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**SUBJECT:** Relocation of 2021 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention

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The scheduled location of the 2021 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention—the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada—recently canceled the July 24–27 event due to the state’s COVID-19 restrictions for events and meetings. The convention will now take place July 31–August 3 (the Day of Inspiration will take place on Thursday, July 29) at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street and the Tampa Marriott Water Street in Tampa, Florida.

We understand any frustration this change of venue may cause our members regarding travel plans that have already been made. Fortunately, the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino will begin canceling reservations on Monday, March 22, and all reservations will be canceled no later than Wednesday, March 31. A refund will be issued within 7-10 business days from the date of canceling. Should you have any questions, please call the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino at 1-800-648-5080.

Hotel reservations at the new locations can be made at the adjoining Marriott properties with a special room rate of \$129 per night available at both locations.

Reservations to the JW Marriot Tampa Water Street, located at 510 Water St., Tampa, FL 33602, can be made online at <https://book.passkey.com/go/DAVMeeting21> or by calling 1-888-789-3090. Reservations to the Tampa Marriott Water Street, located at 505 Water St., Tampa, FL 33602, can be made online at <https://book.passkey.com/go/DAVAnnualMeeting21> or by calling 1-888-789-3090. Be sure to say you are reserving under the “2021 DAV Group” room block if making reservations by phone.

Convention meetings and events will be split equally between the two hotels, which are connected by a sky bridge. The JW Marriott Tampa Water Street will host all DAV business sessions and seminars, as well as the Day of Inspiration, Commander’s Reception, Fun Night, National Officer Dinner and offices. The Marriott Tampa Water Street contains the majority of our lodging rooms and will host Auxiliary business sessions, department receptions, district meetings and convention committee meetings.

More event information will be provided as it becomes available, and we’ll update [DAV.org](https://www.dav.org) accordingly. We appreciate your flexibility regarding this change and look forward to seeing you at our organization’s most important annual event.

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