

DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News



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9/11/2001
We will never forget



***"No day shall erase
you from the
memory of time."***
~Virgil's Aeneid

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From the Desk of National Commander Lynn Helms Prosser

As we start a new year, I want to thank everyone for your support and confidence in me as your Commander. My journey has been filled with so many rich blessings and I owe that to God, my family and friends and to you, my DAV/DAV Auxiliary family.

We, as a team, have a lot of work ahead and I hope to see all of you at our Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, September 29 –October 2, 2021. Your newly elected officers, program chairmen and our DAVA Staff are preparing a great conference filled with educational skits and comradeship by renewing and making new friends and a joining of our hearts.

Our current focus will be on communication, membership, strengthening our programs in our communities and improving our organization by renewing and revitalizing our mission; serving our disabled veterans and their families. Together, we have achieved so many of our goals, and together we will continue to build a stronger team to ensure we help provide a better quality of life for them.

Reaching the top of the mountain may be our initial goal, but what we do and how we do it, on the way up, is our major reward. Staying united and focused with our primary principles at our helm will ensure our victories: Comradeship, Loyalty, Devotion and Service.

As your Commander, I want to thank our elected and appointed officers serving our organization at all levels: Units, State Departments and National. It's vital to keep our communication open to all issues and suggestions that will help build unity and strength. Keep your members informed about upcoming events in the organization and in your communities. We are ALL volunteers and have taken the same oath of membership. Always show respect to your position and each other. Love, respect, patience and kindness will always put us in the WINNER'S circle.

LOOK for "Ask Your Commander" section in your DAVA newsletters. Have a question or suggestion??? Send it to me via DAVA Headquarters and look in the next edition. Share your positive thoughts and get important questions answered. None too small or too big.

God bless our veterans and their families, our troops in harm's way and may we always stay, "America Strong".



2021 National Constitution and Bylaws

The newly revised National Constitution and Bylaws are not yet available in print; however, they can be found [online](#). Sections that have been changed are highlighted in grey. We hope to have these available for those attending the national fall conference in Lawrenceburg. More details to come!

2021-2022 National Officers

Senior Vice Commander & Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit Chm.—Darlene Spence, Texas

1st Jr. Vice Commander & Membership Chm.—AnnMarie Hurley, Massachusetts

2nd Jr. Vice Commander & Legislative Chm.—Christopher Easley, Oklahoma

3rd Jr. Vice Commander & Americanism Chm.—Melissa Pierce, Iowa

4th Jr. Vice Commander & Community Service Chm.—Terry Grabowski, New York

National Judge Advocate—Paula Raymond, PNC, Illinois

National Chairmen and Appointees

National Commander Lynn Helms Prosser made the following national appointments with the approval of the National Executive Committee:

National Chaplain—Aura-Lee Nicodemus, New Hampshire

National Commander's History Book Coordinator—Karen Eccles, Illinois

Interim Constitution & Bylaws Committee—Judy Steinhouse, Chairman, North Dakota;

Delores Roussey, Florida; Cheryl Connors, New York

Junior Activities—Anissa Rader, Michigan

VAVS Representative—Patty Davis, Wisconsin

VAVS Deputy Representative—Ann Glende, Kentucky

Caregiver Initiative Program Chairman—Melissa Pierce, Iowa

National Adjutant—Pat Kemper, Kentucky

National Assistant Adjutant—Bunny Clos, Kentucky

Breakfast is Served!

DAV Auxiliary Cactus unit #2 in Tucson, Arizona, recently organized and purchased all the items necessary for a cereal bar at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Fisher House. From a beautiful breakfast buffet complete with cereal dispensers, spoons, bowls, and items to fill the dispensers, guests are able to enjoy a large variety of cereal while snacking on healthy granola, oatmeal, or yogurt. The unit also provided funds for cereal bar replenishment.

"This is an amazing gift and will greatly enhance the guests' stay at Fisher House," said a Fisher House employee. "We thank them for all their time, coordination and dedication to the families of the SAVAHCs Fisher House."



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As a reminder, the practice of mailing the monthly newsletter to unit and state department adjutants has been discontinued. Instead, the newsletter is 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 their inbox. Please send email address to dava@dav.org.

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

Ask your National Commander!

Welcome to the “Ask your Commander” corner! Each month, we will dedicate time to answer questions that we most commonly receive. If you have a questions, please send it to us at dava@dav.org. No question is too big or too small. Here is the question for this month.

Q: Our Unit is experiencing issues and needs guidance. Who should we contact?

A: The unit should always follow the chain of command. If an issue cannot be resolved on the unit level, the state department should be contacted for assistance. Should a state department not be able to assist in resolving an issue, it should then be brought to the attention of national headquarters. Any requests for national headquarters assistance should be submitted in writing with as much detail as possible.



Americanism by Melissa Pierce, National Americanism Chairman

Americanism. Webster’s dictionary defines Americanism as an attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the U.S. Americanism is devotion and loyalty to the United States and its flag, traditions, customs and government. Americanism is patriotism, courage, service, freedom and integrity.

As Auxiliary members we see and experience these ideals all around us. We see **patriotism** when our members place their right hands over their hearts when the National Anthem is played and as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance. We experience **courage** as we reflect on our loved ones’ service to their country. We are **service** oriented as we work to give back not only to our Veterans, but also to their families. We have our **freedoms** – freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to vote, freedom to choose, just to name a few. And lastly, we have **integrity** as we strive to follow the four principles of the Auxiliary – comradeship, loyalty, devotion and service.

You may have noticed something here..... Three of the four Auxiliary principles are also used to define Americanism – **loyalty**, **devotion** and **service**. The DAV Auxiliary and what we stand for, exemplifies the ideals of Americanism.

As we move through the year, how will you strive to live up to and promote our Auxiliary principles? But more importantly, how will you promote Americanism within your Unit, your State Department and most of all, your community?

National Convention Donations:

Thank you for your generosity!

Caregiver Initiative Program—\$5,558.00

General Fund—\$1,603.00

Education Program—\$3,175.00

Winter Sports Clinic—\$410.00

Camp Corral—\$1,475.00

Service Fund—\$1,050.00

2021 National Fall Conference

Tentative Agenda Subject to Change

9/29 - Registration

9/30 - Registration

9/30 - NEC Meeting

9/30 - Business Session

10/1 - Business Session

10/1 - Reception

10/2 - Business Session

10/2 - Dinner (pre-payment required)

Thursday Night,
September 30,
is Patriotic Night!

Wear your
red, white and blue
to the evening
business session!!

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

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Please Take Note

DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters will be closed Wednesday, September 29, through Friday, October 1, due to National Fall Conference. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, October 4. If you have an immediate concern related to the conference please stop by the Auxiliary headquarters office in the White River Room and speak to a staff member.

Save the Date:

2022 National Convention
August 6—9, 2022
Hyatt Regency Orlando
9801 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
Telephone: 407.284.1234

\$149 Single/Double

The Auxiliary NEC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, and the District meetings will be Friday, August 5. 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:

2022 National Fall Conference
September 29—October 1, 2022
Lexington Embassy Suites
1801 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
Telephone: 859.455.5000

\$149.00 Single/Double
\$169.00 Triple/Quad

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

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Warrants/Vouchers/Check Requests

The national bylaws provide for the proper procedure when issuing checks from accounts. Unit funds may only be expended upon approval of unit members at a regular business meeting unless otherwise specified in the Unit Standing Rules. **Debit and/or Credit Cards may not be used**

