

# Headquarters News



# DAV Auxiliary



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Congratulations to the following state departments for making quota:

- Colorado
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Puerto Rico

## Membership Recruiter Incentives

*Sign up Senior Auxiliary Members - Qualify for One of Four Cash Prizes!*

**Top Auxiliary Recruiter wins \$300  
Three random drawing winners at \$200 each.**

As you know, membership is of utmost importance to our organization. Without growth, not only do our numbers decline but so do the vast array of services we can offer to disabled veterans and their families. Since 1922, Auxiliary members have worked toward the betterment of the lives of our nation's disabled in many areas. Dedicated men and women of the Auxiliary participate in the monthly local meetings to discuss ways to meet unit and national goals and make a better life for disabled American veterans.

With the current economic trend and busy lifestyles, incoming membership isn't quite where it should be, but we remain hopeful. As long as there are disabled veterans, there is a need for the DAV and DAV Auxiliary. We have military personnel serving in harm's way in many parts of the world and we need to be ready to assist all wounded heroes and their families in their time of need.

### Q U O T A M E M B E R S

During April, May and June, new senior members will be processed as quota members. One dues payment will pay them for the remainder of the 2008-2009 membership year through the 2009-

2010 membership year. These members will receive a membership card with an expiration date of June 30, 2010. Sign them up and be entered into the cash drawing!

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Total Membership as of March 31, 2009 ~ 156,833  
Quota ~ 162,184

## ELECTIONS

The majority of Auxiliary units hold their elections during this time of year. Here's a checklist of election reminders.

- ✓ Send written notice of officer nomination/election no less than ten days prior to the nomination/election. *Be sure this notification includes date, time, and meeting location.*
- ✓ Members entitled to vote must be in good standing which means their dues are paid, have been initiated, and are not indebted to the organization. *New senior members cannot be initiated on the night of elections. They must be initiated at a regular business meeting.*
- ✓ Run off a membership list to determine the paid status of those who are running for an office and those who will be casting votes. *Everyone should be paid members with an active status.*
- ✓ Dues may be collected on the night of the meeting, but not after the meeting has convened.
- ✓ Election must be held for each individual office; not an entire slate.
- ✓ Prior to installation of your unit treasurer, complete an audit by a proper audit committee in accordance with the national bylaws.
- ✓ Following installation of officers, send a completed officer report to national headquarters, your DAVA state department, and DAV state department. Keep the green copy for unit files.
- ✓ Send a completed financial report to national headquarters, your DAVA state department, and DAV state department. Keep the green copy for unit files.
- ✓ Within five months and fifteen days of the close of your accounting period be sure to file the IRS-required e-postcard, Form 990-N. Visit the following link: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

### Unclaimed Members

When mail addressed to a DAVA member is returned by the post office as undeliverable, the member's record is marked "unclaimed." This "unclaimed" notation can be found on the monthly activity reports. When unit adjutants review their activity reports and see that a member is unclaimed they should make every attempt to obtain a correct mailing address and notify national headquarters. Any member records that are coded as "unclaimed" on June 30 will be moved to the national at-large during year-end processing. Watch your Activity Reports and advise national headquarters of any address updates.

### National Convention Registration

In the February 2009 *Headquarters News*, members were advised of a change in the registration process. Included in the March month-end mailing to all units is a letter explaining this change as well as the Delegate Listing form. This yellow form is to be completed and returned to national headquarters once all unit delegates have been duly elected by their unit members. It is imperative that this form be returned to national headquarters since this is what generates the delegate registration credentials. Individual bar-coded letters will be sent at a later date to the delegates and they must bring this letter with them to the national convention registration desk. This new procedure should streamline the registration process and eliminate long registration lines. Of course, everyone must do their part to make this a success.

The February *Headquarters News* also mentioned registration kiosks at the national convention. Unfortunately, we have learned the Auxiliary will not be setting up kiosks after all, but with the new scanning equipment at the registration desk we do not foresee this being a setback in the registration process.



## NON-VA HOSPITAL

By Dorothea Campanelli, National Non-VA Hospital Chairman

*It is not how much you do, but how much love you put into the doing.*

Mother Theresa

This quote gives us pause to reflect on how we are volunteering at our Nursing Homes. Sometimes we lose sight of our initial purpose of volunteering. Yes, games and refreshments, but when you see residents who need a touch on the hand and a little conversation, go to them and spend that extra moment and bring a little happiness into their lives.

Year End Reports. Yes, **THEY'RE BACK!!!** For your report to be judged, the following must be completed: the top of the form in its entirety and they must be signed by Unit Commander or Hospital Chair. If the total value of your unit's Hospital Program exceeds one thousand

dollars (\$1,000), then an itemized statement must be attached/included with the report. You might think this reminder is repetitious; however, I challenge each and every one of you to volunteer to judge Unit reports in Denver and note how many are disqualified for missing this information.

Everyone wants to be recognized for their efforts; therefore, honor those who have honored our units by serving. This could encourage others to participate. One way to thank a member is to recommend a member for a Hospital/Non VA badge. Qualifications for badges: 1. Service must be in Non-VA Hospitals, nursing homes, state hospitals or soldiers' homes. 2. Must volunteer a minimum of fifty (50) hours in a qualifying health care facility. These hours may be a combined

total of time spent in one or more of the qualified health care facilities. Application for Non-VA Hospital badges are available from National Headquarters. This information and more can be found in your yellow manual; each Unit should have one.

**IDEA:** Patients in long-term care miss the comforts of home. As I visit many nursing homes I notice there are not a lot of afghans being donated so for those of us in New Jersey who don't crochet, I have asked each Unit to purchase and donate a twin comforter for the residents' bed to brighten their room. Institutional bedspreads are not cheerful and take away from the home environment that the facilities are now seeking.

**SMILE – SUNSHINE IS GOOD FOR YOUR TEETH!**

## Tentative National Convention Agenda

- August 20—Registration begins
- August 20—Auxiliary NEC Meeting
- August 21—National District Meetings
- August 22—Joint Opening Session
- August 22—Convention Committee Meetings
- August 22—DAV National Comdr. Reception
- August 23—Auxiliary Business Session
- August 23—Fun Night
- August 24—Auxiliary Business Session
- August 24—Forget-Me-Not Luncheon
- August 25—Final Aux. Business Session
- August 25—Intro. of National Officers & Dinner

Sheraton Hotel Denver

1550 Court Place  
 Denver, CO 80202  
 Telephone: 303.893.3333  
 \$119.00 Single/Double

**Convention Registration is \$25**

We appreciate our veterans and active military for all sacrifices made to ensure our freedom and well being. Thank a vet today!



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*Making a Difference, Now and Always*

### *New Auxiliary Units Chartered*

Sturgis #11, South Dakota  
Chartered February 3, 2009

W.F. Burt #120, Ohio  
Chartered March 9, 2009

St. Clair Shores #119, Michigan  
Chartered February 5, 2009

Shawasse County #63, Michigan  
Chartered March 18, 2009

## Reminders

- Warrants/Vouchers/Check Requests must be issued for all expenditures. Units may not make exceptions to this requirement and doing so would be in direct violation of the national bylaws. All unit/state department checks require two authorized signatures.
- A few state departments need fewer than ten members to make quota. It can be done!
- Make plans to attend your state department's annual convention.
- 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). Now is the time to remind fellow members to pay their life membership in full to receive the free life pin.
- Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders and Adjutants have the capability of generating unit reports on line. Visit [www.davmembers.org](http://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.

