

DAV Auxiliary
Headquarters News

3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

July 2014

National Fall Conference

Make your plans now to attend the Fall Conference.

September 25-27

Hilton Lexington Downtown
 369 West Vine St.
 Lexington, KY
 1.859.231.9000
 1.800.HILTONS

\$109 Single/DbL.

\$35.00 registration
 \$40.00 banquet

The banquet will be held on Friday night, and a reception will be held Saturday evening to wrap up the conference.

Welcome to the 2014-2015 Membership Year!



It was a very successful 2013-2014 Membership Year. National quota was met, and several states reached or exceeded quota. We welcomed many new members, shared new ideas, and celebrated our successes. Now it's time to start all over again! Units and state departments have their quotas, and all that is left is to sign those members up!

Don't forget that the down payment for a life membership is only \$20.00! Members are billed quarterly and have at least three years to pay. If the membership is not paid in full at the end of three membership years, the member shall continue only as long as there are sufficient funds to make the annual distribution. This plan essentially extends the payment time beyond the three-full-membership year requirement so long as the member pays enough on their life membership each year to make the July 1 membership distribution. Remember that dues paid on an annual membership may not be applied toward a life membership.

Congratulations to the following State Departments!!!!

Alabama ~ Arizona ~ Arkansas ~ California ~ Colorado ~ Washington D.C. ~ Florida ~ Georgia ~ Idaho ~ Illinois ~ Kansas ~ Louisiana ~ Maine ~ Maryland ~ Minnesota ~ Nevada ~ New Jersey ~ New Mexico ~ North Carolina ~ Ohio ~ Oklahoma ~ Pennsylvania ~ Rhode Island ~ South Carolina ~ Utah ~ Vermont ~ Washington ~ Puerto Rico.

All units in the State Department's of Georgia and Idaho achieved 100% or above quota!!!

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Junior Activities by Tawnya Kingsley, Jr. Activities Chairman

Juniors, I am so proud of you for all of the hard work and dedication that you have put in during this past year. I absolutely love seeing the pictures of you out doing the different activities to help your Disabled American Veterans and your communities. This month is when we celebrate our Independence so make sure to have a fun, safe 4th of July weekend. Also, National Convention will be held next month in Las Vegas and if you would like to be a page please remember to pack a white dress, white dress shirt with navy or black dress pants. I look forward to meeting you at the Convention.

Are you attending National Convention in Las Vegas? Help us adequately prepare by sending us the names of all juniors attending, and include if they'll be serving as junior pages. Lists can be sent to National Headquarters or emailed to aglende@dav.org.



Legislative by Fran Costa, Legislative Chairman

Thank you to all of our members who continue to contact their respective Senators and Congressmen.

Another aspect of legislation is the U.S. flag and the fact that it has always represented American Pride. Let the inspiration of the flag and what it represents be displayed as a symbol to demand this country's leadership accomplish the following:

1. Fix the veterans' system so U.S. military soldiers and veterans receive the best medical care.
2. Stop wasteful spending and work under a balanced budget so hard-working taxpayers receive the ultimate value of each tax dollar.
3. Secure our borders for the safety of this great country and for all illegals that have been used and abused in their quest for the American dream.

We as citizens are not interested in the political drama so prevalent in this government. We want honest and sincere leadership working together for a better America. We have the right to be heard and not be dismissed because of political personal agendas which do not serve all American citizens. Politics in this country has gotten uglier. This country's promises to veterans will mean very little if there is no reform. Unresolved problems, in which veterans die before they get care, pose a threat to the future of our national defense.

What kind of message is it sending to our young? We're allowing our wounded warriors to suffer with untreated physical and emotional pain. Congress deliberately blocked bills to help veterans, including health bills. No warrior should be alone in the fight and those that bear the scars need us; they need to know that we are fighting for them.

Display your flag proudly and contact your government representatives and voice your concerns. Remind them that a true expression of honor should be through immediate care for a man or woman who had borne the battle and to rectify this horrific situation.

Community Service by Ellen Timmerman, Community Service Chairman

By the time you read this all of the "State Conventions" will be over and all of your reports will have been judged. The winning reports have been mailed to National Headquarters to be judged again during the National Convention in Las Vegas. No matter how your report is judged, you are all winners; the fact that you've given your time to help just one person in your community makes you a winner.

We've already started a new year helping in our communities, and even though we don't do it to be patted on the back, it's still nice to receive some kind of acknowledgement of what we have accomplished. We can't do that if your unit doesn't turn in reports. Thirty (30) states turned in reports with a total 556,875.6 in hours, 1,068,674 miles driven and \$2,849,089.70 in items and money donated to your communities. Can you imagine how high these totals would be if every unit did reports? Next year, let's try to increase the number of states participating; in fact, it would be great if every state turned in reports.

"Community Service is involvement. It is knowing, caring and participating in our surrounding environment. It is being aware of life, and all the responsibilities it holds." (Auxiliary Manual) Community Service is doing something that helps another person that is not a family member. It is expected that we will help family because they are family.

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

Indebted Units

Units and state departments that have not paid their national mandates nor submitted an annual financial report are considered **INDEBTED**.

Units and delegates must ensure that 2013-2014 national mandates are paid and a financial report is on file with national headquarters by July 31, 2014. Failure to comply will result in elected delegates not being permitted to register in the capacity of convention delegates at the national convention.

A member of an indebted unit may attend convention business meetings and functions as a registered member/guest without voice or vote.

Elected national convention delegates are entitled to the privilege of representing their unit/state department so please see that all indebtedness is satisfied prior to the national convention.

Understanding the tax-exempt revocation procedure

It is important for all units and state departments to ensure they are submitting a 990-N e-Postcard yearly. Failure to file for three consecutive years will result in the loss of the tax-exempt status, and results in a monetary fine by the IRS. Do not lose your tax-exempt status. If you're struggling, please contact National Headquarters, and we will be happy to assist you. Documents are available for those who need guidance with setting up an e-Postcard account or filing.

To ensure that units are given ample time to correct their tax-exempt problem, should one arise, the following procedure will be used for units who have lost their tax-exempt status:

- ⇒ Every month, DAVA National Staff will check the IRS website for any units whose tax-exempt status was revoked since the previous month. That unit will immediately go on hold and a letter will be sent advising of loss of exemption and steps to regain tax-exemption and get back into good standing. What we will request is a copy of the first page of IRS form 1024 and a copy of the \$400 check. The unit has 60 days from the date of the letter to respond.
- ⇒ If no response, a 2nd notice will be sent advising that the charter is in danger of being suspended unless the information is received within 60 days from the date of the 2nd letter.
- ⇒ If no response to the 2nd notice and no attempted contact has been made by the unit to national headquarters, the charter is temporarily revoked until the paperwork is received or 18 months has passed, whichever is sooner. If we have had no contact or resolve after 18 months, the charter is revoked.
- ⇒ If, after the 2nd letter, the unit has contacted headquarters but still has not submitted the proper paperwork, the unit will be placed on a suspension for 180 days. If the information is not received within the 180 day period, the charter will be temporarily revoked for 18 months or until the paperwork is received, whichever is sooner.

Please note: The DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters office will be closed August 4-8, 2014, for National Convention.

LeeAnn Karg, National Senior Vice Commander, and her husband, Van, recently received the "Service Above Self" award from the Hutchinson Rotary Club. This award, received "in recognition of their many years of service to our community, epitomizing the rotary motto service above self," is only the second of its kind to be presented by the Hutchinson Rotary Club. LeeAnn and Van also had the privilege of donating \$500.00 to the charity of their choice, and presented the DAV Auxiliary with a check for Camp Corral Transportation. "It truly makes you feel good about all that we do," LeeAnn stated.

Congratulations, and thank you!!!!



Members making a difference!

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

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out the DAV Aux-
iliary webpage
lately? Changes
are happening, so
[check it out today!](#)

Save the date!
For the annual DAV
5K. More information
available soon!!!

**Saturday, 11/8/14 in
Cincinnati, Ohio
and
Sunday, 11/9/14 in San
Diego, CA**



June Snow Globe recipients:
Joni Bundy, Oklahoma #9
Karla Schwartz, Indiana #19
Joyce Hutchinson, Ohio #63
Cynthia Hines, Indiana #19
Lynn Swanson, Indiana #23

New Auxiliary Unit
LCPL C Roberts #102
Newport, TN
Chartered June 17, 2014

Donald A. Moody #33
Warner Robins, GA
Chartered June 24, 2014

Congratulations & Welcome!

**"The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have
others on your side." ~ Margaret Carty**

Reminders:

- * **Officer Name Badges**—can be ordered through www.davstore.org (click Auxiliary) or by calling 877.426.2838, ext. 3252. The cost is \$10.00 per badge.
- * **Sponsors**—Be sure to take credit for sponsoring your newly recruited members by writing your membership code number in the "Sponsor's Code Number" section on the membership application. If there's no number listed, you can't get the credit you deserve.
- * **Please print clearly**—When sending in membership applications to National Headquarters, please ensure that we are able to read it. This will avoid cards being printed with incorrect information. If we are unable to read the information, we won't be able to process it until we can clarify the information.
- * **Adjutants**—Please remember to share all mail with your members.

**Watch your mailbox; National Convention Registration information has
been sent!!**