

# Headquarters News



## DAV Auxiliary



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### SANDRA DOBMEIER ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

Sandra Dobmeier of Grand Forks, North Dakota, was elected National Commander of the quarter-million-member DAV Auxiliary at the 86<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the DAV Auxiliary in Las Vegas, Nevada. Commander Dobmeier joined the Auxiliary in 1984. Her membership eligibility is through her husband, Past National Commander and current DAV National Judge Advocate Michael Dobmeier.

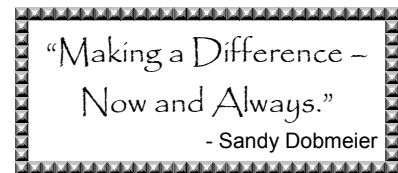
Highly active since joining the Auxiliary, Commander Dobmeier has held all unit and state elected offices, and served on and chaired various boards and committees, to include the Unit Legislation Committee, Junior Activities Chairperson and Unit Adjutant; and North Dakota

State Department Adjutant. She remains active on the unit level serving as Unit Adjutant and is very dedicated to the DAV and its Auxiliary.

At the National level, Commander Dobmeier was elected 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander beginning in 2005, and Senior Vice Commander in 2007, and has served on the National Executive Committee.

Commander Dobmeier is the Visitor Services Manager at the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau, where she has been employed for more than 22 years. Her duties include managing the Visitor Center, working with the group tour market and other administrative duties.

In addition to her career and Auxiliary activities, Commander Dobmeier says she enjoys spending time at a lake near her home, fishing, flower gardening and trying to keep up with family activities.



Congratulations, Sandy, on your election to the office of National Commander. Your leadership skills and commitment to the organization will guarantee a remarkable year for the DAV Auxiliary.

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### NATIONAL LINE OFFICERS

We are pleased to introduce the national officers elected for the 2008-2009 year:

- Senior Vice Commander & Mae Holmes Chm. – Kay Egan, Florida
- 1st Junior Vice Commander & Membership Chm. – Susan Henry, Tennessee
- 2nd Junior Vice Commander & Legislative Chm. – Patrice Rapisand, Texas
- 3rd Junior Vice Commander & Americanism Chm. – Donna Adams, Arizona
- 4th Junior Vice Commander & Community Service Chm. – Susan Miller, Colorado
- National Chaplain – LeeAnn Karg, Minnesota
- National Judge Advocate – Carol Gray, Michigan





## DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference

As stated in previous communications, the 2008 National Fall Conference will be held October 2 – 4, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Eastgate Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. Reservations can still be made by calling toll-free 800.465.4329 or direct to 513.752.4400. The room rate, before taxes, will be \$79. The cutoff date for reservations is September 17, 2008, or until the room block is sold out.

If traveling by air, be sure to let the hotel staff know so they can explain the shuttle procedure to you since the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Eastgate will be providing shuttle service to and from the hotel for a one-way cost of \$10.

If the paperwork we've received thus far is any indication, we expect this to be a well-attended conference. Ask anyone who has attended a National Fall Conference and they'll surely agree there is no better learning experience than this event. It's a time where ideas are shared, questions are answered, new friendships are made and old friendships are renewed. The newly elected and appointed national chairmen are already at work preparing their programs to present to the conference attendees and the excitement is brewing. *Come and see for yourself!!!*

### F A L L C O N F E R E N C E A G E N D A

#### Thursday, October 2

Registration & Sales — 8:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.  
 NEC Meeting—10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
 Conference Session—7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, October 3

Registration & Sales—8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
 Conference Session—9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
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 Conference Session—1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
 Reception—8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 4

Registration & Sales—8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  
 Conference Session—9:00 a.m.—noon

Cocktail Hour—6:30—7:30  
 Banquet— 7:30 p.m. (Guest Speaker will be DAV National Commander Raymond Dempsey)

*This is a tentative agenda based on past conference scheduling and is subject to minor changes if necessary.*

### W A R R A N T S / V O U C H E R S / C H E C K R E Q U E S T S

National headquarters has voucher books available at a cost of \$12 per book of 50. Units and state departments are not required to use the warrant/voucher/check requests available for purchase from national headquarters. However, all units and state departments **are required** to use an acceptable form of warrant/voucher/check requests when requesting funds from any account in the name of the unit or state department.

The national bylaws outline the proper usage of these forms and refus-

ing to use the designated method is clearly a violation of the bylaws and subjects the unit or state department to reprimand or more serious action. Nobody wants that to happen so in keeping with the bylaws, and in order to protect the members and the organization, it is imperative that warrants, vouchers, or check requests be used. It only takes a few minutes to fill one out and it serves as a valuable record for reference purposes and for year-end financial reporting and review.

Refer to pages S-17 of the national bylaws for the bylaw pertaining to state department usage of warrants, vouchers, and check requests and to page U-8 where it details the unit Treasurer's responsibility to pay out money only on warrants/vouchers/check requests, properly signed, as voted upon by the Unit or in accordance with Unit Standing Rules. It is the unit adjutant's duty to initiate and sign all warrants/vouchers/check requests.



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## REMINDERS

- As we begin to mark the attendee records of those attending Fall Conference, keep in mind that this will appear on the Activity Report as an address change. Again, this is an unresolved flaw in the membership system.
- Units are still sending in checks for Fall Conference registration. Hold onto the checks and bring them to Fall Conference to present at the conference registration desk.
- When a junior member becomes of senior membership age, our system does not automatically convert their record from junior to senior. We rely on the units to keep us informed.
- Financial Reports—Be sure to include the month, day and year of your accounting period, not just the month and year. Our reporting system requires exact dates.
- Financial Reports—The banking information must be included on the reports. They are returned if the information is incomplete.