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V.I. Office of Veterans Affairs Director Patrick Farrell. By. GOV'T HOUSE.

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Farrell also expressed support for Terry Prince, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, who was likewise elected unopposed to serve as president of NASDVA. "I look forward to working alongside President Prince and the executive committee as we continue strengthening collaboration among states and territories to improve outcomes for Veterans and their families," Farrell said.

In addition to Farrell's election, the Virgin Islands also secured a future role in the organization's national schedule. According to the release, St. Thomas won the bid to host NASDVA's Annual Fall Conference in August 2027, bringing state and territorial veterans affairs leaders from across the country to the territory.

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