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Governor Thurmond today announced that he had accepted appointment as a national sponsor and South Carolina chairman of the Disabled American Veterans Service Foundation and that he urged support of the foundation's program.

The DAV foundation is undertaking to raise $41,334 in South Carolina to provide specially trained services officers and to maintain their offices which will concern themselves with the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

The Governor pointed out that the Disabled American Veterans organization was chartered by Congress to render service to, for and by America's disabled defenders.

Governor Thurmond, himself a Purple Heart Veteran who escaped permanent injury in the war, said that a State-wide committee of community leaders would be appointed to participate in the campaign. The program has the full endorsement of the disabled veterans of South Carolina who are meeting in Columbia in convention this week.

Under the program outlined for South Carolina, several eligible veterans will be selected to take special collegiate courses in working with disabled veterans and then will be established in offices in the State to train other disabled veterans and to assist them in returning to profitable places in every-day life.

Much rehabilitation work has already been accomplished under the guidance of "graduates" of this program but many other veterans need the stimulant of expert guidance and help, the Governor said.

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