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THREE STATE DEPARTMENTS ACHIEVE 2010-2011 QUOTA!



Congratulations to these DAV Auxiliary State Departments for reaching their 2010-2011 membership Quota!

North Dakota Tennessee Puerto Rico

This is no easy endeavor and we congratulate each and every member who made this happen! With the expanded membership eligibility, reduced life membership down payment, and individual perseverance, every state department and unit can experience this success. It's not too late to make quota—you have until June 30, 2011!

To assure timely processing, membership dues submissions must be received at national headquarters no later than June 27, 2011. Everyone can make quota!!!

HOW IS MEMBERSHIP QUOTA CALCULATED?

Each July 1, quotas are set using a standard formula. Quota is calculated based on the June 30 population, minus canceled, deceased, and transferred-out members; plus transferred-in members. Units with less than 50 members will have a quota increase of one (1) additional member. Units with 50 or more members will have a quota increase of one (1) additional member per each 25 members.

Example: Units with 1 to 49 members will add one (1) member.
Units with 50 – 74 members will add two (2) members.
Units with 75 – 99 members will add three (3) members.
Units with 100 – 124 members will add four (4) members, etc.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

By: Laurie Stopyra, National Junior Activities Chairman

This is the time of year to send in your reports and I know each State has received them. Thank you to those states that sent in their Junior Reports. I am having a great time reading all the different events and happenings that our Juniors were involved in this past year. Most units have a Junior member who has done an outstanding job in their Unit. Give him/her recognition and submit the DAVA Junior Award Questionnaire. So far, I have only received two Outstanding Junior Award submissions.

Let's make the National Convention shine by bringing your Junior members. Remember, Juniors are the first piece of our Auxiliary puzzle.

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Newly Elected/Appointed Officers

By now, most units and state departments have elected and appointed their 2011-2012 officers. Congratulations!!!

Acceptance of any officer position requires resilience, efficiency, and tenacity. Fortunately, our officers have a history of possessing those traits. While the jobs are never easy, they are meaningful and can be very rewarding.

Tips for success –

- Always remember the mission of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary: *Making a difference for disabled veterans and their families.*
- Be committed to fulfilling the requirements of your office.
- Have a current copy of the DAV Auxiliary constitution and bylaws on hand for referral, especially when it doubt.
- Be present at unit meetings.
- Communicate with your unit members!
- Set goals and challenge yourself to exceed your own expectations.
- Spread the word of the DAV Auxiliary to the public. Post your meeting dates and events in the community papers.
- Be aware of the membership eligibility and recruit new members.
- Welcome and educate new or potential members.
- Respect the ideas of others and be open to change.
- Encourage junior member activities.



State Department History Books

By: Linda Bailey, National History Chairman

Time is ticking away to put your State's Activities in National Commander Susan's History Book.

This year the National Commander's History Book will include a section with information about each State. Feel free to send cards with special notes, photos from State events (please post on back of photos what the event is about and who is in photo). Send to DAVA National Headquarters National History Chairman.

I would like each State Commander to email a letter for the National Commander Susan on your State letterhead with information about what you have accomplished this year being State Commander. Email to: linda.bailey2@va.gov

This will go in the National History Book.

DON'T BE A BLANK STATE!

Now, let's talk about your State History Book. When assembling, please follow the guidelines in the Yellow Manual and have your book finished to bring to National Convention. (Do not send to National Headquarters.)

1. First & Last page must be blank (3 points)
2. Title Pages (8 points)
3. Section I State Dept (9 points)
4. Section II Units (7 points)
5. Section III Junior Activities (6 points)
6. Section IV Membership (9 points)
7. Section V Americanism (9 points)
8. Section VI VAVS (9 points)
9. Section VII Hospital (9 points)
10. Section VIII Legislation (9 points)
11. Section IX Community services (8 points)
12. Section X Special and Social Events (7 points)

Overall neatness and spelling (5 points)

History Book correctly assembled (2 points)

You could score 100 points!

Let's have plenty of History Books to judge at National Convention See you in New Orleans!

LEGISLATIVE

By: Susan Miller, National Legislative Chairman

Approval or Opposition of a Proposed Bill

The letter is the most important communication tool that we can utilize to present our views to our elected officials. Below are suggestions for you to use when requesting approval or opposition to a proposed bill.

SUGGESTED STATEMENTS TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED BILL

Paragraph one should include one of the following:

- A. To support an orderly and prompt consideration of S _____ or H.R. _____.
Be sure and give the correct number of the bill.
- B. Your support of S _____ or H.R. _____ is most urgently solicited.
Be sure and give the correct number of the bill.
- C. Your support of S _____ or H.R. _____ is most urgently requested.
Be sure and give the correct number of the bill.

Paragraph two should include the following:

“This bill, which proposes to (*state the basic purpose of bill*), will (*state results of passage of bill*)”.

SUGGESTED STATEMENTS TO REQUEST OPPOSITION OF A BILL

Paragraph one should include one of the following:

- A. Your opposition of S _____ or H.R. _____ is urgently solicited.
Be sure and give the correct number of the bill.
- B. Your opposition of S _____ or H.R. _____ is most urgently requested.
Be sure and give the correct number of the bill.

Paragraph two should include the following:

“This bill if passed (*state the basic purpose of bill*) will affect (*state results if bill is passed*)”.

I hope this information will assist you in contacting your elected officials. We must continue to act and not have an attitude of “I DON’T CARE.” It’s up to us to let our elected officials know how, we, the DAV Auxiliary expects them to vote on proposed bills.

2011 National Fall Conference
Hilton Netherland Plaza
 35 W. 5th Street ~ Cincinnati, OH 45202
 513.421.9100

September 29—October 1
\$110 (1 bed), \$120 s/d (2 beds),
\$140 tr./quad (2 beds)

Direct reservation link:
http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CVGNPHF-DAV-20110928/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Call now for reservations and plan to attend this informative conference!

And the Winner is....

Special thanks to the units that submitted newspaper clippings advertising the DAV Auxiliary membership eligibility change. In a random drawing, **Dick M. Lynch Unit #27, Georgia** was selected as the winning submission and will receive a \$100 award.

Orders -

Orders for DAV Auxiliary Manual or Voucher Book are sent payable to: DAV Auxiliary, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.

Auxiliary Manual—\$15
 Voucher Books—\$3

All other orders, including bylaw books, are now ordered through DAV National Service Foundation. Checks are payable to DAV National Service Foundation and sent to 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076. Telephone inquiries/orders call 877.426.2838, ext. 3252. Online at www.davstore.org.



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New Auxiliary Units Chartered

The Paris #39
Paris, Arkansas
Chartered May 6, 2011

The Gold Coast #133
Deerfield Beach, Florida
Chartered May 26, 2011

Recruiters

Congratulations to the April recruiters who were awarded \$25 each. They were: **Brigitte Rice of Kentucky #3** and **Roberta Riley of Washington #4**. The May winners are: **Allen Herrick of Massachusetts #72** and **Robert Brandt of Oklahoma #32**.

The final drawing will be June 30, 2011, so there is still time to sign up a new senior Auxiliary member and qualify for one of the two final \$25 cash awards.

June 27, 2011, is the deadline for membership submission to guarantee processing prior to June 30.

2011 DAV/DAVA National Convention ~ New Orleans Hilton New Orleans Riverside

2 Poydras St. — New Orleans, LA 70140 ~ 504.561.0500—\$124 Room Rate

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| 8/4—Registration | 8/7—Auxiliary Business Session |
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| 8/5—National District Mtgs. | 8/8—Auxiliary Business Session |
| 8/6—Convention Committee Mtgs. | 8/8—Forget-Me-Not Luncheon |
| 8/6—Joint Opening Session | 8/9—Final Business Session |
| 8/6—DAV Natl. Comdr. Reception | 8/9—Intro. of Natl. Officers & Dinner |

Tentative Agenda Subject to Change

Reminders

- **Auxiliary Brochures** have been revised and are now available. Order through DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- **National Convention Delegates** — Send in the yellow delegate form listing the elected delegates/ alternates listed as soon as possible to assure a proper credentialing process and registration.
- **Membership Listing** — The letters (J,S,F,P) located to the right of the membership numbers indicates the type of membership. J = Junior Member, S = Annual Senior Member, F = Full-Paid Life Member, P = Part-Paid Life Member.
- **Flag Day** — Fly Old Glory proudly on Tuesday, June 14!
- **Remember** those affected by the devastating storms and floods. Reach out when you can and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- **E-Newsletter**—Sign up for the DAV Auxiliary's online newsletter. Log on to www.davauxiliary.org and click on the e-mail sign-up link at the bottom of the page.