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DAV Department of Ohio Officers & Members

It is difficult to keep up with current, ever changing circumstances, rules and restrictions. We hope that this message reaches you while our advice is valid.

CHAPTER MEETINGS – ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

DAV chapter meetings should be held only if they do not violate the Governor’s Orders. Those Orders continue to prohibit meetings of more than ten persons & mandate that attendees stay six or more feet from one another, with masks worn by officers. In certain counties, masks are required on all attendees. When meetings are resumed, sick members should stay home and rest and recover.

Holding chapter elections on a different month than that prescribed by the chapter bylaws requires a special meeting. Special meetings require notice to all chapter members. To assist chapters in conducting special meetings for elections, Department Headquarters offers to alert all members of each chapter, by postcard, of the date, time and location of a chapter’s special election meeting. Chapter Commanders or Adjutants may contact Department Headquarters six weeks or more prior to the planned meeting to request our preparation and mailing of such postcards.

SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY CLAIMS – OTHER BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

The DAV Cleveland National Service Office is located in the Federal Building in Cleveland. That building remains closed to the public, leaving our office unavailable. However, DAV NSOs are working remotely and can be reached by calling 888-604-0234 or by computer at www.benefitsquestions.org .

Claims & other benefits assistance also is available through our Department Service Officers (DSOs). DSO offices are located in VA medical facilities, where they are subject to local VA rules. Some facilities currently deny entrance to all but those with medical appointments. Some DSOs have met veterans at their building parking lots to obtain documents & signatures. Our DSOs, their locations & telephone numbers are as follows:

<u>Cincinnati VAMC</u>	Thomas Kirstein & Lisa Wilson	Tuesday, Thursday Monday, Wednesday, Friday	513.475.6443 513.487.6682 (F)
<u>Cleveland VAMC</u>	Walter Dryja	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	216.791.3800 extension 63395 216.231.3296 (F)

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<u>Dayton VAMC</u>	Nikki Cochran	Tuesday through Thursday	937.268.6551 extension 2962 937.267.7605 (F)
<u>Chillicothe VAMC</u>	Michael Holmes	Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday	740.773.1141 extension 7916 740.772.7075 (F)
<u>Columbus VAMC</u>	Douglas Schultz	Monday thru Thursday	614.257.5487 614.257.5510 (F)
<u>Parma Clinic</u>	Richard Healy Ralph Jorz	Monday thru Wednesday Thursday & Friday	216.739.7000 extension 40343
<u>Toledo Clinic</u>	James Bell	- <u>Currently open only to patients</u> - Tuesday through Thursday	419.259.2000 extension 56245 419.213.7594 (F)

For those in need of temporary financial assistance, county Veterans Service Commissions remain in operation. Eligible financial assistance applicants are county-resident veterans, their spouses or surviving spouses, dependent parents, minor children or wards and active duty service men & women. Contact your respective VSC or your DAV-appointed commissioner for information on your local VSC operations.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS) Representatives & Deputies should follow the instructions of their respective VA facility, while keeping their patients/residents & their own health as the paramount concerns.

Should you have any questions or concerns or suggestions, please contact Department Headquarters.

Respectfully,

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