



Commander's Call to Convention

I would like to announce, our upcoming Department of Oklahoma's 87th State Convention. Our National Guest this year is Past National Commander Dave Riley of Alabama, and Auxiliary National Sr. Vice Commander Ellen Timmerman of New Mexico.

This Department Convention will be at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Catoosa, OK from **June 5-7**. For reservations please call: toll free 800-760-6700. When making, your reservations be sure to mention you are with **DAV 2018; to receive the Government Rate** for King or Double for single or double occupancy. The hotel will hold our block of rooms **until the 14th of May**. Register via Internet at www.HardRockCasinoTulsa.com click Online Reservations located on the left side of the page, then click Group Reservation at the top of the page then enter the Attendee Code DISABVET061817. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. **After May 14, 2018, the block and group rate will be released, and reservations will be on a space available and at the regular room rate.**

The National Service Officers and special presenters from the VA and our National Area Supervisor, will be conducting our Level 1/2 National Training Program for our annual DSO/CSO Certification/Recertification. Registration will begin at 3:00 pm Sunday June 3rd in the Bear Room Sequoyah Convention Center until 9:00 pm. New CSO Manuals and ID Photos will be passed out/taken at registration. A 'Meet & Greet' will go from 5 pm to 10 pm Sunday with training on Monday (4th) at 7:30 am through Tuesday (5th).

Tuesday the 5th will be a very busy day. Immediately following our CSO Training we will have a Team from the VARO complete with Rating Specialist and for those veterans who bring proper documentation we will file a DRC and **they will get there rating decisions that day.** We will also host a small Veterans Information Seminar that day and assist those who need to file an Intent to File claim. This event especially for those possible DRC cases will be well-advertised in the media and other venues to help ensure the best possible outcome. Our SEC will begin at 5:00 pm followed by the Convention business opening. At 7:00 pm The DAV/DAVA **"Fun Night Super Heroes/Villains** and National Guest reception will begin with a fantastic buffet. Tickets for this fun filled themed evening are only \$15.00. **BEWARE the "Kryptonite Crew"** aka Juniors will be on the lookout for Good and Evil...the will have many challenging events to see who prevails ...as this is their Fundraiser....so bring your \$\$\$ Donations \$\$\$

On Wednesday, the 6th at 9:30 am we will hold our Joint Opening and in the afternoon our Convention Business Sessions. At 6:30 pm Auxiliary Commander Jamie and I will be hosting a **Legion of Super Heroes/Villains & Awards Presentations**. This year's Spirit Award will be based on both the table decorations and costumes. We have also lined up some very special entertainment for your enjoyment. This is a plated meal so please order your tickets early. We will once again ask the Chapter to prepare a basket of MARVEL goodies to add to the evening.

Our "One Team One Family" efforts have proven to be effective in helping our fellow Oklahoma veterans and their families this year. It is only through your time, effort and passion that we have continued to move forward in a positive direction while taking care of our Veterans.

It has been an honor to serve alongside you.

Linda Miller

If CSO's attend the Convention they do not have to pay the Delegate Registration Fee