



Commander's Call to Convention

I would like to announce, our upcoming Department of Oklahoma's 88th State Convention. Our National Guest this year is National 3rd Junior Vice Commander Joe Parsetich of Montana, and Auxiliary National 3rd Junior Vice Commander Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh of California.

This Department Convention will be at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Catoosa, OK from **June 25-27 2019**. For reservations please call: toll free 800-760-6700. When making, your reservations be sure to mention you are with **OKDAV 2019; to receive the Government Rate** for King or Double for single or double occupancy. The hotel will hold our block of rooms **until the 24th of May**. Register via Internet at www.HardRockCasinoTulsa.com click Online Reservations located on the left side of the page - click Group Reservation - enter the Attendee Code OKDAV2019. **Please make your reservation as soon as possible.**

The National Service Officers and special presenters from the VA, 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 23rd** in the Deer Room Sequoyah Convention Center until 8:00 pm. New CSO Manuals and ID Photos will be passed out/taken at registration. An NSO 'Meet & Greet' will go from 5 pm to 10 pm Sunday with training beginning on Monday 24th at 7:30 am through Tuesday 25th.

Tuesday the 25th will be a very busy day. Immediately following our CSO Training we will have a Team from the VARO complete with Rating Specialist for those veterans who bring proper documentation will file an online claim. We will also conduct our first Volunteer Driver annual training program as well as New Driver Orientation/Training.

Our SEC will begin at 5:00 pm followed by the Convention business opening. At 7:00 pm The DAV/DAVA **"Wizard of OZ Fun Night"** and National Guest reception will begin with a fantastic buffet. Tickets for this fun filled themed evening are only \$15.00. **BEWARE the "Flying Monkeys"** aka Juniors will be on the lookout for those traveling the "Yellow Brick Road" ...the will have many challenging events to see who prevails ...as this is their Fundraiser.... bring your \$\$\$

Wednesday, the 26th at 9:30 am we will hold our Joint Opening and in the afternoon our Convention Business Sessions. At 6:30 pm Auxiliary Commander Marie and I will be hosting a **Over the Rainbow Dance & Annual 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 Chapters to prepare a basket of "Yellow Bricks" goodies to add to the evening.

Our Convention is a time where "Like Minded" DAV/DAVA members come together to renew old friendships and make new ones as well as, share "Best Practices". It is only through your time, effort and passion that Oklahoma Veterans reap the benefits they earned.

It has been an honor to serve alongside you.

Doug Black

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