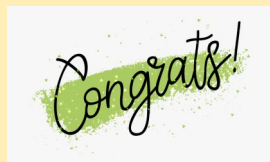
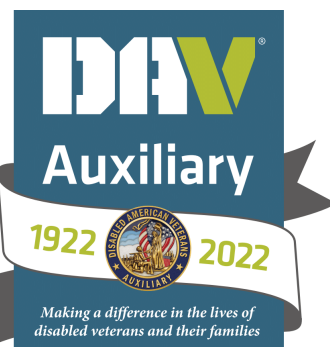


# DAV Auxiliary Newsletter

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## Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Departments for reaching 2021-2022 Quota!

Louisiana  
New Mexico  
Ohio  
Wyoming

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## From the Desk of National Commander Lynn Helms Prosser

DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant Pat Kemper has officially retired and, on behalf of our entire organization, we thank her again for her dedication and leadership. We hope that her retirement is filled with wonderful memories of her past and that she will enjoy her future adventures with her devoted husband, Ernie, and her beautiful family.

We welcome Bunny Clos as our newly appointed DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant. Bunny will do a wonderful job and I ask for everyone's patience and understanding during our transition. Bunny has strong leadership skills and is very knowledgeable of her role in taking our organization forward into the future. As National DAV Auxiliary Commander, I thank her for accepting this position and look forward to working with her and her staff. I also want to acknowledge Ann Glende for her continued dedication and the work she is doing for our organization.

It's that time of year again! Spring can't come fast enough, bringing us warmer temperatures and longer days. It's also time for us to start thinking about electing new officers and filling out our annual report forms. It's very important for you, as members, to start compiling your dedicated volunteer hours and the acts of kindness you have done for our veterans and their families. Many obstacles have been thrown in our paths, but we have continued to fulfill our mission. All units should have received copies of the new 2022 annual report forms from their state adjutants. PLEASE, make sure you use the correct report, as they may have changed from prior years. Completed reports are crucial records as they compile the hard work and dedication of our members. The reports can also be found on the [DAV Auxiliary website](#). The Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit report is a summary of all our reports and it is requested that all units complete this report.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our organization. Please continue to assist our veterans and their families. Remember those that are hospitalized and homebound. We also want to thank our many caregivers and recognize that their work is never done.

Pray for our country and our active military personnel that are in harms way. May God continue to bless our land and may we always stay "America Strong!"



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## Americanism by Melissa Pierce, National Americanism Chairman

It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about and working on your annual reports. I know they are not always the most fun, but they are important.

This year, as you are working on your Americanism Report and all reports for that matter, remember to fill them out completely, correctly and legibly. National has made these reports available online. These reports are fillable so you can type your responses. How much easier can it get?

These reports let your State department and National know what your Unit is doing to promote Americanism among your members and in your communities.

Let us know if your Unit distributed flags. Let us know if you sponsored any Americanism programs or essay contests. Let us know how you encouraged members, family, friends and community members to get out and vote. Let us know if you distributed any Americanism literature such as the Flag Etiquette brochures from DAV. Let us know you observed holidays and displayed our American flag. Let us know what Americanism activities your Unit, members and family members participated in or attended.

The Americanism Report is one of the quickest and easiest to complete. It is mainly comprised of fill in the blank numbers and yes or no questions. There really is no excuse not to complete it.

Did your Unit host a Special Americanism program and invite the general public? Make sure you complete the Special Americanism Report. Let us know about your program – the date it was held, the type of program and who was invited. Share some details about your program. Was there media – newspaper reports, TV coverage, etc.? Let us know if any city or state officials attended. How many people attended? Brag on yourselves and your unique way of helping to promote Americanism and your Unit.

No matter how much, or how little, you may have done this past year, let us know. Share your Units achievements. I look forward to seeing your reports, seeing what you have done and seeing which winning reports make it to National Convention in August!

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## Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit by Darlene Spence, National Chairman

We have come a long way since the beginning of the Mae Holmes traveling trophy to the present-day Holmes National Outstanding Unit Certificate. Mae Holmes was known as a woman of strength and tenacity. Therefore, today when we think of our different committee activities upon which the strength of Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit Report is based, we realize the importance of our Juniors and the role they play. Although no number value is associated with Junior Activities on the Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit Report, Juniors play an important role in the overall Auxiliary Program. To this end, I would like to place emphasis on our Junior Members.

As members, we often comment about Juniors being our future; however, if Units reviewed their Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit Report, the significance of Junior members being our Auxiliary's future would be more evident. Yes, we have come a long way in recruiting and increasing Junior membership; however, it is now more important than ever that Units increase recruiting Juniors of all ages.

Junior members help Units meet quota. In addition, Junior members provide services that assist in the overall support of Veterans and their families.

The strength of our organization is dependent upon our ability to increase membership of all ages. However, sometimes the best ideas flourish from the younger members of our team. I believe that Mae Holmes would be in the midst of Junior recruitment to strengthen, grow and maintain unification of our Auxiliary. "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much," was a quote from Helen Keller. When senior members and Junior members (leadership) come together, the accomplishments can, and will, provide increased support for Veterans and their families.

**We have come a long way members, but we are just getting started!** Walt Disney said, "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." Therefore, this communication is ended, no more talking. I will now be about the business of recruiting Junior members; will you join me? **OUR YOUTH – OUR FUTURE**

## Community Service by Terry Grabowski, National Community Service Chairman

It is getting to be that time of year to get your Community Service records together to fill out your report. How amazing would it be if every unit turned in the Community Service report so we can share all the wonderful things we do for our Veterans and their families. I would like to remind everyone of some important things to remember on your report.

- ⇒ Please report services for Veterans and families only.
- ⇒ Print legibly the unit name, unit number, city, and state. Also, include number of Senior members and total members that worked on Community Service.
- ⇒ There is a Community Service Table of Values guideline that you can refer to in the Auxiliary Procedure and Program Manual. If the total amount exceeds \$1000, please attach itemized explanation of expenditures. Also, the report can't include services for family members.
- ⇒ Do not leave blank spaces.
- ⇒ Either the Commander or Chairman signs the report.
- ⇒ Keep one copy for Unit and send two copies to your State Adjutant by your state deadline.
- ⇒ Blank copies are available online and can be filled in and printed. Simple as that!

Now let's show all our work we do. I am looking forward to seeing all these reports. Thank you in advance.

From Fall conference, a few more ideas to inspire you:

- Indiana #27 makes small package treats and a "Thank you for your service" card throughout the year.
- Maryland #26 makes small Easter baskets and delivers them to Veterans and their families who are sick or unable to get out.
- Texas #169 does a lawn care program for Veterans that have been in the hospital or rehab center. Once they contact them, show DD214, list their condition and discharge date, they pay a professional company to cut their lawn.

Keep up the great work. I know it is appreciated by our Veterans and their families. Any questions, please send to [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org) and mark Community Service.

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## Ask Your National Commander!

Welcome to the "Ask your National Commander" corner! Each month, we will dedicate time to answer questions that we most commonly receive. If you have a question, please send it to us at [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org). No question is too big or too small.

**Q: When should the transfer of possessions (belonging to the organization) from the past to the present officers and chairmen occur?**

**A:** Outgoing officers should be prepared to turn over all records and possessions to their successor at the time of installation. On the state level, however, it may be difficult for the outgoing treasurer to turn over the checkbook since the newly elected treasurer would not be added as an authorized check signer. Regardless, the outgoing and incoming officers should come to an agreement to assure a timely transition of property.

**Q: Can any member attend a state or national convention?**

**A:** Yes. However, if you want to have a voice and/or vote on the convention floor, you must be a member of a chartered unit in good standing with your dues paid **and** be selected as a delegate in accordance with the national bylaws.

**Q: How does our unit receive communications from National Headquarters?**

**A:** Any communications from the national organization will be sent to the unit adjutant whose responsibility is to appropriately disseminate the information.

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## Reminders

- External access to the membership system is not yet available. If a report is needed, please contact national headquarters for assistance.
- DAV Auxiliary bylaw books are available for purchase through [davstore.org](http://davstore.org).
- When requesting a membership list, please call DAV Auxiliary national headquarters at 877-426-2838, option 8, or email [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org).

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## DAV Auxiliary National Service Program

Article II of the DAV Auxiliary Constitution codifies the purpose of the organization to include, in part, advancing “the interests and work for the betterment of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans and their families ....” In carrying out this stated purpose, the DAV Auxiliary Service Program has been re-developed to assist surviving spouses of service-connected disabled veterans in times of dire financial need. In many instances, the surviving spouse is faced with an emergency need to pay outstanding utility bills, mortgage/rent, medical bills, etc., and this program can offer a measure of hope to lessen the weight of despair. The one-time maximum payment will be payable directly to the financial need on behalf of the surviving spouse.

Service Program funding is reliant upon national mandates and generous donations and in order to sustain the fund, the national finance committee shall determine a maximum amount to be granted during a calendar year.

For additional information, contact DAV Auxiliary national headquarters. The Service Program will also provide financial support to ill and injured veterans and their families through select DAV-sponsored events as deemed appropriate and with the approval of the national finance committee.

## 2022 Education Scholarship Applications

2022 DAV Auxiliary Education Scholarship applications are being accepted and must have a postmark date of March 25, 2022. Applicants are not required to be a DAV Auxiliary member to be eligible, but must be at least a high school senior and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Additional information is [available online](#).

### Reminders:

- ⇒ Units experiencing difficulties, whether it be electing officers, establishing a quorum, or participation concerns, should reach out to their **state department** leadership for assistance and guidance.
- ⇒ Units are no longer required to make quota by April 30 to be eligible for the Mae Holmes National Outstanding Unit award. Each unit is required to complete this form so that the NEC for their district is able to complete their annual report to include those amazing works.