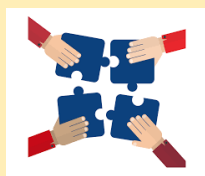


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"Where there is unity
there is always victory."
-Publius Syrus



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From the Desk of National Commander Diane Franz

The Tee Tournament was recently held in Iowa. I had the privilege of participating with the Companions and their activities. We had instructions on Yoga (with doggie daycare right outside the venue), painting (not my best forté), a meet and greet at a VSO hall in Swisher, Iowa, where we heard some terrific ideas of resources that are available, and a paddle boat/lunch cruise on the Mississippi.

We must remember that a "caregiver" is not just a person that has to be with their Veteran 24/7, but sometimes just needs to spend time with others or some "me time" for a few hours. You are a caregiver if you have to make sure medicines are given correctly, prescriptions are refilled on time, doctor appointments are scheduled and getting them there. Those are just a few of the things that a caregiver is sometimes responsible for doing for the veteran. I am grateful to have had that opportunity to spend time with them.

Unfortunately, due to hurricane Dorian, I had to cancel the Pittsburgh Sharing and Caring excursion. I was so looking forward to being a part of that. Please remember all the devastation caused by Dorian and the floods that have affected the Carolinas and Texas.

Remember, Unity means staying together. It means helping and supporting each other in all circumstances. Staying united is the key to building strong relationships and a strong organization.

May everyone have a wonderful Fall season. God bless our Veterans, you, and the United States of America.



Community Service by Linda Gerke, National Chairman

How do I become a Volunteer in my community as a member of DAV Auxiliary? There are actually many ways to volunteer your time and find opportunities to help others. First and foremost, our primary focus is service to veterans and their families and we should make every effort to seize those opportunities.

A good place to search for volunteer opportunities within the community would be through local volunteer centers. These centers may have lists, much like classified ads, searching for volunteers in a variety of capacities. Those can help you find a volunteer position related to your work or life experience if you so choose. Sometimes people want to volunteer in a specific type of area such as an animal shelter or a hospital. Offering time to help a veteran caregiver would be extremely beneficial to them and rewarding for you. If small children are in the home, an offer to babysit would be of great help or assisting with house or yard work. The possibilities are endless and once people know you are willing to give of your time, new doors of opportunity will open.

Volunteering doesn't have to be a full-time commitment and might just be an occasional occurrence that promotes good feelings between neighbors in the community.

Legislative by Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, National Legislative Chairman

I have a feeling that the people who attended Fall Conference might have thought I was nuts as my program began! I started by showing two different pictures of trees: one was very abstract and the other was a photograph. Not surprisingly, more people were able to identify the trees in the photograph. What could this have to do with legislative activities?

According to data from the Census Bureau, the VA is anticipating a sharp decline in the percent of the US population who will serve in our armed forces. Further, the number of veterans who serve in congress is also decreasing. The number is currently only 19%!

If you are not a veteran or you are not related to one, you probably won't understand our issues very easily. Phrases like "dependency and indemnity compensation," "burn pit," or many others can be as clear as an abstract picture of a tree! Asking our elected officials to support veterans' legislative issues is more difficult now than ever before.

Units and individual members are urged to support all veterans' legislative issues on local, state, and federal levels by lobbying lawmakers. Our job as advocates is to make our legislative needs clear. The Legislative Report requires members to track the number of times they contact and follow-up with Federal, State, and Local leaders regarding veteran-friendly legislation.

You can write letters, make personal visits to lawmakers, or you can sign up for the Commander's Action Network! No matter which technique you choose, the important thing to remember is that your goal is to paint a vivid picture of how a particular issue impacts the lives of veterans and their families. Over the next few months, I plan to write more about these different strategies.

Junior Activities by Darlene Hanneman, National Junior Activities Chairman



What a child needs most.....Stability, to be loved for who they are, hugs, your time, kind words, second chances, the freedom to make mistakes, a good example, explanations instead of explosions, to be able to cry without judgement, unconditional love, a healthy balanced diet, and plenty of sleep.

Ideas to keep your Juniors active in your Chapter and Unit homes!!! Bring in the whole families!!!!

Have projects to do at meetings. Such as no-sew blankets, make cards, t-shirt bags for wheelchairs, prayer pillows, lap robes, and other ideas that you plan. Send cards and colored pictures to members for get-well, accident, congratulations, births of children, grandchildren, teachers, special awards, and other events.

Hold hands as a group when praying for the group and others. (Across the aisle-across the mile.)

Acts of Kindness: Collect socks of love to give the Veterans, Backpacks for Veterans, Purses for Veterans (Fill the backpacks and purses up with needed items), Fall cleanup such as Leaf rake up for an elderly or disabled Veteran, Baby showers for Veterans.

Hold dinners for fund raising: Spaghetti, Pizza, Chicken, BBQ, Fish, Steak, Tacos, etc.

Have a movie night, card-playing night, dress-up night, Red, White, and Blue night, Sports night, Crazy Hat night for the Veterans and their families. You all can come up with your own ideas for a night out on the town!!!!

Here are some more thoughts about your Veteran's child!!!! Five things to ask your Veteran's Child instead of "How was school?"

1. What made you smile today?
2. Who did you sit with at lunch?
3. If you could change one thing about today what would that be?
4. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
5. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday?

Stay in touch. Send pictures and tell me what is going on! DAV Auxiliary 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.



Bear Grylls, the writer and adventurer, wrote “Survival can be summed up in three words – never give up. That’s the heart of it really. Just keep trying.” Yes! We will put up our pom poms and get back out on the field! We will never give up; we will survive; we will increase our membership; and, we will continue to serve our Veterans and their families!

Winter Sports Clinic— \$2,475.00
Camp Corral— \$3,125.00
Service Fund— \$2,750.00
Thank you for your generosity!

DAV AUXILIARY FUND RAISING GUIDELINES

CONTRACTS:

DAV Auxiliary units or state departments desiring to engage in fundraising projects involving, directly or indirectly, contracts of any nature shall be required to obtain prior approval from their DAV state department and the DAV National Executive Committee (NEC). If a contract is involved with any fundraiser, prior to signing, the DAV state department will submit a copy to DAV National Headquarters for review and approval of the DAV NEC.

UNITS:

Fundraisers that **do not** involve general public donation solicitation:

- ◇ Under no circumstances may fund raising solicitations be sent by mail, email, or posted on internet/social media, nor in any way which gains access to support outside of their geographic boundaries. Exception: If the unit mails a newsletter to their Auxiliary members, a fundraiser solicitation may be included in the body of that newsletter provided that the fundraiser: 1) is to benefit a specific project; 2) has received necessary approval.
- ◇ Unit fundraisers must be first discussed and approved by membership majority at a regular business meeting.
- ◇ If the fundraising solicitation is only among members and family/friends of members, no prior DAV chapter or DAV department approval shall be required for a fundraising project where the gross receipts will be less than \$5,000. (If gross receipts are anticipated to be greater than \$5,000, then units must seek chapter and DAV department approval.)
- ◇ Advance written notice of thirty days to the DAV state department is required on all fundraising activities.
- ◇ Fundraising must be in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.

Fundraisers that involve general public donation solicitation:

- ◇ Unit fundraisers must be first discussed and approved by membership majority at a regular business meeting.
- ◇ Written permission request is then submitted to the parent chapter for approval. (In cases where there is no parent chapter, units must submit the written request to the DAV state department).
- ◇ Upon chapter approval, said chapter must submit the approved unit fund raising request to the respective DAV state department. (Units may forward the fund raising request to the DAV state department on the chapter's behalf, if necessary.)
- ◇ The DAV Department Executive Committee (DEC) shall then determine if approval is warranted and will notify the unit.
- ◇ To reiterate, **any fund raising project which involves the general public requires chapter and DAV department approval.**

Forget-Me-Not Drives:

Units wishing to conduct Forget-Me-Not drives only require the approval of their parent chapter. Ref. DAV National Bylaws, Article 15, Section 15.3, Para.5. with advance written notice of thirty days to the DAV state department.

AUXILIARY LOGO USAGE –

- ◇ The Auxiliary logo or seal may be used on fund raising projects provided appropriate fund raising approval has been received.
- ◇ Approval is not required for logo/seal usage on stationery items, business cards, name badges, hats, shirts, etc., and other items that promote the name and positive mission of the organization.
- ◇ Items bearing the DAV Auxiliary seal or logo may be sold to other members of the organization **at cost, but may not be used to generate revenue.**



2019-2020 Membership Recruiter Incentives

MEMBERSHIP is vital to fulfilling our organization's mission of service.

Who are Auxiliary members?

We are – the heart and soul of the organization!

Recruit one new member with a minimum down payment of \$20 and you could win cash!
Don't forget about Junior life members! The more you recruit, the better your chances!

Quarterly Cash Drawings for one lucky membership recruiter!

December 31 - \$250

March 31 - \$250

June 30 - \$250

Bonus Recruiter Drawings!

July 1 – **Five** recruiters will receive \$250 each

Remember: A \$20 down payment starts a new life membership with an indefinite period of time to pay the balance. **Rates valid through December 31, 2019.**

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

NOTICE

January 1, 2020, membership will go to a flat rate amount of \$250 for all ages. Junior members up to age 18 and those 80 years of age and older will remain complimentary. Families are encouraged to start a life membership for juniors with a \$20 down payment.

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on the DAV Auxiliary.



Headquarters News

As a reminder, the practice of mailing the monthly newsletter to unit and state department adjutants has been discontinued. Instead, the newsletter will be available for download from the DAV Auxiliary's website. Everyone has access to this informative newsletter and we urge all members to read this important communication.

Email addresses are still being accepted for those who wish to have the publication emailed directly to your inbox. Please send emails to dava@dav.org.

A \$10 yearly subscription is also available and will assure the mailing of the newsletter to your mailbox.

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"Unity"

Americanism by AnnMarie Hurley, National Americanism Chairman

It has been exciting, never mind informative, looking on the Internet for information on women and men who have made tremendous impacts on the country we are blessed to live in today—the United States of America.

I read about a transplant from England who helped pave the way for the Declaration of Independence. I read about a Rough Rider during the Spanish American War, an actor who was a union leader, and a WWII Naval Hero who all became president of the United States, one who devoted his life to the civil rights movement. Those were some of the stories of men I read.

A woman was integral in fundraising for the Revolutionary Cause and cared for the exhausted soldiers, another played a pivotal role in the end of slavery and workers' rights, a third was called an "Angel of the Battlefield." Another story was of the first woman in America to study medicine and become a doctor whose later accomplishments were just as amazing. A journalist committed herself to an asylum to expose horrific conditions, and a blind woman became a co-founder of the American Civil Liberties Union.

There were more stories, but the idea is simply that we can do so much if we dedicate ourselves to something important, something that really matters, something that improves the lot in life for ourselves as well as others—and the DAV Auxiliary is an organization that really matters. Our mission is to serve veterans and their families, a profoundly important and much needed mission.

The encyclopedia.com states that "Americanism is an ideology that holds that the cultural and political values of the United States...is qualitatively different from other nations. Some have characterized Americanism and its beliefs as a 'civic religion.'" "Seymour Lipset identifies five key elements of Americanism: liberty, egalitarianism (*a belief in human equality especially with respect to social, political, and economic affairs*), individualism, populism, and laissez-faire." Lipset also states about Americanism—"It is not a matter of birth. Those who reject American values are un-American" and further states that "Americanism emphasizes equality of opportunity, as opposed to equality of outcomes, and attaches greater importance to social and political individualism."

Regardless of where we came from, what faith we claim if we claim one at all, or our birthright, we are here, we are Americans and among other pursuits and responsibilities, it is our desire to carry out the mission of the DAV Auxiliary.