

DAV Auxiliary

Headquarters News

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Three State Departments
 have achieved 2013-
 2014 membership quota!

Congratulations!

Georgia
New Jersey
New Mexico

DAV Auxiliary—Making a Difference



Our Mission Statement:

“Making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families.”

Since 1922, DAV Auxiliary has been making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families, and our members will continue that mission of service.

The national executive committee has adopted a new logo and tag line for DAV Auxiliary. In keeping with our mission statement, the “Making a Difference” tag line best describes the members and purpose of our organization.

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Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge *By Judy Hezlep, National Adjutant*

The DAV Auxiliary national headquarters office received a visit from Mr. Michael E. Di Yeso, President and CEO of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. While in town for a visit to the Cincinnati Freedoms Foundation Chapter, he asked to stop by our Headquarters to thank the DAV Auxiliary for their many years of support of this program.

Following a tour of National Headquarters, he visited with our staff and what a pleasant visit we had. He is a wonderful representative for Freedoms Foundation and brought some of their new brochures outlining

programs for the coming year. There are so many interesting classes scheduled and one in particular is “Teaching American History and the Medal of Honor Legacy.”

If anyone is interested in attending Freedoms Foundation for any of their classes, please contact National Headquarters and we will be happy to send the information to you. Mr. Di Yeso has promised to give any of our members priority for scholarships for any of the programs and classes scheduled.

After his visit, we received a supply of their updated brochures and, with that, he included his

own application for membership in the DAV Auxiliary as he believes in what we do for the veteran and their family.

I encourage units, departments, and individuals to consider donations for Freedoms Foundation when preparing your budgets.

Visit their website:
www.freedomsfoundation.org

“Freedoms Foundation promotes the ideals and principles of our free society and encourages all Americans to embrace both their rights and the responsibilities and contribute to the common good of society.”

VAVS By Ann Glende, National VAVS Representative

It is a busy time of the year for VAVS Representatives and Deputies, mostly because many of you need to be re-certified. If your state has yet to contact you regarding your recertification, please contact your local VA Voluntary Service Chief so that he/she may contact us to expedite the process. It is important that we all stay certified, so let's stay on top of this and have a smooth and quick process!

Patty and I are getting ready to attend the National Advisory Committee meeting in the next few months. We have learned a lot so far, but what we have noticed is a decline in attendance at the quarterly VAVS meetings. It is so important to attend that, because this allows the DAV Auxiliary to have a voice in the local VA. Work closely with your deputies to plan to attend the meeting. If you find it is too hard to fulfill this kind of obligation, we can always find solutions. The important thing is that we are all working together to help those hospitalized veterans who really need our assistance.

We have seen some great things from the representatives and deputies during the AJR (Annual Joint Review). Haven't had yours yet? Now is the time to get ahold of your VA Voluntary Service Chief. These are typically done in October, so the deadline has well passed, but there is still time to get this form completed. It also allows us and the National Staff to see what we are accomplishing and what may need to be changed.

Most importantly, thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication! Without you all, the veterans would not have some of the things they do during their stays at the local VA.

Mae Holmes By LeeAnn Karg, National Mae Holmes Chairman

April 1st is fast approaching, which is the deadline for making membership quota and to qualify for the Mae Holmes Award. You should all be working on collecting your data for all of your year-end reports. Remember that Mae Holmes is a summary of everything that you have done this past year. Make sure that your report is complete and accurate. The heading must be filled out completely, the membership totals must be correct, and report must be signed. You must also attach a copy of the Hospital, VAVS, and or Community Service if your total value is over \$1000.00 on any of them. Only the form needs to be attached.

This report requires four copies vs three as with the other reports. One copy for the unit records, three for the State Adjutant (one to be judged, one to mail to the NEC, and one to be mailed to the National Mae Holmes Chairman).

Please complete the Mae Holmes report even if you do not reach Quota by April 1st. The NEC of your district and the National Chairman each require a copy of your report, regardless.

Remember that Commander Susan's theme this year is "United in Service." Let's all work together to make this year one to remember.

Deadlines!!! -

- **Education Scholarship Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2014. Scholarship information can be found online or call Auxiliary national headquarters.**
- **PNC Outstanding Member of the Year Award – Submissions must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2014. Form available online.**
- **Mae Holmes Award—Units must achieve quota by April 1, 2014, to qualify for Mae Holmes Award consideration.**

Community Service By Ellen Timmerman, National Community Service Chairman

The report forms have been mailed out to all of the state departments and in turn they should be mailed to all of the units. The only change this year to the Community Service Report is listed on the bottom of the report and it states the following: *Use reverse side for explanation and detail or attach one additional sheet.* Follow the directions on the form; remember to fill out the top of your report, and be sure to sign it.

If you are looking for something different from what your unit normally does for community service here are some things that other units do:

G.P. Houston Memorial, Unit 57, Heber Springs, AR has a member who is a beautician and does hair and makeup for an elderly neighbor. Two members sing at the senior citizens center once a month. Members help to care for another member with Alzheimer's while her husband works (God Bless you all for this).

Wand B. Doyle, Unit 32, Brownsville, KY volunteer at a local nursing home on a daily basis and assist seniors in entertainment programs, cook meals, and drop off meals to the homebound. They also made 25 poodle skirts for a

50's party at a nursing home and paid for an Elvis impersonator to visit them.

There are so many different things you can do in your community, just take the time to look around, find them and then get busy. You could ask your Chapter to get involved with your projects and then you would be "**United in Service.**"

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL
AND KEEP UP THE
GOOD WORK!!**

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*Everyone can be great,
because everyone can serve.*
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

History By Margaret Snelling, National History Chairman

HAPPY NEWYEAR!!

Every year I make New Year Resolutions. Some I keep some I don't. This year I want you to join me. I want you to resolve to send me pictures when our National Commander Susan visits your State. I am not asking for pictures of every event, only pictures of the main highlights.

My contest is still open. I am still asking for pictures of National Commander Susan at the 2013 National Convention in Orlando and the National Fall Conference in Cincinnati.

If you are the State History Chairman, your history book should be taking shape. There have been many celebrations since your convention so I know your Commander has been busy and has lots of pictures and other items for the History book.

By the way, I am also looking for pictures of National Commander Susan as she was working her way through the chairs. If you have pictures of her before she became our National Commander, I would love for you to share them with me. I'll bet if you looked through some of the items you have filed away you just might find a picture or two. We want to show our National Commander how proud we are of her by giving her beautiful History Books.

Until next time, good picture taking.

Annual Report Forms -

By now, units should have received the annual report forms from their respective state departments. [These forms are also available online in both Word and PDF fillable formats.](#)

Officer and Financial Reports -

These forms have been sent to all units. [Officer reports](#) are to be completed following installation of officers and mailed as indicated on the form. [Financial reports](#) are to be completed by the treasurer and audited by a three-member committee prior to the installation of a new treasurer. Both forms are available online for your convenience.

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January
Water Globe Recipients

Amie Woods, Florida #18
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Sign up 15 new paid senior members and receive your own personalized "You're a Star" Water Globe!



Sign up five new paid senior members and receive a reach for the stars lapel pin!

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United in Service

Unit Elections—

It's getting to be the time of year when most units hold their annual elections. In accordance with the national bylaws, all senior members must receive written notice of election no less than ten days prior to the election. Examples of written notice are: postcards or regular mail, e-mail, and newsletter.

To those considering election or appointment to a unit position, make sure your dues are paid! Unit adjutants should verify membership status of potential candidates and voting members to avoid undue embarrassment and calling of special elections in the event an office is declared vacant due to delinquent membership dues.

Complete the officer report following officer installation and send to national headquarters by regular mail, e-mail, or fax. Don't forget to send appropriate copies to DAVA state department, DAV department, and keep one for the unit files!

Reminders

Junior Member Payments—Unit checks are being received at national headquarters with "Junior Dues" written on the memo line with no accompanying documentation as to whose dues are being paid. Please send a list of junior names and the membership year(s) being paid (i.e., 2013-2014, 2014-2015, etc.). Junior dues are \$3 per membership year. Unfortunately, checks will be returned without the supporting documentation.

Orders—Orders and checks for fraternal items are sent to DAV NSF. The only item sold by DAV Auxiliary is the Auxiliary Manual.

990-N Submission Confirmation—Unit and State Adjutants are required to submit confirmation of filing the 990-N to state and national headquarters.

Annual Dues Changes—Units establish their own annual dues amounts, but the amount must cover national and state per capita. If your unit has changed its annual dues, submit this change to DAVA National Headquarters no later than February 17, 2014. The 2014-2015 annual dues notices will be mailed in early March.

Direct Deposit Reports—Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders, and Adjutants have the capability to produce this report through the membership system that assists the Treasurer in completing the annual financial report. Enter the date parameters and generate a report listing the total direct deposit amounts for that accounting period. Log in to www.davmembers.org.