



Congratulations to the following State Departments for achieving 2014-2015 quota!

- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Minnesota
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Wisconsin

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# DAV Auxiliary

## Headquarters News

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### National Quota Has Been Achieved!!!

Thanks to our hard working members, DAV Auxiliary achieved national quota for 2014-2015. We are excited to see what can be accomplished in 2015-2016, so start planning and recruiting! Together we will have another successful year!

### From the Desk of National Commander LeeAnn Karg...

WHAT A YEAR! I cannot believe that a year has almost gone by since I first began this journey. It has been amazing! I've had such a great time in every state that I have visited and have gotten to know so many wonderful people. The love and comradeship is beyond amazing! Thank you to each and every one of you for making it a time to remember and never forget.

I hope that each of you will remember the message Commander Hope and I have tried to convey which is we all need to work together for that one common goal of helping our veterans and their families. We need to lay aside the personal issues and think only of our veterans and their families. That is the most important thing that we can do! We cannot accomplish this if we do not do everything in our power to get along with one another and work together. Remember, there is no I in TEAM. We are an organization that is made up of volunteers because that is what we do best. The reward is the satisfaction that we did a good job and that someone has a better life because of it. God Bless each and every one of you and THANK YOU!

### IRS 990-N e-Postcard Reminder

In accordance with the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, most non-profit organizations with gross income receipts of less than \$50,000 must file IRS Electronic Form 990-N, also referred to as the 990-N e-Postcard. This is not a paper form and can only be filed online. Units with gross income receipts greater than \$50,000 must file paper IRS 990 forms.

Units and State Departments have five months and five days after the close of their fiscal year to complete this process. It takes only moments to file, and once accepted by the IRS, no further action is required. Units who fail to file the annual 990-N e-Postcard for three consecutive years can have their tax-exempt status revoked, which could ultimately lead to charter revocation. As a result, income such as membership dues and donations will be taxable. Restoring a tax exempt status takes time and money, so don't forget to file!

Once your unit or State Department has received the approval acknowledgment from the IRS, a copy must be sent to state and national headquarters. When in doubt, contact national headquarters for assistance at 877.426.2838, option 5.

## Join Us for the 2015 National Fall Conference

The National Fall Conference will be held in beautiful downtown Louisville, Kentucky, from October 1—3, 2015, at the Galt House Hotel. The newly remodeled Galt House Hotel is in walking distance to such attractions as the Louisville Slugger Museum, 4th Street Live, Hard Rock Café, and several Riverboat restaurants.

All members are invited to attend this three-day educational conference that will include information from National Chairmen on their respective programs, as well as an opportunity to learn more about how the DAV and DAV Auxiliary are working together towards helping Veterans and their families.

Registration will begin on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and Friday, October 2, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., and the first business session will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m.

This year we are excited to host a Health and Wellness Event. Free to all members in attendance, this event will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Some of the highlights of the event include flu shots, offered by Walgreens; blood pressure screenings, offered by Duvalle Health Services; Veterans Crisis Information, offered by the staff of the Louisville VAMC; Information on Women's Health Services, offered by physicians of the University of Louisville; as well as representatives from the Alzheimer's Association, AARP, Ford Motor Company, The American Cancer Society, and VA Voluntary and Health Services. You won't want to miss this fun and exciting event!

On Thursday evening we will have a presentation from a Veterans Crisis Program representative who will provide information on the various programs available for Veterans and their families who are facing emergency crises. On Friday morning, a Life Coach from New Path Life Coaching will be doing a short presentation on the value of caregivers and the importance of taking time for self care. She will also be available for one-on-one discussions following her presentation.

The banquet will be held on Friday evening, and will include the DAV National Commander as the key note speaker. On Saturday evening, a reception for registered attendees will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. DJ Entertainment will be provided by *More Than Entertainment*, and new for this year we will also have a photo booth that will include props and shareable 4x6 photo strips!

Registration for all attending, including guests, will be \$35.00, and the banquet will be \$40.00. All registration fees are paid at the DAV Auxiliary registration desk at the conference hotel. We hope to see you all at this enjoyable and educational event! You won't want to miss it!



### 2015 DAV/DAV Auxiliary National Convention ~ Denver Sheraton Hotel Denver

1550 Court Pl. - Denver, CO 80202 ~ 303.893.3333 - \$128 Room Rate

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| 8/6 - Registration               | 8/9 - Convention Committee Mtgs.         |
| 8/6 - Auxiliary NEC Mtg.         | 8/9 - DAV Seminars                       |
| 8/7 - National District Mtgs.    | 8/9 - Fun Night                          |
| 8/8 - Joint Opening Session      | 8/10 - Auxiliary Business Session        |
| 8/8 - Auxiliary Business Session | 8/10 - Forget-Me-Not Luncheon            |
| 8/8 - DAV Natl. Comdr. Reception | 8/11 - Final Business Session            |
| 8/9 - Memorial Service           | 8/11 - Intro. of Natl. Officers & Dinner |

*Tentative Agenda Subject to Change*

## Reaching Out to Women Veterans

Brooklyn Unit #28, New York, recently partnered with their local VA Medical Center to assist with a program called "Welcome Baby Baskets." This program, run by Voluntary Services, accepts donations from individuals and organizations, and donates them to women veterans who are expecting.

Donated items include bottles, clothing, diapers, wipes, teething rings, and many other new-baby needs. The items are then gift wrapped, and given to the families as a way of celebrating their new arrival. Participation in this program by the newly formed Auxiliary unit has demonstrated the true spirit of DAV Auxiliary!



Thank you to all of the members of Brooklyn Unit #28!

## The New Membership Changes are Here!

As we begin the 2015-2016 membership year, it's important to review the changes to the membership program that went into effect July 1, 2015. As a reminder, the DAV Auxiliary now only offers Life Membership to members over the age of 18. With a \$20 down payment, a new member will have the opportunity to make just one payment per year if they so choose, and have an undefined amount of time to pay off the balance of the life membership.

As of July 1, 2015, all annual members were converted to life members. If they did not convert their membership prior to July 1, 2015, and have no pre-paid funds on account, they will show up on your membership list as Inactive/Unable to Distribute. Once the member makes their first payment toward their life membership, their status will become active. We urge units to work together and reach out to these members and remind them how important their membership is, as well as reinforce the importance of maintaining their DAV Auxiliary membership.

On July 1, any pre-paid Junior funds were credited toward a future life membership. Families now have the opportunity to start a life membership for a junior at any age and at their convenience, which gives more time and flexibility to secure a full paid life membership by the age of 18.

(Example: If \$21 had been paid to cover a junior member's dues through their 17th birthday, on July 1, \$21 was credited toward a future life membership.)

Lastly, as you begin to sign up new juniors, remember that they are now complimentary, and count toward quota. Juniors are the future of the organization, so it's important to show them how important they are by keeping them interested and involved in the programs of the Auxiliary.

New applications are now available to reflect the changes that have been implemented. There are two styles available: single applications and booklets of 25 in triplicates. These can be ordered through national headquarters by calling 877.426.2838, option 5, or sending an email indicating your preference to [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org).

### Indebted Units

Units and state departments that have not paid their national mandates nor submitted an annual financial report are considered INDEBTED.

Units and delegates must ensure that 2014-2015 national mandates are paid and a financial report is on file with national headquarters by July 31, 2014. Failure to comply will result in elected delegates not being permitted to register in the capacity of convention delegates at the national convention.

A member of an indebted unit may attend convention business meetings and functions as a registered member/guest without voice or vote.

Elected national convention delegates are entitled to the privilege of representing their unit/state department so please see that all indebtedness is satisfied prior to the national convention.

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*DAV and Auxiliary, Together As One*

### June Recruitment



Congratulations to:

Linda Oliver, OK  
Diane Sullivan, MA  
John Carpenter, WV

Sign up 20 new, paid senior members and receive a \$30 gift certificate to the DAV Store!

### DAV Auxiliary Items!



A variety of DAV Auxiliary merchandise is available for purchase. Check it out at [www.davstore.org](http://www.davstore.org) and click on Auxiliary.

### Reminders:

- **Unit mail** is property of the unit and not the adjutant. The adjutant is responsible for bringing all mail to each unit meeting and seeing that officers and members are informed of all communications. If a unit adjutant is unable to attend a business meeting, it is their responsibility to see that the communications are presented to the Unit Commander in advance of the meeting.
- **Financial reports** - Please include all attachments when submitting the annual financial report. Many are being received without the necessary attachments resulting in the return of the report.
- **Dates of birth** should be included on all membership applications. If a date of birth is not provided for life memberships, the member will be set up for the maximum life membership amount of \$250.00.
- **Unit funds** may only be expended by vote of the unit or in accordance with unit standing rules.
- **Bank account changes** should be reported to national headquarters as soon as possible. It is necessary to have a direct deposit form filled out by the unit and the bank so that proper distribution can be credited to the unit account. Failure to do so will result in a delay of direct deposits.
- **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!
- **Membership listings** - Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders, and Adjutants are authorized to generate membership listings through the membership system. Keep in mind these reports contain personal member information (including junior members) and are to be safeguarded at all times and not freely distributed.
- **National Fall Conference** fliers and attendance slips have been mailed to all units. Please fill out the attendance slip and return it to national headquarters as soon as possible so that staff can begin preparations and plan accordingly. Remember to include if members and guests will be attending the banquet and reception.