

Headquarters News



DAV Auxiliary



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New 2008-2009 Membership Incentives

By Susan Henry, National Membership Chairman

No special applications required for eligibility!

New Senior members can be signed up as an annual member for \$15.00 which will pay them for this membership year and up through June 30, 2010.

Recruiter Incentives for New Senior members ONLY

- Auxiliary member top recruiter - \$300.00
- Three random drawing winners - \$200.00
- National Service Officer top recruiter - \$200.00, first runner up - \$100.00

NOTE: National Headquarters records only will be used to determine all winners.



Tune: *"It's Raining Men"* originally by Geri Halliwell

It's raining members
 Hallejulah
 It's raining members
 Amen
 I'm gonna go out
 To run and let myself get
 Absolutely soaking wet

It's raining men
 Hallejulah
 It's raining women
 Every specimen
 Spouse, parent, sibling and child,
 Grandparent, grandchild, and DAV
 (and great-grandchild)

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NATIONAL HISTORY CHAIRMAN Judy Perry

SHUTTERBUGS UNITE!!! Is National Commander Sandy attending an event in your state, area, city or unit? If so, please take her picture and forward a copy of it to me for her scrapbook. Do you have any pictures of her from the 2008 National Convention or the National Fall Conference? Those pictures are also needed for her scrapbook.

I invite you to be a part of contributing to her history book by sending your photos of her to me at the following address: Judy Perry, 415 S. Henry St., Apt. 10, Pierre, SD 57501.

Is your state going to submit a history book for judging at next year's national convention? Please be sure to follow the guidelines from the yellow manual.

ROCK YOUR COMMUNITY WITH SERVICE

By Susan Miller, National Community Service Chairman

"Rock Your Community with Service" was the theme of my presentation at the National Fall Conference. I decided that each month I will try to give ideas on how your unit can "Rock Your Community with Service."

After my program was completed and we recessed for the day, I was asked "What is the value of the pop tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses? I researched the internet and found the following:

Pop Tab Collection Program

- Many Ronald McDonald Houses work with local recycling centers to raise money by collecting tabs from aluminum cans.
- Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because the tabs are pure high-quality aluminum, unlike cans, which consist of aluminum and other alloys. Tabs are also easier to store than whole cans.
- If your local Ronald McDonald House participates in the program, it's likely cardboard collection containers in the shape of a house have been distributed to schools, community

and civic groups and other organizations in your area, as well as at the Ronald McDonald House, local McDonald's restaurants, local banks and grocery stores. You can collect pop tabs to donate to your House.

- After the tabs are collected, the local RMHC Chapter brings the collection to local recycling centers, where they are weighed to determine their value. One pound of tabs is worth 57 cents, and one gallon of pop tabs (4,175 tabs) is worth \$1.49.
- The recycling center then sends the local RMHC Chapter or House a check for the total value. To date, more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.

The following link will get you to this information. It also has a link to find a participating chapter. This contact person can give you information on donating pop tabs and where to find a drop-off location.

<http://www.rmhc.org/giving/ways-to-help#soda>

For the month of November, your unit could do a Veterans Day Program for a class at a local school. You could have a Thanksgiving Dinner for your Unit and Chapter members. This could be a covered dish, or the Chapter and Unit could decide if there is money to buy the food. You can contact your local Chamber of Commerce or churches to see if the community is having a Thanksgiving Dinner or Food Baskets for the homeless or less fortunate families. They could probably use volunteers as well as donations.

I will try to cover each individual section of Community Service in the Headquarters News as well as give ideas.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Save the Date

2009

National Convention

August 22—25*

Sheraton Hotel Denver
1550 Court Place
Denver, Colorado 80202

Phone: 303.893.3333

Room Rate:
\$119 single/double

* Registration 8/20
District Meetings 8/21

Important Message for State and Unit Officers...

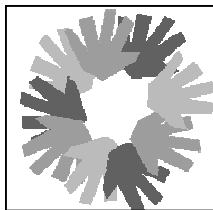
In addition to State and Unit Commanders and Adjutants, State and Unit Senior Vice Commanders now have the capability to generate membership listings on line. Refer to the Label Information document at www.dav.org/dava for instructions on generating lists and/or labels. Contact national headquarters if you have questions.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Anita Ingram, National Jr. Activities Chairman

Junior volunteers are so very important to our veteran population. Our veterans eyes light up when a smile, a story, or a little assistance is shared with a child. Our Junior volunteers are that ray of sunshine that our veterans need.

When a junior member visits a VA Hospital or Veterans' Home have them make a decoration that can be displayed and enjoyed by the veteran and for all to see. This handprint wreath is a good choice and can be displayed all year round.



Materials:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Red, white, and blue construction paper

Instructions:

- Trace the child's hand onto the construction paper and cut out the prints. Make nine handprints (3 of each color)
- Slightly overlapping the handprints, glue alternating colors together to

form a wreath.

- Decorate as desired with glitter, flags, forget-me-nots, etc.

This works well as a family project with each person contributing a handprint, but you don't have to stop there. Let the children take the lead and be creative. With the same format, they can cut out any shape they want (stars, leaves, hearts).

Imagine the warm response our Junior members will receive when they deliver their works of art.



National Fall Conference—2008

If the positive feedback received in the past few weeks is any indication, the 2008 DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, was undoubtedly a huge success. Under Auxiliary National Commander Sandy Dobmeier's professional direction, the business meetings were well-conducted and progressed in seamless order.

The members and guests in attendance, numbering more than 350, witnessed very informative and inspiring programs presented by the 2008-2009 national chairmen. DAV representatives from the national headquarters and DC legislative headquarters put on an informative workshop followed by an in-depth question and answer session. The conference wrapped up with a banquet and DAV National Commander Ray Dempsey was the guest speaker proving that from start to finish the conference sessions and functions inspired and motivated our members offering fresh ideas and direction for service to our nation's disabled veterans and their families.

Questionnaires — Every attendee received a questionnaire and was asked to return it to national headquarters. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire, please do so as your response is critical to the success of future conferences and the organization as a whole. Each questionnaire is being reviewed and all comments are given serious consideration.

2009 Fall Conference will be held September 24—26 at the Drawbridge Inn, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Room rates—\$78, plus tax. Free parking.



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Happy Thanksgiving from the National Commander, National Adjutant, National Officers, Chairmen, and Headquarters Staff. As you join with your loved ones for this special occasion, please remember those who are less fortunate and those military personnel who cannot be with their families.



Donations collected at National Fall Conference:

Education Loan—\$1,275

Service Support—\$1,100

Afghan/Shawl raffle—\$385

Freedoms Foundation—\$725

Winter Sports Clinic—\$225

R e m i n d e r s

- Encourage junior members to attend your meetings. The path to our organization's future growth is reliant upon the generations to come and our juniors are at the core of our success. There are no age limits for junior attendance at a regular DAVA business meeting. In fact, juniors can even be appointed to chairmanship positions.
- A junior membership card template has been posted at www.dav.org/dava. Units can purchase heavier stock paper and print cards for the juniors using this template.
- Bylaw books with the changes approved at the 2008 national convention are ready at \$1.50 each.
- When an Adjutant has an address change, be sure to provide this information to national headquarters since this could affect delivery of unit mail.
- If complimentary members were assigned to your unit earlier this year this could be a great time to contact them. Invite them to a meeting or any holiday functions the unit may have scheduled.