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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **DAV to Celebrate Centennial during Wisconsin Convention**

Members of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) from throughout the state of Wisconsin will hold their annual department convention in Green Bay from June 10-12, 2021, at the Radisson Green Bay Hotel and Conference Center. They will be celebrating DAV's centennial and charting the course for how the state will serve its veterans throughout the year.

More than 170 DAV members—including many ill and injured veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan—are expected to attend.

According to Matt Kempainen, DAV Department of Wisconsin commander, convention business sessions will include adoption of resolutions to be submitted to DAV's national convention.

Several of these mandates are expected to concentrate on improvements in the rights and benefits earned by more than 4 million veterans disabled in wartime service to their country. DAV leaders are deeply concerned about fully funding the Department of Veterans Affairs and properly implementing the VA MISSION Act as well as supporting our veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits while serving.

The convention's highlight will be a banquet held Saturday at 6:15 PM, at which featured speaker will be Richard Marbes, DAV Past National Commander.

Election of new DAV state-level officers for the coming year will be held Saturday.

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