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## RUN TO HONOR VETERANS

### 2017 NATIONAL SERIES



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This November, honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much.

**CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY WITH  
US AT CASTLE ISLAND, S. BOSTON**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 11th**

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# DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

### **Fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served.**

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government.

Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically.

Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government.

Extending DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local chapters.

Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.



### **DAV Transportation Network**

DAV operates a fleet of vehicles around the country to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. DAV stepped in to help veterans get the care they need when the federal government terminated its program that helped many of them pay for transportation to and from medical facilities. The vans are driven by volunteers, and the rides coordinated by almost 200 Hospital Service Coordinators around the country.

DAV has purchased 2,496 vehicles, worth nearly \$53 million, that have been donated to Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers nationwide since the program began in 1987 to ensure that injured or ill veterans are able to get to their medical appointments.

To find out whether there is a van near you use the DAV Hospital Service Coordinator Directory to contact your nearest HSC for information or assistance. Please remember that the DAV Transportation Network is staffed by volunteers; therefore, it is unable to cover every community. We hope we can help you.



### **DAV's Mobile Service Offices**

Housed in a fleet of well-equipped "offices on wheels" DAV's **Mobile Service Offices (MSOs)** travel to smaller towns and rural communities across the country to counsel and assist veterans to educate veterans and their families on the benefits and services available to them in thanks for their service.

Aided by Department and Chapter Service Officers, the MSO program provides support to veterans developing, filing and winning claims for benefits administered under federal, state and local laws.

National Service Officers counsel and assist with the development of evidence, completion of required applications and prosecution of claims, bringing benefit and services education to veterans and their families where they live.

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