

DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News



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Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Departments for making 2017-2018 Quota!

- Alabama
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Nevada
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Vermont
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin

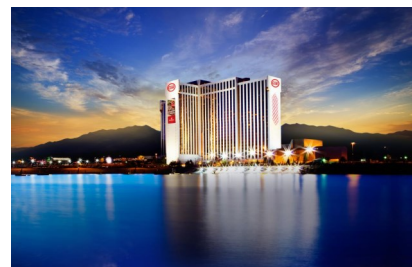
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2018 National Convention

The 2018 National Convention will be held July 14—17, 2018, at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

Pre-registration is now available [online](#). No payments will be accepted by postal mail or telephone. A membership number is required to register. Members may also access the site to register non-member guests. Please be sure to provide an email address to receive your receipt when you register online. If pre-registering, members will be able to go to DAV and Auxiliary will-call to pick up convention badges and bags. On-site registration will still be available. Should you encounter problems with pre-registration please contact our office at 877.426.2838, option 8.



To avoid seating issues at the Tuesday evening introduction of officers and dinner, attendees will be required to make a reservation at the designated booth inside the convention registration room no later than Sunday, July 15 at 4:00 pm. Table assignments will be coordinated by DAV Staff, and tickets with your assigned table number may be picked up after the business sessions on Tuesday, July 17, near the entrance of the Summit Pavilion located on the casino level.

Registration credentials are required to attend all evening events, including the National Commander's Reception on Saturday evening and Fun Night on Monday (including juniors). Those without registration credentials will need to be verified before being admitted. Non-members 18 and older are required to register and pay the \$25 fee to attend events, including the Tuesday evening event. Should you have any questions please see a staff member in the convention registration office for further assistance.

We look forward to seeing many familiar friends and meeting new ones. Safe travels, and see you in Reno!



Auxiliary Tentative Agenda—Subject to Change

7/12 - Auxiliary NEC Meeting	7/16 - Auxiliary Business Session
7/13 - District Meetings	7/16 - Forget-Me-Not Luncheon
7/14 - Joint Opening Session	7/16 - Fun Night
7/14 - Auxiliary Opening Session	7/17 - Auxiliary Final Business Session
7/14 - Financial Reporting Seminar	7/17 - Auxiliary NEC Meeting
7/14 - National Commander's Reception	7/17 - Introduction of National Officers and Dinner
7/15 - Memorial Service	
7/15 - Convention Committee Meetings	

DAV Volunteer for Veterans Program

VOLUNTEER FOR VETERANS

DAV recently released a new program, Volunteer for Veterans, which encourages veterans to post personal volunteer opportunities and engage with volunteers in their area. Veterans can request assistance with projects such as yard work, home repairs, grocery shopping, and more. Volunteers can then make an account with Volunteer for Veterans and sign up for opportunities in their area.

To sign up, visit <https://dav.force.com/volunteerforveterans/s/> and click on login/sign up. You will be prompted to answer a few questions, agree to the terms, and indicate if you are a veteran in need of help or a volunteer looking to help. Volunteers will then be matched with opportunities in their area and if available, will arrange for a time that is convenient for the veteran and volunteer.

This program is an easy way to provide assistance to veterans when resources may otherwise not be available. Please take a moment to share this information with your fellow Auxiliary members and community. You do not need to be a DAV or Auxiliary member to participate.

IRS Communications

We have been notified by units and state departments that the IRS has recently sent out another set of notices regarding a late filing for the 2017 fiscal year. These letters are still being sent as a result of the fiscal year change and should be disregarded. We realize that these notices are frustrating; however, until the IRS has updated their secondary system to reflect the fiscal year change, the notices will continue to be sent.

As a reminder, units and state departments are not required to complete a 990, as warranted by income, until after July 1, 2018, for the reporting period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. So that units and state departments are not penalized for a late submission, we encourage the completion of these forms as soon as possible. The cut-off date for filing is November 15, 2018. While submissions after this date will be accepted, they will not count towards the unit or state department yearly filing and can put the tax-exempt status in jeopardy.

Should a unit or state department be unable to complete the 990-N e-Postcard, please contact national headquarters at 877.426.2838, option 8, and a staff member will assist with completing the process. We realize that not everyone has the capability to complete the form and do not want to see a unit or state department penalized because of it.

We appreciate the diligence of our members who have brought these notices to our attention. Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this transition.

Help Our Facebook Grow

Since its inception, we have seen our Facebook following continue to grow. Each week we are seeing more visitors who are learning about DAV Auxiliary and how they, too, can become involved. We have celebrated successes, contacted legislators, and learned about organizational changes.

But we need your help. We are 102 members away from reaching 7,000 Facebook fans, and we'd love to celebrate this milestone by the end of the membership year. If you are on Facebook and haven't done so, please like our page, and encourage your family, friends, and community to like us, too. We are always looking for new and creative stories, so if you have something to share, please send it to us—dava@dav.org.

We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with all of you! [Like us](#) today!

Legislative by Lynn Helms Prosser, National Legislative Chairman

A JOINT MESSAGE FROM DAV and DAV AUXILIARY National Commander's DAV Delphine Metcalf-Foster and DAV Auxiliary William C. Johniken BIG Victory for Caregivers and Veterans of All Eras!

On May 23, 2018, America's veterans, their families and caregivers had a big victory in Congress when the Senate voted overwhelmingly—92 to 5—to approve the VA Mission Act, which had already passed the House. Once signed into law by the President, this historic legislation will expand support to veteran caregivers of ALL eras as well as improve veterans' access to quality care, top priorities that DAV has worked for years to accomplish.

The VA Mission Act (S. 2372) will extend eligibility for VA's comprehensive caregiver assistance program to ALL generations of seriously injured veterans. The VA Mission Act contains numerous provisions that will improve quality, expand access and strengthen the VA healthcare system. Hopefully, this historic legislation will be signed by President Trump on or before Memorial Day, well before the release of this newsletter. However, please know that the members of DAV and the DAV Auxiliary, our families, friends and supporters played a critical role in making this happen. Thank you to everyone that took time to call, visit, write and contact your elected officials to build support for this bill. Together, we will continue to keep the promise to the men and women who served, especially those injured or made ill by their service.

As your Legislative Chairman, I want to encourage you to sign up for the Commanders' Action Network, "CAN", and continue our mission to fulfill our promises and goals for our veterans and active military. Many of you are planning your state conventions and I ask that all legislative chairman promote the purpose the Commanders' Action Network and encourage members to join, sending their voices to Washington.

Thank all of you that are participating in our CAN program and communicating with your various legislators. Also, thank you for signing up new members. May God continue to bless you, our troops, our veterans and may God forever bless and keep us "America Strong."

Caregiver Initiative Program

At the September 28, 2017, National Executive Committee meeting, the committee approved the Caregiver Initiative Project in an effort to provide financial sponsorship of caregiver/companion events held in conjunction with veteran-related adaptive sports events. We saw first-hand the impact on the community of caregivers attending events specifically designed for them while their veterans participated in the VA's annual National Disabled Veterans TEE Tournament, prompting the idea of a Caregiver Initiative to demonstrate our support of these unsung heroes.

On May 21, 2018, and with the approval of the National Executive Committee, the DAV Auxiliary Caregiver Initiative was sanctioned as an official program. Plans are already underway for Auxiliary sponsorship of caregiver/companion activities at the National Disabled Veterans TEE Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa, later this year. While the project is in the very early stages, there exists a possibility of expanding this sponsorship/support to caregivers and companions at the annual Winter Sports Clinic and other similar events.

The success of the Caregiver Initiative is dependent upon donations from members, units, and state departments and that effort is beginning to take hold. This new program is one we must actively advocate for, promote, and show our support of veteran caregivers.

If you'd like to support this program, or have questions, please contact our office at 877.426.2838, option 8.

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

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"You've Got a Friend"

New Auxiliary Units!

Carbon Unit #16
Price, Utah
Chartered May 16, 2018

Gen. Washington #7
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Chartered May 22, 2018

Pinal County Unit #36
Casa Grande, Arizona
Chartered May 16, 2018

KJ Eyer, Jr. #64
Elizabeth City, North Carolina
Chartered May 30, 2018

A colorful banner with the word "WELCOME!" in large, white, bold, outlined letters on a background of horizontal stripes in orange, yellow, green, and blue.

Follow us on Social Media
for news and information
on the DAV Auxiliary.



Sponsors Welcome!

Sponsorships are available for the 2018 National Fall Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. This is an opportunity for a business or organization to say thank you to disabled veterans and their families, and to provide a memorable Fall Conference experience for our deserving members.

Currently, these sponsorships are available:

- ⇒ Signature Sponsor (\$5,000)
- ⇒ Special Event Sponsor (\$2,500)
- ⇒ Sponsor Exhibitor (\$1,000)
- ⇒ In-Kind Sponsorships

Any business or organization interested in a [sponsorship opportunity](#) should contact Auxiliary national headquarters.

Showering Love to New Parents

Throughout the month of May, many DAV Auxiliary units participated in the first nationwide baby shower thanks to a partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. 60 VA medical centers hosted special baby showers for families expecting a baby in 2018. Over 2,400 veteran parents and parents-to-be signed up to participate.



Complete with baby-themed games and care packages, each family left with supplies needed to welcome their new addition, including car seats, diapers, wipes, bottles, blankets, diaper bags, and pack and plays. U.S. Marine Veteran Angela Mao said, "It was surprising and a bit overwhelming when we got there; it was a REAL baby shower. We went to meet new people, and be engaged. We had a great time and it was good to see other first-time parents get what they needed."

This event was made possible by nationwide sponsors, including Phillips, Veterans Canteen Service, The Carrying On Project, and Burt's Bees Baby. Community partners, including DAV Auxiliary units, partnered to supply additional gifts, as well as volunteer throughout the event.

"We're having a ball with this" said Anita Ingram, Brooklyn NY Unit #28 Adjutant. "Who doesn't like to shop for babies. Our unit participated in welcoming guests, giving out prizes, and serving refreshments."

This is just another great example of the difference our organization can make. We'd love to hear what your unit is doing. Please send us your story and photos to dava@dav.org.