

Headquarters News



DAV Auxiliary



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Congratulations to the following state departments for making quota:

- Maine
- Mississippi
- North Dakota
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Puerto Rico

MEMBERSHIP

By: Donna Adams, National Membership Chairman

Congratulations and a big **THANK YOU** to all the Units who have made their quota this year, and a special shout out to those members who have signed up new members in our Auxiliary. Kudos are certainly in order for those State Departments who made quota!

Each year our Units and State Departments hold installations, ceremonies, or special programs when local officials, officers of other veterans' organizations, or other special guests are invited and it's appropriate for us to give them a gift. If you're like me, you choose that gift very carefully and suited just to them. Now that our membership has voted to expand our membership eligibility to include so many more potential members, why not give the best gift of all - a down payment of life membership in the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary?

A gift of membership into our Auxiliary requires no size or color decisions, and with a letter or certificate explaining they have three years to pay the balance, it's very easy to wrap. This gift will show your appreciation and help your Unit grow in membership. It's a win-win for everybody.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve our Auxiliary this year and I look forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Has your unit sent in the yellow delegate listing form with the names of the elected delegates and alternates for the 2011 national convention in New Orleans, Louisiana? If not, don't delay. Credential letters are being prepared and will be mailed to the delegates/alternates. Even though it has been said before, it is critical that the credential letter be presented at the Auxiliary convention registration desk or kiosk at the national convention. Do not send the letter to national headquarters. Also, do not send convention registration fees to national headquarters. The \$25 registration payment is to be paid at the convention registration desk/kiosk (credit cards only at the kiosk).

A new registration system is being implemented for this convention and we hope the registration process runs smoothly. Kiosks will be set up for credit card registration transactions. See you there!

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Second Annual Pizza Pizzazz!!

Attention Junior Members attending the National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana... Make plans to attend the Second Annual Pizza Pizzazz!!!! Sunday, August 7, from 2:00 pm—6:00 pm. Bring your swimming gear and appetite to the Elmwood Room, located on the third floor of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel.

Every junior member attending the national convention is invited to attend the **Pizza Pizzazz**. Juniors in attendance will receive a t-shirt and all the pizza they can eat!

Did you know Juniors can serve as Pages during Auxiliary convention business sessions? The girls are required to wear white attire and the boys should wear white shirt, tie, and dark pants (no jeans). Junior Page activities are under the direction of the National Sergeant at Arms during the business sessions and are kept busy passing out literature and filling in where needed. Most importantly, they are able to play an important role in the national convention and create memories to last a life time.

Junior member convention attendees are not *required* to serve as Pages, but can take advantage of the opportunity to do so if they wish.

To make this entire experience a memorable event (and assure an accurate pizza order) we need the following information:

- The names of the junior members attending (call 859.441.7300, opt. 5, or email www.dava@davmail.org).
- Whether they will be serving as Pages.
- If they will be attending the *Pizza Pizzazz*.

See you in New Orleans!

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By: Laurie Stopyra, National Junior Activities Chairman

Summer is here and everyone is gearing up for National Convention. Junior members are the future of this organization and I have had a great time reading all the Junior Reports and am very proud of them for their more than 40,000 hours of dedication. Way to go Juniors!

If you are a Junior and thinking about attending the National Convention, I may need you to fill in as escorts during the procession of State Delegates at the opening business session on Sunday. Not all State Delegates have an escort. Hope to see all of you in New Orleans.

It has been a humbling experience to serve as National Junior Activities Chairman. Thank you to the Senior members who gave our Juniors a chance to shine.

Good News ...

Regarding State Department Quotas!

Making state department quota might be a little easier with a new change implemented effective July 1, 2011.

Beginning with the 2011-2012 membership year, at-large units will not have a quota. In other words, whatever the at-large totals were on July 1, this is what the quota column will indicate. Each at-large unit is starting the membership year at 100% membership quota.

In the past, this hindered states from achieving their quota so we are hopeful that this change gives each state department the opportunity to reach quota for 2011-2012.

IRS Form 990-N

The Department of the Treasury requires all DAV Auxiliary units and state departments to annually file the 990-series return or face revocation of their non-profit status. Every unit and state department is required to file a Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N (ePostcard) with the IRS. Units with gross receipts less than \$25,000 must file the 990-N (e-Postcard) which is an electronic-only process. For directions, refer to the May 2010 issue of the Headquarters News or www.davauxiliary.org. Print all confirmation statements and retain in the unit files.

Remember, this is an annual requirement. Some units have had their non-profit status revoked and are facing charter revocation if they do not comply with the reapplication process and pay required reinstatement fees.

2011 DAV/DAVA National Convention ~ New Orleans
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
 2 Poydras St.— New Orleans, LA 70140 ~ 504.561.0500—\$124 Room Rate

8/4—Registration	8/7—Junior Pizza Pizzazz
8/4—Auxiliary NEC Mtg.	8/7—Fun Night
8/5—National District Mtgs.	8/8—Auxiliary Business Session
8/6—Convention Committee Mtgs.	8/8—Forget-Me-Not Luncheon
8/6—Joint Opening Session	8/9—Final Business Session
8/6—DAV Natl. Comdr. Reception	8/9—Intro. of Natl. Officers & Dinner
8/7—Auxiliary Business Session	

Tentative Agenda Subject to Change

Registration—\$25

National Fall Conference September 29—October 1, 2011

Banquet—\$35

It's not too late to make your plans to attend the DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference. The Conference is a time when National Chairmen present their programs and answer questions from attendees. A carnival is also being planned and if it is anything like last year, it will be a fun time for all.

In remembrance of the September 11, 2001, attacks, our members showed their patriotism by wearing patriotic colors for the Fall Conference opening business session. In memory of the tenth anniversary, let us show our American pride and once again wear our red, white, and blue on the evening of Thursday, September 29, 2011.

Be sure to send in the names of attendees, including guests, so we can experience a smooth registration.

We are looking forward to another successful Fall Conference!

2011 National Fall Conference
Hilton Netherland Plaza
 35 W. 5th Street ~ Cincinnati, OH 45202
 513.421.9100

September 29—October 1
 \$110 (1 bed), \$120 s/d (2 beds),
 \$140 tr./quad (2 beds)

Direct reservation link:
http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CVGNPHF-DAV-20110928/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Call now for reservations and plan to attend this informative conference!



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New Auxiliary Units Chartered

Wayne L. Harland #222
Texarkana, Texas
Chartered June 29, 2011

Jack Redel #20
Leesville, Louisiana
Chartered June 29, 2011

Recruiters

Congratulations to the June recruiters who were awarded \$25 each. They were: **Elsie Bizzari of Ohio #117** and **Alice Armstrong of Texas #42**.

Special thanks to all our Recruiters!

Reminders

- **Orders** – Auxiliary Manuals, voucher books (on clearance for \$3), applications, brochures, transfer forms and certificates of appreciation are ordered through the DAV Auxiliary. **All other orders go through DAV National Service Foundation.** Log in to www.davstore.org to view Auxiliary items available.
- **Name Badges** – are available for unit and state officers at a cost of \$10 each. Log in to www.davstore.org to view and/or create an on-line order. Or, send check or money order to DAV National Service Foundation, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.
- **Donations** – Make all donation checks payable to DAVA (or DAV Auxiliary) and **earmark** to designate which program is the recipient. For example: Education Scholarship, Service Support, Freedoms Foundation, HVWP, etc.
- **New Members** must be initiated at a regular business meeting (not the meeting held for elections). There is no reason for not properly initiating new members. **All members** in good standing have the right to speak and vote on issues at a regular business meeting. Forbidding them to do so is a violation of their membership rights and a violation of the bylaws. Let us all work together for the good of the organization. **Units do not vote on acceptance of new members.**
- **VAVS Certification**—In a few months, State Commanders will receive a communication from our office requesting their appointments of VAVS Representatives at the VA facilities affiliated with their state. It is not too early for careful consideration of those appointments. Representatives have a responsibility to fulfill the duties of the position and are not representatives in name only.
- **E-Newsletter**—Sign up for the DAV Auxiliary's online newsletter. Log on to www.davauxiliary.org and click on the e-mail sign-up link at the bottom of the page.