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DAV Auxiliary



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DONNA ADAMS ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER!

Donna Adams of Glendale, Arizona, was elected to the office of National Commander at the 2012 National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The daughter of a combat-disabled veteran, Donna has been an active member since 1964 and served as the first Junior Auxiliary Commander of her unit. To Donna, the DAV/DAV Auxiliary mission is a family effort and following in the footsteps of her mother, she was elected Arizona DAV Auxiliary State Commander in 1986.

On the national level, she has served as VAVS Representative and was elected to all vice commander offices chairing the respective committees associated with those elected positions.

Donna assumed the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the Arizona State Veteran Home in 1997 drawing on many years of experience as a volunteer for veterans' causes. She retired in 2010 as the Community Relations Coordinator for the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

Through the years, she served on the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Fiesta Bowl Committee, and founded the Glendale Veterans Day Parade. Donna currently serves on the Board of Directors for *Project We Remember*, benefitting military men and women, veterans, and their families. She is the DAVA Representative to Unified Arizona Veterans, a consortium of 35 veterans' service organizations, and is an event coordinator for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

Donna and her husband Stuart, a 100% service-connected disabled veteran, live in Glendale, Arizona. She has two sons, Sean and Chad, both veterans of the US Navy, and three grandchildren—all members of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

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2012-2013 NATIONAL OFFICERS

Announcing the national officers elected for the 2012-2013 year:

- Senior Vice Commander & Mae Holmes Chm. – Susan Miller, Colorado
- 1st Jr. Vice Commander & Membership Chm. – LeeAnn Karg, Minnesota
- 2nd Jr. Vice Commander & Legislative Chm. – Linda Stake, Arkansas
- 3rd Jr. Vice Commander & Americanism Chm.– Frances Costa, Massachusetts
- 4th Jr. Vice Commander & Community Service Chm. – Craig Johniken, Texas
- National Judge Advocate – Kathryn Wiley, Washington

Commander Donna's Theme:
The Key is Understanding

NATIONAL CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTEES

National Commander Donna Adams made the following appointments with the approval of the National Executive Committee:

National Chaplain—Carol Rundell, Arizona
 History Chairman – Iris Brzezinski, Nevada
 Hospital Chairman – Linda Bailey, Tennessee
 Interim Constitution & Bylaw Committee – Chairman Lucille McCarthy, Florida;
 Carol Gray, Michigan; Maria Tedrow, Ohio
 Junior Activities Chairman – Ruth Gates, Texas
 Sgt. at Arms – Charlyn Davis-Hager, Kentucky
 VAVS Representative – Ann Glende, Wisconsin
 VAVS Deputy Representative – Shirley Ashmore, South Carolina
 VAVS Deputy Representative – Melody Whitaker, Kentucky
 National Adjutant – Judy Hezlep, Ohio
 National Assistant Adjutant—Pat Kemper, Kentucky

Celebrating 90 Years

At the first national convention of the DAV Auxiliary in 1922 with new members eager to make a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families, one wonders if the founding members expected there would even be a 90th anniversary. Those present at that first San Francisco convention more than likely estimated the life of the organization to span a few decades anticipating world peace and a significant end to the disabled veteran population.

History has proved otherwise and has, in a way, become a defining imprint of the future. Ninety years later our members realize the need for service and commitment to our nation's veterans and their families is just as strong and necessary as ever. As the DAV Auxiliary's mission continues, so will the determination born in 1922.

Top Recruiter Award Winner

The DAV Auxiliary Recipient of the Top Recruiter Award for the 2011-2012 membership year was Ellen Drogo of Braintree, Massachusetts.

Ellen readily explained how she recruited 138 new senior members in a short span of time. Regional pool tournaments were being held in her hometown of Braintree and she attended with membership applications in hand. Ellen conveyed her passion for assisting veterans and their families and explained the mission of the DAV Auxiliary to everyone she met. By the end of the series, she had recruited 138 new members!

Ms. Drogo was amazed at how effortless her recruiting efforts were as the word spread throughout the tournament and people approached her seeking membership applications. "People were actually asking me for membership applications!" she proudly exclaimed. "It was so easy!"

For more than 30 years, Ellen has been an active member of the organization and has held many positions on the local, state, and national levels. Clearly, her drive and passion has been an ongoing inspiration to others.

We appreciate Ellen's record of service to the DAV Auxiliary and congratulate her on winning the Top Recruiter Award.

Ellen has now set her sights on bowling tournaments. Spread the word!

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.

~Albert Schweitzer

Bylaw Changes

The national convention delegates approved several bylaw changes. Some, but not all changes follow:

- Page U-18, GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGULAR UNIT MEETINGS. The following paragraph replaces paragraphs 3, 4, and 5:
 The Membership Initiation Ceremony shall be given to Auxiliary members within their respective units.
 The Ceremony is to be conducted at any regular or special meeting by a unit, state or national auxiliary commander or any auxiliary past commander. (In the absence of the commander, the presiding officer may conduct the ceremony.
- PAGE N-29, ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP, Section 6: Membership Classification, C. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, Paragraph 1. Delete and substitute the following:
National Members-At-Large: Provision is hereby made for membership-at-large. An annual membership card shall be issued upon receipt of a \$15.00 payment to National Headquarters. Life membership fees shall be as provided in Article VII, Section 6, "B." At-large membership shall not count in any state or unit. At-large members shall not have a vote at National Convention, or hold a National elected or appointed Office or Chairmanship, or be certified as a VAVS Representative or Deputy.
- PAGE N-29, ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP, Section 6: Membership Classification, C. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, Paragraph 2. Delete paragraph 2 and substitute the following:
State Members-At-Large: Provision is hereby made for each State Auxiliary-At-Large using the State DAV Chapter-At-Large name and number. The amount of annual membership dues shall be determined by each Auxiliary State Department. Life membership fees shall be as provided under Article VII, Section 6, Paragraph "B". At-Large membership shall be included in the State Department total; however, At-Large members shall not have a vote at a State Convention nor hold a State elected or appointed Office or Chairmanship, or be recommended as a VAVS Representative or Deputy Representative.
- PAGE S-7, ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS, Section 4, State Treasurer, Paragraph 5. Delete paragraph 5 and substitute the following:
 The State Treasurer shall give an itemized report of receipts and expenditures at each State Executive Committee meeting.
- PAGE S-7, ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS, Section 4, State Treasurer. Add new paragraph 6 which will read:
 The State Treasurer shall submit all records and a copy of the acknowledgement of filing Form 990-N e-Postcard or a copy of IRS Form 990, as warranted by amount of income, to the State Audit Committee **or** submit all records to an Independent or Certified Public Accountant as warranted by income. When IRS Form, 990-N e-Postcard is filed, a copy of the acknowledgement shall be provided to the State Adjutant.
- PAGE U-7, ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF UNIT OFFICERS, Section 3: Adjutant, Add new 12. which will read:
 12. Send a copy of the acknowledgement of filing Form 990-N e-Postcard to State and National Headquarters.
- PAGE U-8, ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF UNIT OFFICERS, Section 4: Treasurer. Delete Paragraph 7. and substitute new paragraph which will read:
 7. Submit all records and a copy of the acknowledgement of filing Form 990-N e-Postcard or a copy of IRS Form 990, as warranted by amount of income, to the Audit Committee for annual audit.

Last Call for Patti Rapisand's History Book

By: Joyce Humes, 2011-2012 History Chairman

As I put the finishing touches on Immediate Past National Commander Rapisand's history book, I'm sending out the final call for pictures. Patti has been great about sending me photographs of where she has been, but I really could use pictures from each state convention. Send them to my attention to DAVA national headquarters.

It was an honor for me to serve as 2011-2012 National History Chairman.



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New Auxiliary Units Chartered

Capital City #19
Concord, New Hampshire
Chartered July 19, 2012

Joe C. Montoya #24
Socorro, New Mexico
Chartered July 24, 2012

National Fall Conference **September 27–29, 2012**

Make your plans to attend the DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. National Chairmen will present their programs and answer questions from attendees. Thursday afternoon's schedule will include breakout sessions from 1:00—5:00 pm. The first business session will begin Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. A carnival is planned for Friday and will be a fun time for all.

Don't forget to send in the names of attendees, including guests, so we can experience a smooth registration.

We are looking forward to another successful Fall Conference and look forward to seeing you there!

Banquet—\$40

Registration—\$25

2012 National Fall Conference

Lexington Downtown Hilton
369 W. Vine Street ~ Lexington, KY 45202
859.231.9000

September 27–29
\$119 Single/Double

Direct reservation link:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/L/LEXDTHF-DAVETS-20120926/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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

Tentative Fall Conference Breakout Session Topics:

- **IRS Form 990N**
- **Adjutant/Treasurer Duties**
- **Hospice**
- **State Convention Registration Procedures**

As scheduling permits, additional topics may be added.

Reminders

- **Unit Funds** may only be expended by vote of the unit or in accordance with unit standing rules.
- **Camp Corral** — Donations are still being accepted for the Camp Corral program. The DAV Auxiliary presented Golden Corral with a \$10,000 check to be used for transportation costs for camp attendees. Junior members from Oklahoma Unit #88 presented a check in the amount of \$907.90 which was collected through fund raising efforts by the junior members. Way to go, Junior Members!
- Updated **constitution and bylaw books** will not be ready until late September and will be ordered through DAV National Service Foundation. Pricing information is not yet available.