

# DAV Transportation Disabled American Veterans)

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The DAV Transportation Network is a service that provides free transportation for veterans to VA medical appointments.

In Oswego County, transportation is provided to the Syracuse VA Medical Center and to the outpatient clinic in Oswego. There are two vans for transport. One is exclusively for transport to Syracuse, and a smaller van for the local run.

Currently, the Syracuse van transports daily (excluding holidays). The local van transports only 3-4 day per week, due to a shortage of drivers.

The average daily run to Syracuse will transport 4-5 veterans, although occasionally, we are full at 7-8. The average for Oswego local is 2-3 veterans.

Veterans who utilize this service must be able to access the van(s) unassisted. It is NOT a medical transport.

Veterans may call and leave a message 24 hours/day for their request for transport. Their request must be at least 4 business days prior to their appointment. They receive a call back usually within a day to confirm the details.

For many veterans, especially at the far ends of our county, this is their only means to access medical care. We work with neighboring counties on occasion to coordinate rides.

## **Would you like to become a DAV driver?**

In Oswego County, our drivers are ALL volunteers. There is a constant need for additional drivers. Due to the age of most of our drivers, we are constantly losing some of them to their own medical issues.

There is a mandatory fingerprint/background check, physical (usually annual), orientation, and yearly TB test. All this is provided at the Syracuse VA Medical Center.