

Headquarters News



DAV Auxiliary



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NATIONAL CONVENTION

If your unit or state department has not sent in the yellow delegate form indicating the names of the elected delegates and alternates for the national convention, time is quickly running out. The forms can be faxed to the DAV Auxiliary national headquarters office at 859.442.2095. This is a reminder that the district meetings will be held Friday, August 21, at which time the odd-numbered districts will elect National Executive Committee Members and Alternates for a two-year term. Other business to take place at the district meetings is the election of members to serve on the nominating and constitution and bylaws committees; also, members will be selected to serve on the various convention committees.

The Denver, Colorado, setting is geared up to be an exciting convention for all attendees.

Recruiter Recognition

Once again, DAV and DAV Auxiliary recruiters stepped up and did their best to enroll DAV Auxiliary members for the 2008-2009 membership year that ended June 30, 2009. While the national organization did not achieve overall quota, many units and state departments did and we congratulate you for your efforts.

At the October 2008 DAVA Fall Conference a Membership Incentive program was introduced where the top recruiter of DAV Auxiliary members would win \$300. Additionally, three recruiters, selected randomly, would receive \$200 each. It is our privilege to announce the three \$200 winners:

Ada Shadinger – Alabama #76
Christina LaManna – Florida #18
Cheryl Edwards – Georgia #9

The top recruiter will be announced at the upcoming national convention in Denver, Colorado.

A special "thank you" is extended to everyone who signed up a DAV Auxiliary member. Keep up the good work on behalf of our disabled veterans and their families.

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NATIONAL MANDATES

With the mailing of the June 30/July 1 (year ending/year beginning) reports, the calls have poured in concerning national mandates. As always, the questions are welcome because it shows the officers/members asking the questions care about the functioning of their units and state departments.

Keep in mind that our membership year runs from July 1 through the following June 30. Each July 1, every unit is charged a national mandate of \$25 and state departments are charged a \$50 national mandate. Several years ago, the national organization changed the policy requiring units and state departments to submit checks to cover national mandates. Instead, it was set up that the

mandates would be deducted from membership distribution.

Each July 1, distribution (from the life membership fund) is made on life members as follows: \$.50 to the unit; \$.50 to the state department; and \$4.00 to the national organization. Rather than sending the entire July 1 distribution to the respective units and state departments, the annual distribution is applied to the national mandate in order to satisfy the amount owed. Example: If a unit has 50 life members, the amount distributed on those members would equal \$25 which would be the amount applied toward the national mandate to pay it in full. However, if a unit has ten life members, then only \$5.00 would be applied leaving a \$20 balance due for the na-

tional mandate.

Units and state departments not having sufficient distribution to satisfy the national mandate on July 1 will receive an Indebtedness Statement indicating the amount applied to the mandate and the balance owed. In those instances, as membership is processed and distributed throughout the year, the respective distribution amounts will be applied to the balance owed for national mandates.

Units and state departments have the option of sending a check to cover the mandate balance if they so choose. In order to vote at state and/or national convention, however, all units and state departments must have their national mandates paid.

National Fall Conference

Just on the heels of the national convention will be the DAV Auxiliary's National Fall Conference to be held September 24-26, 2009, at the Drawbridge Inn, in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. The newly elected/appointed chairmen will present their programs for the 2009-2010 year and this is an opportunity for all attendees to ask questions and learn about the DAV Auxiliary. The conference is open to all Auxiliary members, DAV members, and guests. Registration is \$25 which also includes a tour of DAV National Headquarters on Thursday, September 24, and the reception on Friday evening, the 25th. Those planning to attend the conference should notify DAV Auxiliary national headquarters in advance since this will enable the staff to prepare for your arrival and keep registration delays to a minimum. **Reminder – If attendees plan to take the tour, advance notification is a must to assure adequate transportation.**

Thursday

8:00 am- 7:00 pm—Registration/Sales
10:00 am—NEC Meeting
12:30 pm—National Headquarters Tour
7:00 pm—Conference Session

Friday

8:00 am-4:00 pm —Reg. /Sales
9:00 am-5:00 pm —Conf. Session
8:00 pm-11:00 pm—Reception

Saturday

8:00 a.m.-11:00—Reg./Sales
9:00 a.m.-noon —Conf. Session
6:30 pm—Cocktail Hour
7:30 pm—Banquet

The National 2009 DAVA Fall Conference will be held September 24—26, at the Drawbridge Inn, 2477 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017. Toll-free reservations: 800.354.9793 Direct: 859.341.2800. Room rates are \$78, plus applicable taxes. Free Parking.

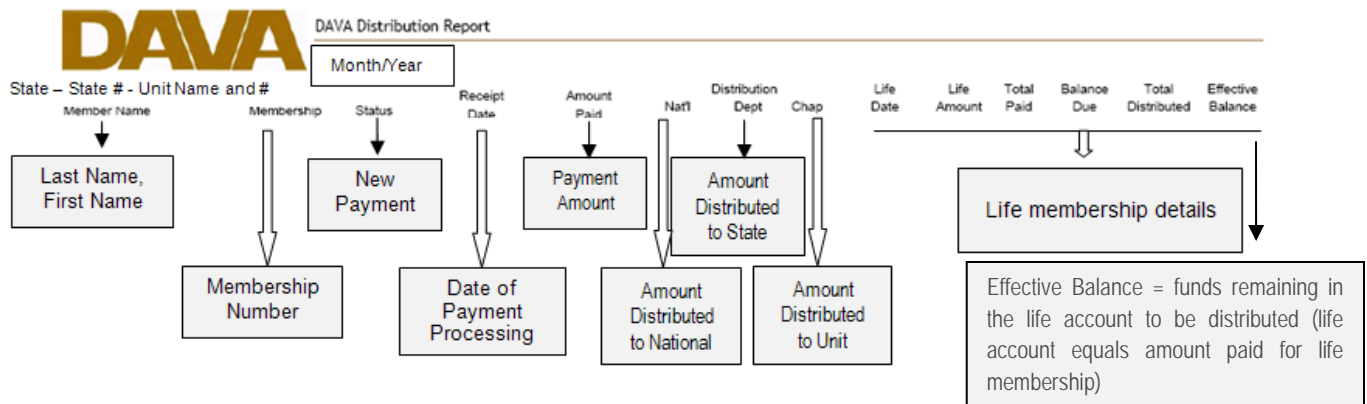
Registration—\$25

Banquet—\$35

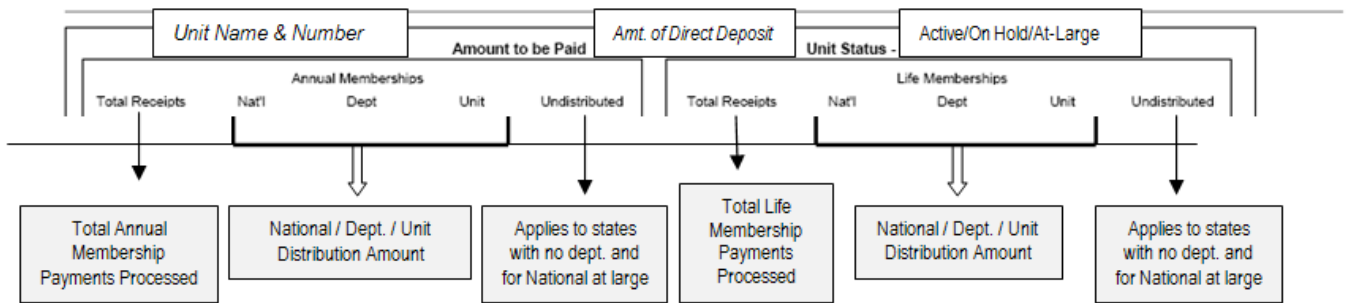
DISTRIBUTION REPORT

The Distribution Report is sent to the units and state departments on a quarterly basis and the diagram below explains the contents of the report. An important point to remember is a negative *Effective Balance* simply means the amount paid by that member for their life membership has been completely distributed and funds are now being taken from the Life Membership Fund to make the annual distributions. A negative effective balance does not imply that the member is required to remit additional funds for their life membership.

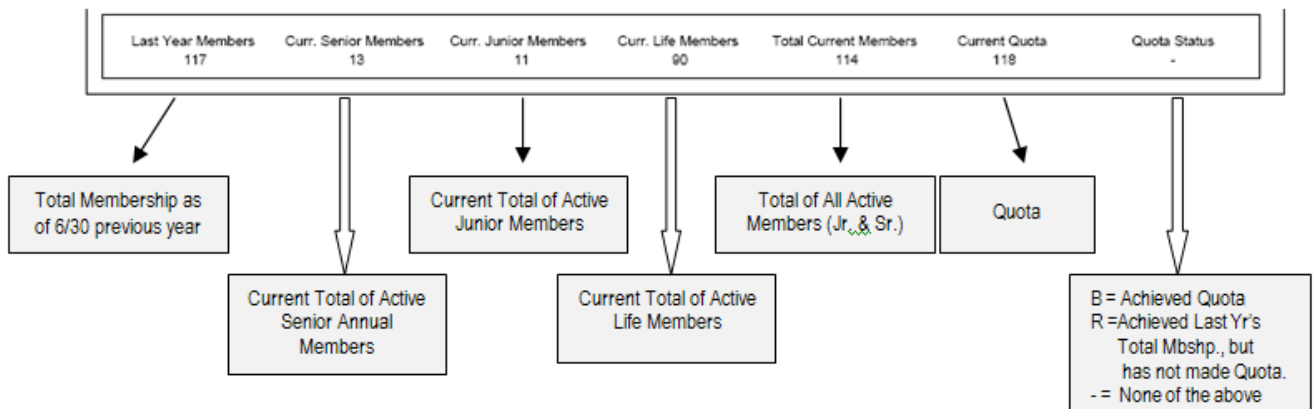
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Reminders

- **Correction**—When calling DAVA national headquarters to place an order, dial extension 3318 for Melody Whitaker.
- State Department History Book Guidelines will be revised following the National Convention in Denver, Colorado, and should be ready for distribution at Fall Conference.
- Membership Listing—The Total Member Count at the bottom of the report is the number of members affiliated with the auxiliary unit, including delinquent members, and does not necessarily reflect the total amount of members in good standing.
- Membership Listing—The letters (J,S,F,P) found to the right of the membership numbers indicates the type of membership for that member.
J = Junior Member S = Annual Senior Member F = Full-Paid Life Member P = Part-Paid Life Member
- Units should establish some form of standing rules to cover instances that may arise such as paying registration and/or banquet expenses at state or national functions, ordering flowers/making donations in the event of the death of a member, services for a departed member, ordering membership pins for new members, ordering past commander pins, etc. Standing rules will differ from unit to unit due to the unique nature of individual units, but standing rules may never conflict with the national constitution and bylaws. Unit standing rules may be amended at any regular business meeting by a majority vote of the members present.
- Bylaw books will be revised following the national convention in Denver, Colorado.
- Any units or state departments that have not submitted an annual financial report for 2008-2009 must do so prior to national convention in order to be seated as delegates.
- Any units or state departments that have not paid their 2008-2009 national mandates must do so prior to being seated as national convention delegates.
- The May issue of the Headquarters News asked units to send in projects that seem to be working for them. Sharing ideas, no matter how small the project may seem to some, is the best way to encourage growth.
- **State Delegates to National Convention**—Some of the bar-coded letters went out incorrectly and reversed the state delegates and alternates. This can be remedied at the national convention desk. Bring your bar-coded letter to the registration desk and identify yourself as the state convention delegate or alternate, whichever the case may be, and the staff will register you accordingly.