and Executive Committee members,

There will be a combined Finance Committee and Department Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, at 1230. The meeting will be held in hybrid format: in-person will be in my office at Department Headquarters; virtual will be via a Zoom link (which will be sent as the meeting gets closer).

Tentative Agenda:

- Reviewing FY2027 Chapter grant applications and deciding on awards. [Finance]
- Establishing a scholarship fund to assist low-income Veterans in joining DAV. [Combined]
- Approval of adding a non-wrapped 12-passenger van to the Spend Down Plan, for use on the Navajo Nation (appx \$50K). [Combined]
 - Will be licensed, registered, and insured by ANVA.
 - Will be maintained by ANVA.
 - Will not have DAV wrap on it.
 - Will have B&W lettering stating that the van was “Donated to the ANVA by Disabled American Veterans Department of Arizona.”
 - For use in transporting Veterans to Reservation medical appointments.
- Establishing a quasi-endowment account with the funds recently received by the Department (\$1M). [Combined]
 - How it will be designated (i.e., it should have a dedicated purpose and cannot just be seen as a "slush fund.")
 - Which method of endowment management to go with (there are two, both have merits and detriments).
- DEC approval for formally establishing the Public Affairs Committee. [DEC]
- Discussion on Chapter chartering in the Navajo Nation. [Combined]
 - First appears to be Kayenta (already have 25 Veterans interested)
 - Next is likely Piñon, followed by either Ganado or Nazlini.

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.

- Department will provide a two-day seminar for the new chapter(s) to instruct them on the proper procedures...especially with regards to financial management and the AFR.
 - Department would be looking at probably two years of fairly close monitoring and mentoring.to make sure they are on the road to success and stability/growth.
 - This will be a major project for the Membership Committee!
- Presentation on interdepartmental initiatives. [\[Combined\]](#)
 - This one I am saving for the meeting, while Senior Vice Hage and I work out all the details.
 - National Headquarters has been reaching out to have Arizona be the foundation for the Native American and rural Veteran outreach, as well as a few other programs...everyone's efforts are putting Arizona on the map in a very good way!
- Discussion of new initiatives bringing Department of Arizona DAV and DAVA leaders together as mutually supportive in our mission to serve the Veteran Community. [\[Combined\]](#)
 - Coordinated effort to bring together “best practices” from chapters and units that are successful working together to help other chapters and units become partners rather than adversaries.

At the meeting, there will be a full, more detailed packet of information on each of these items. This is just an outline to get you thinking about all the potential we have as a Department, Chapters, and the grand scheme of cooperation and collaboration with State DAVA and our units. We're better together – ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT!

Sincerely,



Carl B. Forkner

cc: Admin (Mary)
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