

Congratulations to the following State Departments for achieving 2013-2014 quota!

- Arizona**
- Arkansas**
- California**
- Colorado**
- Florida**
- Georgia**
- Idaho**
- Illinois**
- Kansas**
- Louisiana**
- Maine**
- Maryland**
- Minnesota**
- Nevada**
- New Jersey**
- New Mexico**
- North Carolina**
- Oklahoma**
- Pennsylvania**
- Rhode Island**
- South Carolina**
- Utah**
- Vermont**
- Washington**
- Puerto Rico**

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Community Service By Ellen Timmerman, Community Service Chairman

We are already two months into a new year for keeping records for our "National Reports." It's amazing to me the amount of hours our members spend helping in their communities. The DAV Auxiliary members are so giving with their time, money, and donated items, and we never notice when it goes from one year to the next except for the reports.

It's time to recognize some of the units for what they do for their communities. **S.L. Brown, Unit 11, CO**, volunteers at the local police department and makes sandwiches for the officers. **Giovanni Folcarelli, Unit 1, RI**, purchased many items for children in need such as clothing, toys, and books. They also help with holiday parties for needy children. **Northampton, Unit 92, MA**, has a member who makes and sells pickles and jams and donates the money to the Salvation Army. **Phoenix, Unit 1, AZ**, donated professional time to dance tutoring, benefits counseling, and computer education and repair. These are just a small sample of how many different ways the DAV Auxiliary helps in their communities and I hope they will give you some new ideas.

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

History By Margaret Snelling, History Chairman



Hello Again Shutterbugs!

It is hard to believe that it is almost time to present our History Books-

yours at the National Convention in Las Vegas for judging and mine to our National Commander for her approval.

This has been an exciting time for me. I have met a lot of beautiful State Commanders through the pictures I asked for. I was a little disappointed that I did not get pictures from all commanders. However, I was able to complete my project with the ones received.

If Commander Susan has visited your state please share your pictures

with me. My e-mail address is:

sicilona@aol.com. It is a great time to show her how much you appreciate her and all her good work.

There are holidays yet to come; Memorial Day and Flag Day to name a few. If you are still working on your history book, try to get pictures of your units celebrating those days. If you have never compiled a state history book, you don't know what you are missing.

NOW HEAR THIS!!! You are still eligible to get an award for sending me pictures for Commander Susan's History Book.

KEEP THOSE CAMERAS CLICKING!!

Legislative By Fran Costa, National Legislative Chairman

Thank you to all the Units and Departments that have sent in Annual Legislative reports. They are still coming in and many are very impressive.

Now more than ever, Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary members, as well as supporters of disabled veterans, MUST be in touch with their respective Congressmen and Senators around the country

In light of what is happening in the Veterans Affairs System, our elected officials must step up to the plate and correct this travesty. We know there is more out there than what has come to light and we hope that action will be taken quickly to correct this deplorable situation. For the most part, our veterans receive good care and respect at their VA facilities and it is too bad that a few have given our veterans and their families such grief.

Our congressmen and senators MUST be bipartisan in the stand to correct this situation. They must stop pitting party against party and passing the blame. Our Veterans deserve better.

It is our privilege and responsibility as members to step up and take action. The opportunity for good communication is personal contact and it leads to future communication when more information is available going forward on this situation and all other veterans' legislation. We are United in Service!

It is never too late to become involved in the DAV CAN (Commanders Action network) legislative program. Get up to date information and knowledge by signing on. Remember "it takes a community to raise a child" and it takes a community to support our veterans.

To join the Commander's Action Network, please visit <http://www.dav.org/can/?vvsrsrc=%2fregister> or [Click Here!](#)

Recently Asked Questions and Answers



Q—Does a Commander only vote to break a tie?

A—No. As a member of this organization, the Commander has the right to cast their vote on any issue.

Q—Our Unit wants to conduct a fund raiser. What should we do?

A—We strongly suggest that you refer to Article XV, Section 3 and 4 of the DAV Auxiliary national bylaws. Once the unit body votes to hold a fundraiser, it is recommended that written request for parent chapter permission be delivered to the Chapter for consideration and approval. Said approval should be in written form. Where no commissions are to be paid, no prior approval shall be required from the DAV Department Executive Committee when the gross receipts will be less than \$5,000. However, advance notice of such fund raising activity shall be furnished to the DAV State Department not less than 30 days prior to the fundraising event.

Q—What is considered a “membership year?”

A—Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Q—Can any member attend a state or national convention?

A—Yes. However, if you want to have a voice and/or vote on the convention floor, you must be a member of a chartered unit in good standing with your dues paid and be elected as delegate.

Forget-Me-Not Drive Clarifications

In accordance with DAV national bylaws, units may conduct one Forget-Me-Not Drive annually with its chapter's prior consent. Additionally, auxiliary units are to advise the DAV state department in advance of the annual drive. DAV bylaws state: "Each annual Forget-Me-Not Drive shall not exceed seven consecutive days, without the consent of the state department."

If the unit decides to explore the possibility of splitting up the collection days to equal the seven maximum days allowed, this would require DAV state department approval as stated in the bylaw quote above. Collection location changes would also require approval to make sure there is no overlapping of other DAV chapter/unit territories or any other conflicts.

Unfortunately, if the donations collected are not as anticipated due to weather, location, or other circumstances, there is nothing that can be done about that. In those cases, the unit will have to think of other fund raising ventures to meet specific project needs.



VAVS By Ann Glende, VAVS Chairman

We recently returned home from the annual National Advisory Committee meetings for the VA Voluntary Service Program in Cary, North Carolina. It was a great week of learning and sharing ideas, but one theme stuck during the entire conference. That theme is the importance of recruiting new volunteers.

Did you know the average age of a volunteer is 70-80 years old? The younger generation of volunteers aren't being encouraged or invited to volunteer, when in reality there is a great deal of opportunities available for them. Whether a person can volunteer once a week or once a month, VAVS Representatives and Deputies must work hard to encourage and support volunteers. Without them, our Veterans will not get the services that they need and deserve.

Another great aspect discussed was the monetary value of volunteers to the VA Health System. Volunteer hours equal over \$100,000 worth of service, which means more money can be used for Veterans and less on additional staffing. Furthermore, the net worth of volunteers is an average of \$22.17 per hour. Imagine the difference we're making for Veterans by taking the opportunities to serve!

We encourage all representatives and deputies to reach out to their communities, beyond local units and chapters, and encourage volunteerism by all ages and all walks of life. Recruitment doesn't end when that volunteer starts, but rather continues during their entire service time within the VA Health System. Reward, congratulate and encourage volunteers, and they'll be around for many years to come.

National Fall Conference 2014

Come one, come all! The DAV Auxiliary Fall Conference will be held September 25-27, 2014, at the Hilton Lexington Downtown, 369 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507. Room rates are \$109.00/night plus applicable taxes for single or double occupancy. Reservation cutoff is August 25, 2014, so plan early!

For reservations, please call 1.800.HILTONS, 1.859.231.9000 or [click here!](#)

Registration is \$35.00 (for all attending, including guests) and banquet is \$40.00. Registration fees are paid at the DAV Auxiliary registration desk at the conference hotel.

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

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May Water Globe Recipient
Carmen Romero, CA 157



Sign up five new paid senior members and receive a Reach For The Stars lapel pin!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Units in the State Departments of Georgia and Idaho. Every Unit in these State Departments have achieved 100% or above quota for 2013-2014. Keep up the great work!!!

New Auxiliary Unit

**J. Earley San Antonio #14
San Antonio, Texas
Chartered May 28, 2014**

Reminders:

- ◆ **We're looking for stories** from State Departments and Units who have done something remarkable to share their story with us. Ideas include, but are not limited to: special fundraisers, outreach programs, holiday events, meetings, and Forget-me-Not drives. Please send your story and any pictures to aglende@dav.org. Your article could be published in our E-Newsletter.
- ◆ **Check out our blog** - <http://davauxiliary.tumblr.com/> - here you'll find articles from National Chairman, news about the Auxiliary, fun facts, trivia and much more!
- ◆ **Yellow Delegate/Alternate Slips** - Those attending National Convention should be elected by their unit. Unit Adjutants should send in the yellow delegate/alternate slips to National Headquarters. This will ensure that the delegates/alternates receive bar-coded registration letters in a timely matter. Missing your yellow form? Please contact us.
- ◆ **990-n e-Postcard** - Be sure that your Unit and State Department are sending in the required documentation **yearly** regarding e-Postcard acceptance. If your Unit or State Department is struggling with e-Postcard, EIN, or other IRS issues, please contact us. This is a required, yearly submission, and failure to submit the necessary documents could result in the revocation of your charter.
- ◆ **It is the duty of the adjutant to always share the mail!**

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness." ~ Dalai Lama