

Headquarters News



DAV Auxiliary



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MEMBERSHIP QUOTA REACHED

Quota has been met for the first time since June 30, 2001. What an accomplishment! At a time when the growing need for membership is vital in achieving the mission of our organization, you came through.

It's not easy to recruit new members, but by continuing to promote our organization through thoughtful deeds and selfless acts of dedication, there is no greater marketing method in existence.



Our work is by no means done and membership is the engine that moves the DAV Auxiliary forward. On July 1 our membership goals will undoubtedly seem like an unreachable target, but for now we can step back and take a moment to appreciate the hard work that has gotten us to this point.

The following state departments have met their membership quota:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wyoming
- Puerto Rico

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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

GIVE ME YOUR FEEDBACK

Etter M. Bowers, National History Chairman

DAVA National Commander Kathryn Wiley is traveling with a purpose across the states representing our Auxiliary.

This is the time to review the experiences you have encountered with her. Share your memories through pictures with me.

Forward those precious moments to:

Etter Bowers
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NEW APPOINTMENTS

National Commander Kathryn Wiley appointed Judy Hezlep to the position of National Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary effective May 1, 2008. Judy is a charter member of Clermont County Unit #63 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has held many unit offices. She has also held elected and appointed state department positions, including State Commander. She has served the organization as Assistant National Adjutant since her appointment in July 1986. Judy's employment with the Auxiliary spans nearly four decades and her involvement on the unit, state, and national levels has provided the invaluable experience needed to fulfill the duties of our National Adjutant.

One of Judy's first orders of business was to appoint an Assistant National Adjutant. The National Executive Committee approved the appointment of Pat Kemper as the new Assistant National Adjutant. She has been employed by the DAV Auxiliary for more than 26 years and has also been active in her Auxiliary unit, Northern Kentucky Unit #19. Pat has held most unit offices, including Adjutant and Commander. She is committed to learning all aspects of the position, and her knowledge of the organization will enable her to achieve success.

National Commander Kathryn Wiley asks everyone to join her in congratulating Judy Hezlep and Pat Kemper on their appointments.



NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2008 National Convention will be held at the Bally's Las Vegas Hotel. Room rates are \$108 single/double. For reservations call 1.800.634.3434. Remember that Golden Technologies will continue to supply scooters, but there will be a usage fee of \$80. Requests for scooters should be made in advance of the national convention by calling toll-free 877.426.2838, ext. 1342, or e-mail rlong@davmail.org.

We're still receiving credentials and pre-registration payment with the yellow forms. The delegates and alternates must retain possession of the credentials and present them, **with payment**, at the Auxiliary convention hotel registration desk. Send only the yellow forms to national headquarters!

August 7—Registration begins	August 10—Auxiliary Business Session
August 7—Auxiliary NEC Meeting	August 10—Fun Night
August 8—National District Meetings	August 11—Auxiliary Business Session
August 9—Joint Opening Session	August 11—Forget-Me-Not Luncheon
August 9— Convention Committee Meetings	August 12—Final Aux. Business Session
August 9—DAV National Comdr. Reception	August 12—Intro. of National Officers

THE M & M JAR IS FULL!!!

Kay Egan, National Membership Chairman

As of May 9, 2008, National membership reached its quota of 170,945 !!!!!

You all did it, thank you very much. We are so very, very proud of you.

We will have the FULL membership jar at the Convention and you are welcome to share its contents. Just come up to me and ask for some M&Ms. See you in Las Vegas.



Membership Total as of May 31, 2008 ~ **175,720**

FORM 990-N

As you know, the IRS is requiring all units to file an electronic notice starting in 2008. Form 990-N requires specific information such as unit name, location, mailing address, Employer Identification Number (EIN), name of principal officer, and unit's annual tax period. Do not use a paper Form 990 or 990-EZ if your unit has less than \$25,000. Units have five months and fifteen days following the end of their tax period to file this electronic postcard. Refer to www.irs.gov/eo for more information and a link to the form.

**EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
(EIN)**

Inquiries concerning Employer Identification Numbers have been flooding our office with the electronic filing requirement of the IRS Form 990-N. All units should have an EIN for banking and reporting purposes, but many do not have a number on file for a variety of reasons.

Often, units assumed they could use the chapter's EIN, and many willing members provided their own social security numbers to keep on file for unit checking accounts. In other instances, the numbers

have gone on inactive status with the IRS since Form 990's were not filed.

Even with the abundance of inquiries, we are glad that units are coming in line with IRS requirements and filing for EIN's. If your unit does not have an EIN, you can apply by simply calling the IRS toll-free number at 800.829.4933.

The information you will need are: the unit name, charter date, and principal officer name and address (usually

the adjutant). Also, when asked for the Group Exemption Number, the number is 2473. The reason for applying is to *identify non-profit service organization*. The overall principal activity is *service to disabled veterans*. As always, you can contact national headquarters in the event of questions.

For online EIN application, refer to www.irs.gov and search for Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number.



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Reminders

- The deadline for membership submission in time for year-end processing is June 23, 2008.
- Free life membership pins are sent to members who begin their life membership and pay it in full within one membership year (July 1 through June 30). Remind fellow members of this important deadline.
- Dues reminders are not sent to Junior members due to cost of material and postage. We ask the units to review their membership lists and contact the sponsors of these important members to urge them to renew. Junior dues are \$3.00 per membership year.
- Commanders and Adjutants have the capability of generating unit reports on line. Visit www.davmembers.org; log in using your membership number and password. Then select *Request for Information*; sub-selection *Reports*; feel free to scroll through the reports available to you and experiment with various parameters. Make sure your computer is set to allow pop-ups from the DAV website. Contact national headquarters if you have any questions.
- Distribution Report— This report indicates the names of members who have paid dues, the amount paid, the amount distributed from those dues, and total membership information such as a breakdown of annual senior, junior, and life members. You will also note a section entitled “Quota Status.” Under this heading you will see one of three symbols: a dash, the letter R, or the letter B. The letter R indicates the unit has “Reached” their “Last Year” total membership but they have not achieved quota. For example, the unit’s June 30 membership was 50; their quota is 55; and their total membership to date is 51. They did meet or surpass last year’s total membership, but have not met quota. A letter “B” means the unit has met or “Beat” their quota.

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