



In observance of Presidents Day, national headquarters will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015.

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Unit Elections

It's that time of year when most units hold their annual elections. Regardless of when elections are held for your unit, here are a few important reminders:

- Use a current membership roster.
- Notify all senior members in written form (email, newsletter, postcard, letter) no less than ten days prior to nominations and/or elections.
- A member in good standing is one whose dues are paid for the current membership year and is not indebted to the organization. Only senior members in good standing may vote or hold an elective or appointive office.
- Membership initiation is not required for a member to vote or hold a unit position.
- Those nominated or elected must be members of the unit to which they are being elected. *(Yes, there are times when a non-member is elected/appointed.)*
- To be eligible for a unit office, the member's dues shall be paid for the entire term of office.
- In accordance with the bylaws, elect each individual office (not an entire slate with one vote). Even if the officers are to remain the same from one election to the next, they still need to be elected by the respective offices.
- Delinquent membership dues can be accepted up to the commencement of the meeting for election of officers.
- Within ten days following installation, fill out the officer report form (completely) and send the original to national headquarters. Send the yellow copy directly to the state department.

Mae Holmes by Linda Stake, National Mae Holmes Chairman

Quota! Quota! Quota! Think "**Quota**," think "**Mae Holmes**."

Great news! You have **two months** to reach **Quota** – February and March. Congratulations to those units who have already reached this goal.

Remember, when it comes time to fill out your annual Mae Holmes Report, please fill it out – even if the unit did not reach quota. Our District NECs use the Mae Holmes report to complete their annual reports that are submitted to National Headquarters and to their States. This shows the good works that states and districts have done.

Remember, it is you, the member that makes our organization successful!

History

by Donna Henshaw, National History Chairman



Alert! Alert! Alert! Your National History Chairman from the UP of Michigan has been going through snow, ice and wind chill temperatures of -25 to check her mail box for photos of our National Com-

mander, LeeAnn Karg, for her History Book. So, if you have photos of the National Convention, National Conference, and any other activities she may have attended, I would love to have them.

I am looking to receive photos of our National Officers, National Chairmen, District NEC's, State Commanders and newspaper articles about our commander.

My address is in our National Constitution and Bylaws book. My E-mail address is s.henshaw@sbcglobal.net. My Telephone number is 906-249-3608.

In conclusion, I would love to see many photo mailers in my mailbox and photo attachments in my E-mail account. Memories of wonderful times and achievements are so special. Help me give those to LeeAnn.

Junior Activities

By Linda Oliver, National Junior Activities Chairman



HELP!!! HELP!!!
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To date I have not heard from any Parents, Grandparents, Units, or State Departments as to who might have Junior Members at our National Convention in Denver.

As previously requested, I would like to hear from our Juniors as to some of the activities they might be interested in at Convention, and approximately how many plan on attending. I realize this request might seem early, but for planning and coordination purposes the need for feedback is needed now.

I am looking forward to hearing from our Senior Members so we can plan a meaningful Convention for our future leaders.

To assure the safety of our children, we are limited as to what activities we can plan which makes your creative feedback all the more important.

Membership

by Frances Costa, National Membership Chairman

DAV and Auxiliary Together As One! Commander LeeAnn Karg's theme for the year.

We need to add to that theme, such as Ask 1 Keep 1. I ask you to take on this theme in your units. Ask at least one person to join the DAVA. We need to look at our unit rosters when National Headquarters sends them out to us. Compare them with the previous quarter and see how many members we have lost. We cannot let our existing members slip away. Retention of members is a large part of our membership responsibility. We need to keep each and every one of our members actively involved. Welcome new members, value their opinions or ideas and presence, train them and encourage them to become involved in some of the committees (this is how we all learn), but especially Unit Commanders, Adjutants, Treasurers, we need to mentor our unit members so that they will be comfort-

able taking on a new role when needed. We have to give more effort in keeping our membership alive. Please involve your Junior members. They have a lot to offer and unless we involve them now we will not be able to retain them as they grow. They will find other interests. We need to build a relationship with our members and Juniors. We all need to respect their experience as well as encourage leadership. "I cannot do it alone" is heard among many failing units and departments but with the help of all of our units we can accomplish our goals and keep our membership strong.

Time is really flying by! We are already at the middle point of the DAVA year. I am very proud of all that you have done and are doing in your units and departments. As of now there has been one \$30 Gift Certificate sent out and approximately 20 recruitment award pins. I thank you for your hard work.

Community Service

by Dorothy Reese, National Community Service Chairman

Now that all the "clutter" is cleaned up from Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day, we can start planning for the spring.

It is now that we need to have most of the reports ready to fill in. Before we know it, April will be upon us. Have the members been turning in monthly reports to their Unit Adjutant? Are they easy to read so your Adjutant can compile the information? Have all the hours, mileage, donations and monies been tabulated?

Have you been calling or visiting shut-ins during the past year? How about your running errands, taking people to doctor appointments, buying groceries for those that could not get out? Maybe they had been ill from the flu or a cold or just plain not feeling well? If it's a large family, there is always a need in the household that you or your Unit can help with.

In our church alone, there were several families that would not have had a Christmas if it was not for the generosity of our congregation. The families were supplied with full meals; not only turkey, but other meats and lots of fresh vegetables and fruit. Then the children were provided with Bibles and a toy or two. The children's eyes were like saucer size to see all the gifts that came through their door.

We as the DAV Auxiliary have and should seek out these families not only at Christmas but throughout the year. It gives you joy to know that we can help when called upon.

Have a wonderful month and year. Bless each and every one of our members.

Hospital

by Earlene Cole, National Hospital Chairman

Now that the holidays are over we need to remember that there are a lot of veterans, spouses, and widows that still need our help or just our time. We work hard over the holidays doing things for our veterans and their families and that is wonderful, but we can't stop there because they need us just as much the rest of the year.

We have Valentine's Day coming up. Take them a valentine and maybe a flower or maybe just a visit to say "hello" and "I thought of you today." My unit asks the schools make valentines for veterans and they are so cute and the veterans love them.

We really don't need a holiday to remember someone that is lonely. Sometime a visit or a small gift is more appreciated if they are for no particular reason except that you care.

I want to thank all of you for all you do to make life more enjoyable for our veterans and their families.

State Department Information

by Carol Gray, National Judge Advocate

Due to the amendments adopted at the 2014 National Convention to no longer have annual memberships for all members, each State Department, at its 2015 State Convention, **must** present **and adopt** amendments that will remove state per capita for annual senior members and the amount heretofore assessed for annual senior memberships.

If your state department assessed a fee for junior memberships, you may still assess that junior per capita, or amend it to an amount amenable with the delegates. If your state department does not currently assess a junior per capita, you could add an amount to be assessed to your State Standing Rules.

An amendment shall also be required to amend the Rules to Govern the Convention regarding the registration of delegates and alternate delegates acting as delegates. Amendments to Convention Rules **shall** be presented and adopted when the convention rules are presented for adoption. Such amendments are not presented with amendments to State Standing Rules.

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Earn a gift certificate
for the DAV Store!



Sign up 20 new paid senior members and receive a \$30 gift certificate for merchandise from the DAV Store!



Earn a "Together as One" Lapel Pin!

Sign up five new paid senior members and receive a "Together as One" lapel pin.

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Reminders~

- ~ **New Units:** It is not necessary for a new unit to have an EIN (Employer Identification Number) assigned to them before submitting the paperwork to national headquarters for a charter. Information on how to obtain an EIN is included in the new unit welcome packet.
- ~ **Indebtedness Statements:** Units who have not had enough membership distribution to satisfy the \$25 national mandate will receive an indebtedness statement with this month's mailing. While the deadline to pay the mandate is not until June 30, national headquarters recommends the unit send in a check to avoid delay and to make sure that unit members attending state and national convention can vote.
- ~ **Officer and Financial Reports:** For the convenience of our members, fillable report forms are available online at www.davauxiliary.org under

Big Changes are Coming to Auxiliary Membership!

- On July 1, 2015, we will convert to a life membership program for all adult members. Encourage new members now to start their life membership with a \$20 down payment. Remind members paying toward a life membership that they now have nearly an unlimited amount of time to meet their payment goal, and they have the flexibility to submit life membership payments at their convenience whether it be the minimum of one payment per year or more frequent payments to pay the balance in full.
- Starting July 1, 2015, there will be two Junior membership options:
 - ⇒ **Complimentary**—In keeping with elimination of the annual membership structure, Junior memberships will be complimentary up to age 18 at which time they will be automatically converted to a part-life membership and payment billings will commence.
 - ⇒ **Junior Life Membership** will also be available for those under the age of 18 should parents or grandparents wish to get an early start on a life membership for their juniors. The minimum down payment will be \$20 and applied toward a \$250 life membership amount.
- The Auxiliary national headquarters is not accepting **prepayments** for annual or junior dues. Only annual membership payments for the current 2014-2015 membership year, expiring June 30, 2015, will be processed. To avoid membership payments being returned, units should refer to the membership listing prior to submitting annual dues or contact national headquarters.