

DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News



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Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Departments for making 2017-2018 Quota!

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IRS Reporting Period

We have received IRS notification that all DAV Auxiliary units and state departments are now on a July 1 to June 30 reporting year for completing the appropriate 990 form as warranted by income. **Units and state departments will not be required to submit another 990-N e-Postcard until after June 30, 2018, for the 2017 tax year.**

What does that mean? Effective immediately, units and state departments will complete the appropriate 990 form (990-N, 990 EZ, etc.) after July 1 of each year. Those completing the 990-N will be required to have it submitted and accepted by the IRS no later than the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the tax year, or November 15. Units or state departments that do not complete the 990-N e-Postcard by November 15 will be considered late, and while still accepted by the IRS, will not count as being completed. Units and state departments who do not file an on-time 990-N e-Postcard for three consecutive years will risk losing their tax-exempt status.

It is possible that all units and state departments will receive a notice from the IRS stating that the 2017 filing is past due. The IRS has suggested that the document be returned to the address listed on the letter with the following, "The DAV Auxiliary now has a determined fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Yearly filing will now be completed after July 1 of each year."

As a reminder, the 990-N e-Postcard can only be completed online by visiting the IRS website. If your unit is unable to complete the e-Postcard, please contact national headquarters and a staff member will complete the form on the unit's or state department's behalf. Do not throw away your tax-exempt status. It is a costly and time consuming reinstatement process.

Short-Year Annual Financial Reports

The deadline has passed for any unit or state department not operating on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year to complete a short-year annual financial report. As a reminder, units and state departments who do not complete this form will have no voice or vote at the 2018 State or National Convention.

If your unit is experiencing problems completing the form, please contact your state department for assistance. If they are unable to provide the assistance you need, they will contact national headquarters for clarification.

As a reminder, all units and state departments must now operate on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. The 2017-2018 annual financial report will be due no later than September 30, 2018. The newly revised form and directions will be sent to all units and state departments with the March quarter-end mailing.

Evelyn Dorsey—Past National Commander



DAV Auxiliary Past National Commander Evelyn Dorsey passed away on December 13, 2017. She was elected to the organization's highest office at the 1998 National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. A life member of Federal Unit #1, in Washington, D.C., Evelyn served in various positions on the unit and state level. Evelyn was eligible for membership through her late husband, Garnett, a Korean War service-connected disabled veteran.

A native of Washington, D.C., Ms. Dorsey received her formal education in the Nation's Capital, employed by the U.S. Army Material Commander and the D.C. Department of Human Services for more than 35 years. After her retirement, she devoted her time and energy to her church, auxiliary, and community activities. Ms. Dorsey served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of her church; the Board of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA; the Board of

Directors of the Stoddard Baptist Home, and was a member of the Mayor's Committee on Persons With Disabilities and National Council of Negro Women.

Evelyn will be remembered for her passion of the DAV Auxiliary, her church, community, her kind heart, and her dedication in making a difference in the lives of others.

Help Sponsor Caregiver Support at the 2018 TEE Tournament



The annual National TEE Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa, is a week-long rehabilitation program for Veterans who are legally blind, amputees, are wheelchair bound, or have other disabilities.

While the attendees participate in events such as golf, horseshoes, bowling, and kayaking, caregivers in attendance get a chance to participate in events of their own. These events include arts and crafts and outings, allowing caregivers a chance to take a break from normal day-to-day responsibilities.

Staff and volunteers remain with the veterans during the caregiver breaks, allowing the caregiver to completely focus on his or her own well-being and enjoyment.

With the unanimous approval of the National Executive Committee, the DAV Auxiliary has become a sponsor of these types of caregiver events, promoting the organization's ongoing support of caregivers. Donations are being accepted from members, units, and state departments in support of this effort. It is estimated that the cost for the week long caregiver support program will be approximately \$4,000. When sending donations, please make checks payable to DAV Auxiliary and earmark "Caregiver Support" and send to DAV Auxiliary, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.

If you are interested in participating or volunteering in the 2018 TEE Tournament, please visit <https://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/tee/>.

What Makes Your Unit Fun?

Darlene Hanneman, Ohio State Senior Vice Commander, recently shared some project ideas that can boost morale and touch the lives of veterans, their families, and the community. What better way to learn something new than by sharing success stories from our very own members!

Your unit could adopt a special project to plant flowers, plant a public vegetable garden, host a proper flag burning ceremony, give out sack lunches, make winter scarves, pot holders, or collect canned goods. Wearing red on Fridays to support those who serve takes no time out of your day. Don't forget to include juniors in your special events and projects.

She reminds us, "Call reporters to come to your functions, and bring in speakers from the government to keep members informed about rules, laws, and history." This can also raise awareness about the DAV Auxiliary and may recruit new members.

We'd love to hear what your unit is doing. Share your stories with us by mail or email them to dava@dav.org. If sending pictures, please include the names of those in the photo.

Winner! Winner! Winner! Winner! Winner!

Congratulations to Anita Ayala, Florida unit #1! Her name was drawn to receive \$500 cash for recruiting one new paid senior member between October 1 and December 31.

Congratulations to Peggy Burks, Tennessee unit #46! Her name was drawn to receive a \$50 gift card to the DAV Store for recruiting one new junior life member with a \$10 down payment!

VAVS by **Melissa Pierce, National VAVS Chairman**

I know, I know, the holiday season has just wrapped up and you're ready for a break. A break from all the shopping, cooking, cleaning, and gatherings. Take a break for yourself, but don't take a break from our Veterans! The holiday season may come and go, but there will always be Veterans at our local VA Medical Centers, Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) and Community Living Centers (CLC's). Don't forget them!

February will bring a number of opportunities for you to get involved. Think about hosting or sponsoring a Super Bowl Party at your CLC. Bring football themed treats the Friday before the Super Bowl to your VA. Get your Juniors involved by making "team" football decorations. Juniors and other members could visit Veterans and ask them who they want to win and then give the Veteran the decorated football of the team they chose. Have pizzas or other treats delivered to inpatient wards. If you're not near a VA, contact Voluntary Service and ask if you can help sponsor a special event for Veterans. The possibilities are endless!

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week is February 12-16. This is another opportunity to say thank you to our many Veterans being cared for by the VA. Is your local VA doing something special? Talk to Voluntary Services and see how your unit can become involved. Encourage your Junior members to make Valentines for distribution. Encourage Unit and community members to get involved with volunteering.

Keep in mind our homeless and near-homeless Veterans. Once the holiday season is over, many forget that they still need assistance. Host a unit food, clothing, or toiletry drive. Cold weather clothing and blankets will still be needed for a few more months. VA Outreach centers are always in need. Did you get some new household items as presents this year? Consider donating your good, used items to Veterans transitioning into housing. The simple household items we take for granted will mean a lot to a Veteran moving into a new home.

Remember, VAVS is not just being a regular scheduled volunteer at our VA's; it is also volunteering for special events, donating money, clothing and other goods, sponsoring holiday parties, BINGO, and other events. And as always, take pictures of your unit members and Juniors as they participate – we love to see how we are supporting our Veterans!

Rose Marie Schilpp—Past National Commander

DAV Auxiliary Past National Commander Rose Marie Schilpp passed away on December 24, 2017. She was elected to the organization's highest office at the 1988 National Convention in Dallas, Texas. A life member of Ernestine Schumann Heink Unit #1, in Kansas City, Missouri, Rose served in various positions on the unit, state, and national level. Mrs. Schilpp was eligible for membership through her late husband, James.

One of nine children, Rose was a resident of Independence, Missouri, and worked for many years as a preschool and music teacher at Jean's Day Nursey. She was a regularly scheduled volunteer at the local VA Medical Center, and an active participant at Bingo and Sing-a-long sessions at local Nursing Homes.

Rose will be remembered for her love of life, sense of humor, and positive attitude. She leaves behind three children, one sibling, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.



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2018 Salute to Veteran Patients



The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to pay tribute and express appreciation to veterans, increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center, and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

To learn more about the 2018 Salute to Veteran Patients events in your area, please visit <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/NationalSaluteVeteranPatients.asp>.

Evelynne Dunn—Past National Commander



DAV Auxiliary Past National Commander Evelynne Dunn passed away on December 27, 2017. She was elected to the organizations highest position at the 1997 National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A life member of Sunrise Mountain Unit #13 in Las Vegas, Mrs. Dunn is eligible for membership through her late husband, Fred, a Disabled American Veteran wounded during World War II while serving with the U.S. Army at the Battle of the Bulge in France and her late son, Monte, a Vietnam veteran.

Evelynne has participated at all levels of the DAV Auxiliary, installing a keen understanding of the many complex issues facing disabled veterans and their families.

A mother of four, Mrs. Dunn attended New York City College, studying history, and was a regular volunteer at the Las Vegas VA Medical Center. She will be remembered for her love of family, grace of storytelling, and sense of humor.

Calling All Junior Members!

We want to see you! That's right, you are cordially invited to attend the 2018 National Convention in Reno, Nevada. This year we are excited to be at a family-friendly resort, with a variety of activities, including a pool, a 40,000 square foot family-friendly entertainment center with a video arcade and laser tag, four go-kart tracks, a mini golf course, bowling, and a movie theatre featuring the most popular Hollywood films.

This year, any junior in attendance will receive a free t-shirt from DAV Auxiliary! In order to receive one, you **must** return the information form below to our office **no later than May 15, 2018**. Those who do not return the form below will not receive a t-shirt. You must be in attendance to receive your shirt.

We are also working on some other ideas that will be available for the juniors who are in attendance. Though we can't share all the fun right now, you won't want to miss out!

Remember, in order to receive a free t-shirt your parent or guardian must return the form below by mail, fax, or email no later than **May 15, 2018**. Additional t-shirts will not be available on site.

As a reminder, the National Convention will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada, July 14-17, 2018. GSR basic single/double rooms are \$84 per night, plus applicable taxes, and single/double Summit rooms are \$104 per night, plus applicable taxes. It is recommended that you book rooms early. The Auxiliary National Executive Committee meeting will be on Thursday, July 12, and Districts will meet on Friday, July 13. The convention will begin with the Joint Opening Session on Saturday, July 14, and will conclude on Tuesday, July 17.

2018 National Convention Junior Pre-Registration

The following junior will be in attendance at the 2018 National Convention in Reno, NV.

Name: _____

Age: _____

State and Unit #: _____

T-shirt size: _____ Adult Child (circle one)

*This form must be returned to DAVA National Headquarters no later than **May 15, 2018**. 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076 -Fax:859.442.2095 -email: dava@dav.org*