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- Winter Sports Clinic ~ \$200.00**

From the Desk of National Commander, Donna Adams.....

Thank you, thank you, for your continued support and friendship at our National Convention in Las Vegas. I am so honored to serve as your National Commander this year! We truly have an amazing organization made up of members who are concerned about the welfare of our disabled veterans and their families. All our national officers and chairmen plan to keep you informed about updates and program suggestions through this monthly newsletter. I urge you to share it with your members, as well as referring to the Strategic Plan handed out at the National Convention in planning a course for your own units and state departments.

One of the states I visited during my travels has a unit with an "Adopt a Grandmother" program to assist members who are helping to raise their grandchildren. Extended family responsibilities are becoming more common, and I was really impressed by the insight of that unit to recognize a need within their own unit and do something about it. "DAVA 4 Kids" is an on-going National program; transportation to Camp Corral camps continues to experience financial need. Whether or not your unit has a chartered Junior Auxiliary, we hope your units will support that program. For those of you who know of members who have benefited from our Education Scholarship Fund or the Service Support Fund, share the message! We can only continue to sustain and expand these programs with your help and generosity.

Of course, our National Fall Conference will convene the end of this month and I look forward to seeing many of you there. I know many plan to take advantage of the opportunities offered to enhance your unit's programs. Remember; knowledge is only power when it's shared.

I plan to take you along on my journeys each month and share some unique things that are going on within DAVA around the country. There might just be something out there that can give a boost to your own programs. The Key is Understanding.

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NATIONAL FALL CONFERENCE

Lexington Downtown Hilton
369 W. Vine Street ~ Lexington, KY 40507
859.231.9000 - September 27–29, 2012 - \$109 single/double

This year's Fall Conference promises to be another informative event. There will be much information for the attendees to absorb and take back and share with the unit members who could not be there.

DAV speakers will be present for the Saturday morning session and DAV National Commander Larry Polzin will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

Registration fees are \$25, payable at the DAVA registration desk. Banquet tickets are \$40.

This will be the third year for a DAVA carnival where the national chairmen will host booths relevant to their respective Auxiliary programs to further educate our members.

Something new this year are the breakout sessions slated for Thursday, September 27, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Breakout sessions are smaller business workshops geared toward specific topics. While workshops will run simultaneously, the attendees can select which sessions would best apply to them.

The Conference is open to all members and guests; not just unit or state officers. It is a learning experience for anyone who wants to attend. The National Chairmen will present their programs for the 2012-2013 membership year and are prepared to answer questions. This is an interactive event where the attendees are encouraged to participate. So, bring your questions and ideas with you and make the most of this experience

Tentative Fall Conference Agenda

Wednesday ~

4 pm –7 pm
Early Bird Registration &
Sales

Thursday ~

8 am–7 pm—Registration
& Sales
10 am—NEC Meeting
1 pm–5 pm—Breakouts
(6 sessions—45 min. each)
7 pm—First Business Ses-
sion

Friday ~

8 am–4 pm—Registration
& Sales
9 am–11:30 am—
Business Session
2 pm–4 pm—Carnival
8 pm–11pm—Reception

Saturday ~

9 am–noon—Business Session
(to include DAV guest speakers)
6:30 pm—Cocktail Hour
7:30 pm—Banquet

Breakout Session Topics (Tentative)

- Adjutant/Treasurer Duties
- Commander's Duties and Unit/State Standing Rules
- VA Benefits and ChampVA
- Convention Procedures, Credentials, Registration
- Hospice
- Social Media

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An Auxiliary Member Making a Difference In her Own Way...

The purpose of her call to the Auxiliary national headquarters office was to verify she was entitled to receive the DAV Magazine after the recent death of her husband. A few months into the grieving process, she was taking care of business. Since DAV representatives had been good to her husband and then to her after his passing, she needed to confirm her DAV Auxiliary life membership would remain in effect.

During the course of the conversation, a lot of emotions poured out as she gave a verbal glimpse into the final years of her husband's life; his struggle for benefits and proper health care; his illness that she was certain came from chemical and environmental exposure while serving as a medic in the jungles of Viet Nam. When she could no longer care for him at home, she wrangled with the frustration of the oftentimes confusing bureaucracy that bogs the VA system and delays care and benefits for so many veterans.

While many of her concerns were care-related and personal, her story is one that is repeated day in and day out across our nation. She gave the impression she didn't fully realize what DAVA members do, but she wanted to continue her support of the DAV and DAVA even though she wasn't an active member. Now that she is stabilizing her personal affairs, she clearly realizes her personal mission did not end when she buried her spouse. She intends to remind legislators of the sacrifices made by the men and women who served their country. The families affected by that service. The lives lost. She is ready to apply her knowledge and commitment to helping others; a transfer of knowledge and compassion particularly to those who have no fight left in them, nor anyone to fight for them. Her focus is to assist those who are entitled to what they were promised....what they deserve.

Before ending that long call, she offered her appreciation for a sympathetic ear, but it was more than that. It was one Auxiliary member to another.... It's what we do. *The Key is Understanding.*

FILLABLE FORMS

Did you know there are forms available online in a fillable format? Check them out! www.davauxiliary.org



- Officer Report
- Financial Report
- Annual Report Forms
- Junior Card Template
- Transfer Request Form
- PNC Award

Generating Reports

Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders, Adjutants, and Membership Chairmen of units and state departments have system access to generate various reports by logging in to www.davmembers.org. Select **Request For Information**. The drop-down menu will contain the following reports:

Annual Financial Report – Enter the unit/state fiscal year ending date (must be exact). Generate. The result will be the financial report with the specified fiscal year ending date requested.

Chapter/Unit List – Provides a unit listing for your particular state with adjutant name and contact information and the annual dues amount charged by each respective unit. Search parameters can be selected to suit your search needs under the Chapter/Unit Status drop-down menu. Print options allow the user to print a list or a desired label format for mailing.

Chapter/Unit Status – Produces a list of units within the state – and their respective status. Search parameters are available to suit your search needs.

Direct Deposit Advice by Dept/Chap – Handy report for determining the total amount of membership distribution made by national headquarters to report on the annual financial report or to compare to bank records. Enter the fiscal year date range and select generate.

Membership List – Creates a list of the members and their respective status within a particular unit. Search parameters are available to meet specific search needs. Note the check mark next to Print Labels. Deselect the check if you are generating a membership listing. Keep the checkmark in if you choose to print labels (5160 compatible).

Membership Standings – Not used. This is a DAV report only.

Membership Activity Report – Membership activity is listed on the this monthly report and mailed to the units. This particular report can be generated with a specific date range.

Officer Report – Produces the officer report data on file at national headquarters.

Population Summary – Generates a population summary of all units within your state department. This report can be run daily and reflects membership information as of the previous working day.

Recruitment – Produces an alphabetical list of Recruiters and the respective number of new members sponsored. Hint: 1) Select DAVA. 2) Enter correct fiscal year (2012 for the 2012-2013 year, 2013 for the 2013-2014 year, etc.)

3) Enter a "1" in the **Minimum DAVA Recruited** field.

Recruitment – Dept/Chapter – Do not use this report.



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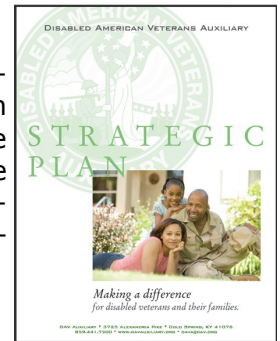
New Auxiliary Unit Chartered

**Hoke County #17
Raeford, North Carolina
Chartered August 15, 2012**

A Strategic Plan...

The Strategic Planning Committee has finalized the Strategic Plan Document. The Plan could not have been completed without the diligence of all members and subcommittee members involved in the process. The document is being sent to units and state departments and is also available on line.

<http://www.davauxiliary.org/membership/documents/DAVAstrategicPlan.pdf>



Reminders

- **Unit Adjutants** – The mailings you receive as Adjutant are not your personal mail. You are the person dedicated to receive the mailings and make available to unit commanders, officers, and members. By accepting the office of Adjutant, you agreed to this practice. Members have the right to view the month-end mailings from national headquarters and those from state departments. It can't be said enough—communication is the key to success.
- **Life Membership** – can be obtained with \$20 down payment. Provided there are ample funds to make yearly life membership distribution, members can extend the payment period beyond the three year prescribed period of time.
- **New Members** can be initiated at any regular business meeting, including an election meeting. **All members** in good standing have the right to speak and vote on issues at a regular business meeting. Forbidding them to do so is a violation of their membership rights and a violation of the bylaws. **Units do not vote on acceptance of new members.**
- **990-N**—All units and state departments are required to submit an annual 990-N or 990 (as warranted by income). Failure to do so results in IRS revocation of non-profit status and possible charter revocation.
- **990-N Submission Confirmation**—Units and state departments are now required to submit a copy of the submission confirmation of filing the 990-N e-Postcard to national headquarters. Please identify the unit number and state on the copies.
- **Bylaw Books** are not yet available. Sign up for the E-newsletter at www.davauxiliary.org to receive notification of bylaw book availability and cost.