

2027 ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING STARTS NOW!



A two-day conference for professionals working with veterans with neurological disorders, including: Neurologists, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Social Workers, Physical Therapists, and more



IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING DATES AND DEADLINES

Exhibitor Sponsorship Registration
opens on September 4, 2026

2 Non-CE Industry Presentations Available
Applications open 10/4/26 and due 10/31/26

Call for Industry Abstracts: opens 9/1/26
and due 10/31/26

JOIN US FOR AVANS 2027:

- 100-125+ members expected
- Meet our new board members
- Amazing location
- Array of Neurology Topics focused on New information & Important Updates
- Waterfront networking reception with providers
- Limited number of Exhibitor Sponsorships available! Don't wait to register.
- Unique sponsorship add-on opportunities



THE INDUSTRY PROSPECTUS IS NOW AVAILABLE

FIND OUT ABOUT...

- AVANS 2027 Goals & Objectives
- New Board Members
- Annual Meeting Details and Sponsorship Opportunities
- Industry Programs
- Become an IRC Member
- Industry Directory
- How you can get involved



Please note our new name...

Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services

Why we changed it

AVANS recently changed its name from "Association of VA Neurology Services" to "Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services" to better reflect both our mission and our membership.

Since our inception it was the goal of the founding board to include both VA and Department of Defense (later Dept. of War) professionals in order to network and share best practices between the similar but separate systems. As we've grown, it has been unclear to DoW clinicians that they are eligible and welcome to join. In order to send the right message to all, and to best reflect our true membership intentions, AVANS recently changed the root name of its acronym. We believe this change is welcome: at present, 15% of our membership (and growing!) is comprised of DoW professionals.

Message from the AVANS Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of AVANS is happy to see growth and potential in our young organization. Recently, we added a slate of exceptional new board members representing disciplines across the spectrum of practice and across the United States.

We also renamed our organization to better reflect our goals and mission. We are excited to welcome 30 new DoW employees to our organization, and believe this name change will bring these two federal entities together to meet the needs of active-duty professionals and veterans alike.

This summer we created the outline of our 2027 program and are eager to grow membership to take advantage of a strong academic program at our 2027 annual meeting. To keep our current upward trend of membership, membership will remain free to any employee of VA or DoW through 2027's annual meeting.

Finally, we hope you will join us at AVAHO's Annual Meeting in September (if you are attending) for our pre-conference workshop on neurooncology. By popular demand we are bringing this important subject to AVAHO's membership both on Thursday, September 10 and in a one-hour spotlight session on Saturday. We hope to see you there!

In partnership,
The AVANS Board of Directors

ADVOCATING FOR VETERANS *and the clinicians who serve them*

As the midterm elections approach, there are many topics of interest to AVANS' board and administrative staff being discussed in Washington and beyond.

AVANS is keeping a close eye on the legislation that matters to veterans, active-duty military, and federal employees, particularly that affects healthcare provision.

AVANS' President Glenn Graham, MD and Executive Director Julie Lawson have been active in communicating with legislative staff to ensure our voice is heard by those with influence over legislation and budgetary considerations. This includes testifying before Congress on July 22 to support research efforts within the VA. It is imperative that the VA (1) provide the best care options for veterans, which includes new and emerging best practices proven by clinical research, and (2) the VA offers competitive employment which is contingent upon research opportunities. We hope our continued efforts provide the funding necessary for the VA to continue this critical work.

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