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From the desk of National Commander, LeeAnn Karg

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! What an awesome year we will have. I am looking forward to working with all of you. Together we can accomplish so much more. Team work is the key. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers at the Unit, State, and National level. Thank you for volunteering to help lead this great organization. You are a special group of people and we thank you!

I am looking forward to visiting Pittsburgh, PA, and taking part in the Caring and Sharing Boat Ride for veterans. What a wonderful experience this will be. I will be there Sept. 2 – 4. On October 5th I will be in Washington, DC, for the dedication of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. I expect to see many of you there. It is a truly special memorial and well deserved one.

November I will be in Birmingham, AL, for Veterans Day. They have a week of events to take part in and what a wonderful opportunity this will be.

Representing all of you as I travel this coming year is going to be very rewarding. We have a great team for the coming year and we are all here to help. Feel free to contact any of us, any time.

Now for some business, we need to work on membership for the next year. It is vital that we keep growing in order to maintain our future. Each unit and state department needs to make an effort to recruit members. It will make us stronger and able to do more of the work we have ahead of us. More and more of our military are returning home and need our help. It is our mission to “Make a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families.” Every little thing that we do to help makes a difference. Don’t forget to keep track of all that you do so that you can report it on your year-end reports. Toot your horns and let the country know what the DAV Auxiliary does.

Visit hospitals, nursing homes, schools, churches, community centers, anywhere you can link with others who need our help. When life is good for you, help make it good for someone else. The rewards are awesome.

Have you made your plans for National Fall Conference in Lexington, Kentucky? What are you waiting for? We promise you will have a great time and learn a lot. It is September 25 – 27 at the Lexington Downtown Hilton. I hope to see many of you there. Remember that the banquet will be on Friday night and not on Saturday.

DAV & Auxiliary, Together as One

Please Note: The Auxiliary Membership Department will not be accepting **pre-payments** for annual or junior dues. Only annual membership payments for the current 2014-2015 membership year, expiring June 30, 2015, will be processed. Any membership prepayments will be returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

2014 National Conference Agenda

We hope that you'll consider joining us for a fun and educational three-day conference in beautiful downtown Lexington, Kentucky, September 25-27, 2014. This annual conference allows members the opportunity to learn about DAV Auxiliary programs, meet the National Chairmen and hear from DAV leadership. Attendance is open to everyone, and participation by all is highly encouraged.

Early registration will begin on Wednesday, September 24, from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm for those arriving at the conference early. Registration will resume Thursday, September 25 from 8:00 am—7:00 pm; and Friday, September 26 from 8:00 am—4:00 pm. There is no pre-registration for this event.

The first order of business is the NEC meeting, which will begin at 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 25. The first business session will begin at 7:00 pm that evening, and we'll have an opportunity to dive right into chairmen reports.

The session will resume at 9:00 am on Friday morning, September 26, until 11:30 am, and again from 1:30 pm—3:30 pm. That evening, at 6:30 pm, members are invited to attend the banquet social hour, with the banquet to follow at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, September 27 will begin bright and early with another business session from 9:00 am—12:00 pm. We will conclude this year's conference with a reception from 8:00 pm—11:00 pm for all registered attendees.

Merchandise will be available for purchase Thursday and Friday, and many new items are available.

We are honored to have DAV National Commander Ron Hope as the guest speaker at the banquet on Friday evening. We look forward to hearing from the parent organization guests' in attendance, and encourage attendees to bring their questions. The question can will be available during conference for questions members don't wish to present themselves.

Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces!

September 25—27, 2014
Hilton Lexington Downtown
369 West Vine Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Registration—\$35.00
Banquet—\$40.00
Parking—Complimentary for guests staying at the hotel.
The hotel offers complimentary shuttle service to and

Membership By Frances Costa, National Membership Chairman

Hello everyone! I am proud to represent you this year as National Membership Chairman. I am positive that we can make quota this year with the help of all of our members, units and chapters.

I think of the DAV and DAVA as a close knit family who are admired and respected among the Veterans Service Organizations. We take Pride in our organizations and want to strengthen it through many meaningful accomplishments but those accomplishments cannot be brought to the forefront without members, hardworking members.

We are an organization of Service and the best service we can attribute is by recruiting members and therefore responding to our organization's namesake, the Disabled American Veterans.

I am urging our units to hold special recruitment events and to please let me know what you are doing. I know your ideas are endless and maybe your project could help another unit or department increase their membership as well.

As many of you are aware, there have been membership changes approved at the National Convention in August in Las Vegas, NV. These changes will not take effect until July 1, 2015, but we should begin NOW to recruit new LIFE members so that the new Senior member will have one year already towards their Life membership, and it would not hurt to encourage delinquent members or annual members that are renewing their membership to make it a Life membership beginning this year.

Our DAV National Services Officers are out there recruiting for the DAV Auxiliary as well because they know fully the need and the purpose of our membership and because of that we need to support them in the DAV membership recruitment as well.

Let's all back our National Commander Lee Ann Karg in her theme for this year "DAV and Auxiliary- Together as One."

Correction to the August Headquarters News

In the August edition of Headquarters news, an error was made regarding a recent bylaw change. Please take note that the number of members required for a quorum is now four instead of five, and one of them must be the Unit Commander or a Unit Vice Commander.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused, and we appreciate our astute members for bringing this error to our attention.



Americanism by Ellen Timmerman, National Americanism Chairman

Amer-i-can-ism

noun \ə-ˈmer-ə-kə-ni-zəm, -ˈmər-, -ˈme-rə-\ : a word or meaning that is common in U.S. English but is not common in the kinds of English spoken outside the U.S.

1: a characteristic feature of *American* English especially as contrasted with *British* English

2: attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the United States

3a : a custom or trait peculiar to *America*

b : the political principles and practices essential to American culture

(from the *Auxiliary Manual*)

There are so many ways we can participate in Americanism; either by yourself or as a group, and both can be very rewarding. If you see a flag that is tattered or dirty, offer to replace it. This gives you and your Unit or Chapter the opportunity to do two things that are considered Americanism: first, presenting the flag and then participating in the proper disposal of the flag. It is a beautiful and moving ceremony and can be done in a small or a very involved ceremony.

Have you encouraged someone to vote or helped someone register to vote? Both of these are considered participating in Americanism. You could encourage your neighbor to vote and then give them a ride to the polls; guess what—not only have you participated in

Americanism, you have also done Community Service. This is the way it is with so many of the DAV Auxiliary programs. They “work together.”

Please share what you or your Unit does for “Americanism.” We could all use new ideas and it is lots of fun to brag about what you have accomplished. You can send any of the information to me at et_dava@outlook.com or ettimmerman@msn.com.

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GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!



The following amounts were collected at National Convention:

Scholarship ~ \$2,000.00 Service Support Fund ~ \$2,540.50

Camp Corral ~ \$1,165.00 HVWP ~ \$100.00

Winter Sports Clinic ~ \$300.00

Making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families.

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New Auxiliary Units

William E. Tate #1
Morrow, GA
Chartered
August 15, 2014

Dorie Miller #14
Washington, DC
Chartered
August 22, 2014

Congratulations
and welcome!!!



TOGETHER AS ONE

Attention all Units—Your assistance is needed!

Included in your August month-end mailing is an important ballot that needs your attention. Any changes to the Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary requires the consent of three-fourths of chartered units. It is imperative that the correspondence included in your mailing is read at your next unit meeting. After review, discussion, and vote, the ballot is to be marked accordingly and returned to DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters **no later than November 3, 2014.**

The purpose of the ballot is for approval of reinserting a sentence that was omitted during the 2010 major eligibility revision. The 2014 National Convention delegates approved the amendment as a new Section 1 on Page 1, ARTICLE III—ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1: Any person who is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans is also eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

Again, please return your ballot by **November 3, 2014.** We appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter.

Reminders:

- * **Applications**—When sending in new member applications, please ensure to include the date of birth so the correct amount can be charged.
- * **Orders**—With the exception of Auxiliary manuals, applications, brochures, and transfer forms, **ALL** orders go through DAV with checks payable to DAV NSF. Please do not combine membership and order payments in one check as this causes processing delays.
- * **Sponsors**—Be sure to take credit for sponsoring your newly recruited members by writing your membership code in the “Sponsor’s Code Number” section on the membership application. If there’s no number listed, you can’t get the credit you deserve!
- * **Bylaw Books**—Bylaw books with recent changes are not yet available. Please watch upcoming editions of *Headquarters News* and social media outlets for updates on their availability.
- * **Life Membership Pins**—Effective the start of the new membership year, the complimentary life-membership pin program has been discontinued.

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” ~ Henry Ford