

DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News



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WOOHOO!

Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Department for making 2020-2021 Quota!

Florida
Illinois
Indiana
Vermont

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From the Desk of National Commander Diane Franz

Here we are in June, the final stretch in the membership year. Congratulations to all the units and state departments that have made quota this year. It must have been a challenge with all the restrictions in place, but you made the best of the situation. A job well done to keep our promises to our veterans! We should be looking at the 2021-2022 membership year to increase our members to help achieve our goals.

Best wishes to all the incoming unit, state, and national officers. With your dedication to serve, we will prevail in making this coming year a success with recruiting new members and volunteers for the betterment of the DAV and DAV Auxiliary organizations.

I'm looking forward to finally being able to attend some state conventions and have the pleasure to visit with departments and share ideas with the members.

Have a great and safe summer. Hope to see many of you at the National Convention. Thank you for having confidence in serving as your DAV Auxiliary National Commander 2019 to 2021. It has been so rewarding.

Don't forget to check often on the National DAV and Auxiliary Facebook sites along with the Auxiliary website for current and updated information. May God bless and keep our veterans and their families, all our members safe, and protect The United States of America.



Forget-Me-Not Luncheon—Ticket Pre-Sale Information

Tickets to the Forget-Me-Not luncheon at National Convention **must** be purchased in advance. No luncheon tickets will be available for purchase on site. Checks may be sent to national headquarters at any time and should be earmarked "Forget-Me-Not Luncheon" with the number of tickets requested. Those wishing to pay with a credit/debit card may call national headquarters between now and the reservation cutoff date of July 16, 2021.

The cost of the luncheon is \$40.00 per person. The menu is a House Salad, Red Wine Braised Beef Tenderloin Tips with Pearl Onions and Button Mushrooms, Buttered Noodles with Thyme and Parsley, Baked Apple Strudel, and Iced Tea.

After June 16, 2021, please send checks to the new national headquarters address at 860 Dolwick Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018.

Luncheon tickets will be available for pick-up beginning Thursday, July 29, 2021, in the DAV Auxiliary office located in the Gasparilla Room, 2nd Floor of the JW Marriott.

Junior Activities by Darlene Hanneman, National Junior Activities Chairman

Unit Commanders, please check to see if you have your Junior Activities report for 2020-2021 completed and forwarded to your state department. See that the Junior Unit History Book is completed and brought to National Convention for judging. Please check on your Juniors to see if they need help filling out the DAVA Junior Award Questionnaire and getting it turned in on time.

Keep the Juniors active and engaged this summer. A new idea is making small draw-string bags with a note attached that can be used to put three shell casings in after the comrades do a Military funeral. The card says: "Three shell casings, from a military funeral firing squad, are presented to the next of kin. These casings represent Duty, Honor, and Country." These bags are then given to the family in honor of a loved one. Duty, Honor, and Country are what they stand for!!

DAV Auxiliary Junior members attending National convention are encouraged to sign up to participate as pages. They will volunteer during meetings with passing out information, escorting dignitaries as needed, and to be on hand to assist members throughout the convention. If you have a Junior interested in volunteering, contact Auxiliary National Headquarters at 877-426-2838, option 8, and provide the contact information.

TAKE pictures and notes of the summer programs, conventions, holidays, and other activities. GET ready for next year!!

Good Day to All. Life is short. Times are tough. Today, why don't you smile a little bigger, Love a little deeper, Laugh a little louder, Pray a little while longer. Every little thing will be alright. This too shall pass.



The ABC's for Junior Members

ATTEND your Unit, District, and Department meetings.

BE a working Junior Member.

CHECK the facts before repeating things told to you.

DO respect the flag of our country.

EXPRESS yourself freely and honestly at meetings.

FAMILIARIZE yourself with the projects and programs.

GIVE proper respect to all officers.

HAVE an adequate knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

IT is your duty to understand the voting process.

JOIN in discussions and group activities. You will learn and have fun too!

KINDLE that spark of friendliness and enthusiasm within yourself.

LISTEN to and respect the opinion of Senior members.

MEMBERSHIP is everyone's responsibility.

NO speaking across the floor to other members.

OBEY the rules of the organization.

PAYING dues is important—Remind your Senior members.

QUESTION reports and actions you do not fully understand.

REFRAIN from talking while business is being transacted.

STUDY the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.

TAKE an active part in meetings but do not monopolize.

UNITE your talents and ideas with other members to ensure successful ventures.

VOLUNTEER.... your time...your energy.... your best efforts.

WEAR your Disabled American Veteran Auxiliary logo and clothes to show you are a member!!

X.... marks the spot on membership application forms where you help get new members!

YOU – A Junior member, are the most valuable asset of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

ZEALOUS Junior members make our organization prosper and Grow!!!!

Celebrating Moms-to-be!

Heart of Texas DAV Auxiliary Unit #3 continues to shine! Hand-crafting headbands/bows is just another of their many projects. This one was for VA drive-through baby showers for moms-to-be. Great job!!



Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit by Lynn Helms Prosser, National Chairman

As a member of the DAV and/or the DAV Auxiliary, we never have to wonder what our purpose in life is. Just as a circle, our mission is never ending. Members have worked tirelessly through wars, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, illnesses, injuries and even a global pandemic, to serve and assist our nation's veterans, our military members, and their families. I have heard more times than I can count and even thought to myself, "I just wish life would get back to normal!" Then I wonder, "what is normal?" Normal for a member of the DAV/DAVA is not focusing on limitations and challenges during a crisis but working together to find and provide necessary resources and support for our heroes. Service, along with love, kindness, and compassion will keep our pathways lighted to ensure we successfully fulfill our mission.

I want to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness and contributions towards helping our veterans and their families, especially those who are hospitalized or homebound. Also, please continue to recruit new members and encourage current members to participate in DAVA activities. Remember to always keep those lines of communication open so members will stay informed about future meetings, planned functions and community patriotic events. Thank you for taking opportunities to remind members, friends, and community supporters that monetary donations to support DAV/DAVA charitable programs are very much needed and appreciated. Volunteering your time is "Priceless."

As your Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit Chairman, I want to thank the Units and Departments for sending in your annual reports. I completely understand if the present circumstances caused by COVID made it impossible for those unable to get theirs completed. I also want to thank members for all acts of kindness, none too big or small, to help those in need. Congratulations for making this world a better place. You are "special."

Continue to pray for active-duty service members in harm's way as they protect our country and defend our freedom. Stay healthy and safe. I look forward to seeing those planning to attend our National Convention in Tampa. If circumstances keep you from attending, you will be missed. May God bless and always keep us "America Strong."

Time is Running Out—Recruit Today!

Final Quarterly Drawing to be held June 30 for Jacket/T-shirt/hat bundle with DAV Auxiliary logo, plus \$50!

Recruit one new member with a minimum down payment of \$20 for a chance to win! Juniors are eligible to win this bundle and cash prize also!



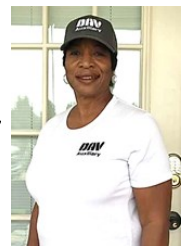
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New Unit Recruitment Incentive!

Has your unit made membership quota yet? It's not too late! And....one lucky unit reaching their 2020-2021 membership quota by June 30, 2021, will be the recipient of \$250! Sign up new members with a minimum \$20 down payment or encourage any part-life member with an Inactive status to make a payment toward their life membership to restore their membership to active status. Every member counts! Be the light to help us reach our national membership goal while reaching your unit's membership quota. The winning unit will be drawn July 1, 2021, and announced in the July newsletter. Will your unit be the lucky winner?

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



Save the Date

2021 National Fall Conference
September 30—October 2
DoubleTree by Hilton
51 Walnut St.
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025
812-539-8888

National Convention

The National Convention will be held in Tampa, Florida, July 31—August 3
Tampa Marriott Water Street—13.221.4900
JW Marriott Tampa Water Street—813.221.4950
[Reserve online](#)

Americanism by AnnMarie Hurley, National Chairman

While driving my granddaughter to get her second COVID vaccine, I noticed that what I had been searching for—a *new article to write*—was right there in front of me. Symbols of Americanism were everywhere during that two-hour round-trip ride.

There were American Flags at gas stations, which was terrific to see, and one gas station had a huge flower pot in front of the station filled with flowers in bloom, and in the center of that wonderful pot was the American Flag in all its splendor! American Flags flew in front of local stores, buildings, apartment buildings and houses. An open-back truck drove by with two large American Flags, flying behind, one on each side. Our flags are all around if we only take the time to look and appreciate our country and our flag. I've seen many American Flags attached to cars. I'm a football nut, so that's where I see the largest examples of patriotism. I love seeing our American Flag unfurled followed by the Star-Spangled Banner—*our national anthem*—at the beginning of games. We also see Military Flyovers (*thanking Americans for Service to Country*) immediately after the national anthem. Flyovers are believed to be a symbol of American power and pride. It's been called America's Greatest Pregame Tradition. Recently the Department of Defense conducted flyovers demonstrating gratitude to health-care workers. They are all amazing, and I know I swell with pride seeing these spectacular events that remind us how lucky we are to live in America.

At parades, small American Flags are often passed out to the spectators; and, the children, especially, love waving them as the parade floats pass by and even more so when the veterans groups go by. I am looking forward to when we are back marching in parades, proudly holding our Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary banner. There is no prouder moment than honoring our country and its veterans, who are our heroes. Speaking of heroes, when I worked for the DAV Department in Massachusetts, Joe Harold, the first state adjutant I worked for, told me that the *bravest moment of any veteran's service is the day the oath to serve our country is taken. At that moment, the veteran has no idea where he/she will go and what might happen.* I remembered that the day my daughter and I watched her son take the oath of office for the U. S. Navy; I've probably never had a prouder day.

One of my daughters has had a large flag at the entrance to her home for years, and as I write this, another daughter and her husband are having a large pole installed in their front yard which will hold our American Flag.

Flags fly over the U.S. and state capitols, schools, post offices, government buildings; there are even six American Flags planted on the moon as well as an American Flag flying in the southernmost place on Earth, the South Pole. We only need to look around and see Patriotism everywhere.

Fly your American Flag!

Remember D-Day—June 6
Army Birthday—June 14

Flag Day—June 14
Father's Day—June 20

