

DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News



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October Flag Flying Days

The following days have been designated as official days for flying the American Flag.

10/8 — Columbus Day

10/27 — Navy Day

From the Desk of National Commander Ellen Timmerman



Fall Conference is over and I hope everyone learned something and had a great time. Many of us will be having our own conferences or schools of instruction and I would like to ask those who attended the national fall conference to please take the information you received and share it with your members. There are always new things to learn and share. The Fall Conference Book is on line at www.davauxiliary.org. Once there, click on "Membership" and then "Publications."

In May of 2018 the "Caregiver Initiative Program" became a sanctioned program for the Auxiliary and because of this I had the opportunity to attend the TEE Tournament in Iowa in September. I spent most of my time with the caregivers/companions and listened to their stories about their veterans and answered questions about the DAV Auxiliary. They were excited that we were a sponsor for the caregiver/companion events! The Veterans, the volunteers, and the caregivers/companions are the most amazing people to be around and to talk with. Ann Glende and myself were allowed to have a table at the Wellness Event and were able to greet and talk with so many of the veterans, but something that did surprise me was that some people didn't even know the DAV had an Auxiliary.

With all of the disasters that have occurred this year with the wildfires, flooding, tornados and hurricanes, the "Disaster Relief Fund" has suffered and has already been depleted so I encourage our members to make donations to this fund so we can continue to help veterans and their families. Doing a fund raiser for this is something your unit could do together and possibly do it along with your chapter. These disasters are something we have no control over, but we can make it possible for the National Auxiliary to be available to lend a helping hand. Keep in your prayers all of the people who are affected by these disasters and all of those helping them through these rough times.

Together, we can get it done. Keep up the good work!

God bless each of you for all that you do to help Veterans and their families.

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Disaster Relief Fund

DAV Auxiliary is accepting donations for the Disaster Relief Fund due to the impact of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. Checks or money orders, made payable to DAV Auxiliary, can be sent to national headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076. Donations are also being accepted by phone—877-426-2838, option 8. Help DAV Auxiliary provide assistance to veterans and their families in need.

2018-2019 Membership Recruitment Incentives

Junior Members—

- ◆ Sign up a new junior **life** member
 - Online Applications
 - Paper Applications
 - Submit minimum \$20 payment with application or call National Headquarters with credit card payment
- ◆ Be entered to win a \$50 cash award
- ◆ Drawings held December 31, March

Recruiter Incentives –

- ◆ Three incentive periods –
 - October 1 – December 31
 - January 1 – March 31
 - April 1 – June 30
- ◆ Three drawings –
 - December, March and June
- ◆ Recruit one new paid member to be entered
- ◆ Each new paid member = one drawing entry
- ◆ Each drawing = \$300 cash each for two recruiters!
- ◆ The more you recruit = the better chance of winning!

Unit Incentive –

- ◆ Units recruiting at least 15 new paid members by June 30, 2019, will be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$300 cash awards.
- ◆ Use the special lime green applications (or a copy) indicating campaign code 441.
- ◆ Unit receives one entry per 15 new paid members
- ◆ Remember, two winning units will receive \$300!

Be a Mentor –

There’s no better way to inspire a new member than to offer guidance and support. Download the Mentor template and provide your contact information.

Remember: A \$20 down payment starts a new life membership with an indefinite period of time to pay the balance.

Age	Amount
Birth – 30	\$250.00
31 – 45	\$230.00
46 – 60	\$200.00
61 – 70	\$180.00
71 – 79	\$140.00
80 and over	Complimentary



I'm Your Mentor

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your membership in our organization is very important to veterans and their families. Together we can make a difference!

Motivate, Encourage, Inspire, Guide



“Together, we can get it done!”
National Commander Ellen Timmerman

Americanism by Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, National Americanism Chairman

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed or birthplace." It can be tempting to believe that planning an Americanism program is fairly easy. After all, who isn't moved by the sight of the American flag, the sound of patriotic music, or the words spoken during a MIA/POW ceremony? Unfortunately, the answer is not everyone!

I live in Berkeley, California, best known for the Free Speech Movement and (sadly) yes, flag burning. There is a perception that patriotism does not exist here because we resist the traditional things that many consider to be at the core of what makes us Americans. For instance, many call the second Monday in October "Columbus Day" and the same day is recognized as "Indigenous Peoples Day" by the City of Berkeley.

However, the fact that Berkeley has designated the second Monday in October a holiday at all, illustrates President Roosevelt's assertion that our collective spirit, conviction, and purpose is at the heart of Americanism. Berkeley residents may not be focused on Christopher Columbus in October. However, we are celebrating this country's history. One celebration is no less patriotic than the other.

I challenged attendees to the Fall Conference to use Roosevelt's words to shape their Americanism Programs. Consider your audience and think about how to best encourage them to express their own American spirit, conviction, and purpose. I encourage you to reach out to new potential audiences. Show them that there are many ways to express their love for America.

Caregiver Initiative Program Kick-Off a Success!



The 2018 National Disabled Veterans TEE (Training, Exposure, Experience) Tournament was held in Iowa City, Iowa, September 9-14, 2018, and was the official kick-off to the DAV Auxiliary Caregiver Initiative Program. While veterans golfed and participated in other adaptive sporting events, National Commander Ellen Timmerman joined 39 caregivers from around the United States for a few days of fun!

The theme for this year's caregiver events was the 1950's. The week started on Monday in Lone Tree, Iowa, where caregivers had the opportunity to meet and learn more about one another, hear from a VA Caregiver Support Coordinator, and be entertained. Each caregiver in attendance received a DAV Auxiliary mesh backpack filled with an array of items.

On Tuesday, the caregivers headed to Kalona, Iowa, for an authentic Amish meal, a tour of the town, and shopping at some of the local attractions.

They were off to Rock Island, Illinois, on Wednesday to the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse where they were treated to a performance of "Mama Mia" and a delicious lunch. The caregivers returned in time to join their veterans at the TEE Wellness Night at the Riverside Hotel and Casino in Riverside, Iowa. They visited with exhibitors (including DAV and DAV Auxiliary) to learn about veteran service organizations, VA programs, and even have a photo taken in the photo booth! DAV Auxiliary National Commander Timmerman was on-hand to pass out cooling towels and stress balls to the more than 300 people in attendance. Some took advantage of neck and back massages courtesy of local massage therapists. To top off the night, TEE Tournament Director Kirt Sickels and his family put on an entertaining variety show of music and dancing.

Thursday, the last day of the caregiver activities, included a trip to Ely, Iowa, and a tour of Dan and Debbie's Creamery, complete with ice cream tasting!

Throughout the event, the caregivers expressed how meaningful these few days of respite were to them and are already wondering what might be in store for them next year! They laughed, shared stories, and cultivated new friendships, and DAV Auxiliary is proud to have sponsored this event. We could not have done so without the generous donations from members, units, and state departments to the Caregiver Initiative Program.

Donations are being accepted for the 2019 Caregiver Initiative Program. Remember, we cannot make this happen without all of you! We look forward to your continued support!



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

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Newly Revised Bylaw Books



The newly revised DAV Auxiliary Constitution and Bylaw books are now available!

Please remember the bylaw books change from year to year, and members are encouraged to always have the most recent copy available for questions or concerns.

The books are \$2.00 each, plus shipping and handling, and will be available through Halo. To place an order, visit www.davstore.org, or contact them at 1-800-468-4332.

Save the Date:

2019 National Convention
August 3—6, 2019
Rosen Shingle Creek
9939 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32819
Telephone: 407.996.9939

\$137 Single/Double

The Auxiliary NEC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1, and the District meetings will be Friday, August 2. Please plan accordingly.

Please make your reservations early to avoid sell out! They can be cancelled in the future if you're unable to attend!

Save the Date:

2019 National Fall Conference
September 26—28, 2019
Lexington Embassy Suites
1801 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
Telephone: 859.455.5000

\$126.95 Single/Double
\$133.95 Triple/Quad

All rates will include complimentary parking, Wi-Fi, breakfast, and evening manager reception.

Please make your reservations early to avoid sell out! They can be cancelled in the future if you're unable to attend!

Reminders:

- **Annual Financial Reports** were due September 30, 2018. If your unit or state department has not completed the form, it must be done as soon as possible to avoid a hold status from being placed.
- **990-N e-Postcard** filing is due November 15, 2018. If your unit or state department is struggling to complete this requirement please contact national headquarters at 877.426.2838, option 8, for assistance. Don't forget to send a copy of the acceptance to national headquarters.
- Any changes made to unit or state department officers during the year **requires** a new officer report to be sent to national headquarters. This will help keep records up-to-date and is important for verifying information on annual financial reports.
- **Membership applications** should include a date of birth, contact information, and sponsor information (when applicable). Please make sure applications are legible to avoid a delay in processing.
- Unit and state department checks require **two signatures**. Checks submitted without proper signatures will be returned.
- When signing up members, please remind them that they will receive four payment reminders per year, but only one payment is required. Payments previously made towards an annual membership do not apply to a life membership.