



June 5, 2026

1. When was the last time your organization conducted an internal or external audit of its financials?

- The most recent audit was conducted from August through October 2025 by Sabocor & Co., LLP (CPA).
- The Department of California undergoes annual independent financial audits conducted by a certified public accounting firm.

2. Were the donations and expenses reported accurately in the organization's taxes annually?

- Yes. All donations and expenses are accurately recorded and included in the organization's annual audited financial reports and tax filings.

3. Could you please confirm whether the vans are fully owned by VA or GSA and provide any related documents that support the transfer of titles?

- The seven vehicles purchased by DAV-CA with the donated funds from Breitburn are fully owned by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Attached are scanned copies of the titles of the seven vehicles showing that ownership was directly transferred from Ford to VA upon delivery.

4. What internal process does DAV utilize to track donations and expenses?

- Donations are reviewed by accounting to verify donor intent and then deposited into the applicable account.

5. How much is the final monetary amount that was received from Breitburn, and what was spent on transportation services?

- Total received: \$905,563.65
- Total expended on transportation-related services: \$914,858.77

6. How did DAV-CA first learn of Butterfli Technologies, and can you confirm there were no pre-existing relationships prior to having them provide services?

- DAV-CA identified Butterfli Technologies during a market research process and WLA VA recommendation for ambulatory transportation services in the surrounding area.
- There were no pre-existing relationships between DAV-CA and Butterfli prior to entering into an agreement.

7. Were there any negotiations conducted on the rates that Butterfli proposed to conduct transportation services?

a. If yes, what was the change in rates and who conducted those negotiations on behalf of DAV-CA?

- An agreement was executed in 2019 with negotiations being conducted by Robert Graves and Daniel Contreras for rates through recommendation of VA.
- Approval authority was provided by Dan Contreras and Robert Graves.

b. If no, did DAV-CA accept rates at face value? Who approved that agreement?

- Not applicable, as negotiations did occur.

c. Did Mr. David Contreras have any part in the negotiations between DAV and Butterfli?

- We do not know a 'David Contreras' and assume you are referring to Dan/Daniel Contreras.
- Yes, Dan Contreras and Robert Graves did participate in negotiations between DAV-CA and Butterfli.

8. Can you confirm that there was no collaboration between any Member of Congress, Butterfli Technologies, and DAV-CA that may have led to this agreement?

- DAV-CA can confirm that there was no collaboration or involvement between any Member of Congress, Butterfli Technologies, and DAV-CA in the development or execution of this agreement.

9. What was the process for the market research that resulted in choosing Butterfli to provide transportation services?

a. Was it done by online search, or did they reach out to DAV first?

- The process included independent online research and recommendation of WLA VA of rideshare and medical transportation providers in the West Los Angeles area.
- Three vendors were evaluated:
 - Top Transportation Services Co.
 - Mobility for Medics
 - Butterfli Technologies
 - Butterfli was selected due to its proximity (headquartered in West Los Angeles) and its operational capacity, including appropriate vehicle infrastructure to support the program.

10. Was Butterfli Technologies aware of the donation agreement between DAV and Breitburn at any point prior to them beginning service?

- Butterfli was informed that transportation services would be funded through external contributions and not through DAV-CA departmental funds.

a. Were they made aware as they were providing services?

- Yes. Quarterly reports were submitted to the VA Medical Center and relevant stakeholders to ensure transparency throughout the program of how many rides were being produced on a monthly basis.

11. Were there any other vendors that were considered besides Butterfli?

- Yes. In addition to Butterfli, the following vendors were considered:
- Top Transportation Services Co.
- Mobility for Medics

12. VA reported that DAV-CA received \$654,924.40 in Breitburn donations, and of that amount paid \$363,947 for Butterfli services and \$236,155.50 for the purchase of the vans. Can you confirm whether these amounts are correct or incorrect?

- The figures reported by the VA are incorrect for total contributions and disbursements at the end of the program; but may represent cumulative totals through approximately February or March 2022.
- As documented in the July 17, 2025, memorandum that was delivered to the Committee:
 - Total contributions received: \$905,563.65
 - Disbursed to Butterfli: \$667,400.93
 - Disbursed for purchase of vans and related costs: \$247,457.84
 - Total disbursements: \$914,858.77

a. Should this align with what DAV provided to our staff?

- The final totals align with what DAV provided to the Committee. The VA reported totals appear to be cumulative totals as of approximately February or March 2022.

Respectfully,



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