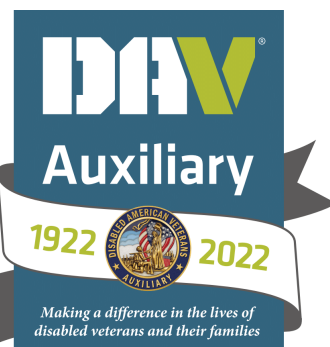


DAV Auxiliary Newsletter

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Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Departments for reaching 2022-2023 Quota!

Oklahoma

Utah

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From the Desk of the National Commander

Being elected to serve as National Commander of the DAV Auxiliary is a great honor and privilege. Therefore, I believe it's acceptable, during a time when basic manners are teetering on the edge of extinction, to express what I feel in my heart. I extend my deepest gratitude to those who I call my second family, our DAV and DAV Auxiliary organizations, that have touched my life and given me support.

As we begin our journey through 2022-2023, let's focus on being **"Committed all the Way"** in providing services to veterans and their families. Let's also be **"Committed all the Way"** in supporting our state departments, DAV Chapters, DAV Auxiliary units, members, and our communities. I know that if I asked each of you to fulfill this request, your answer would be a resounding yes.

There are several things I encourage each unit to remember during planning and initiating activities:

- Gratitude seems to have a ripple effect that can improve the lives of so many, and it's well worth the few minutes of time it takes to say thank you. Please say it often, and with a smile.
- Include Junior members in planning and carrying out activities, for they are our future.
- Membership drives should be a priority because membership is key to fulfilling our organizations mission of service. Increasing membership is imperative to our continuing to meet the service needs of our veterans and their families.

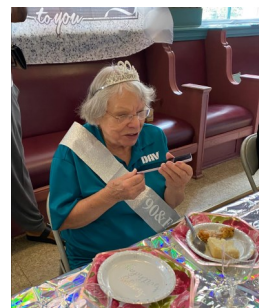
We do not waiver, we do not quit; in unity, we move forward to reach or surpass our goal. Because of who we are and the strength we have been given since 1922, we, the DAV Auxiliary, through good times and bad, have shown the ability to work beyond our potential.

A Surprise Birthday Call

Pat Kinzel, a member of Oakland Unit #7 in Oakland, California, recently celebrated her 90th birthday! Ms. Kinzel, a dedicated volunteer at her local VA Medical Center, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for all she has done, and continues to do, for her unit, veterans, and their families.

During Pat's birthday celebration, she received a special call from DAV Auxiliary National Commander Darlene Spence. During that call, Commander Spence expressed her gratitude for Ms. Kinzel's 35 years of service to our great organization. "The call added happiness to her day and a warm, radiant smile to mine," said Commander Spence.

Happy birthday, Pat! We hope you had a special day!



Junior Activities by Maxine Nixon, National Junior Activities Chairman

"We are each a star. Sometimes we shine with other stars. Sometimes we twinkle alone. Sometimes, when we least know it, we make someone's dream come true." *Little Church Mouse*

We were honored to have approximately 18 junior members registered at our National Convention in August, even though some had to cut their trip short and some could not come at all because school was beginning for the year in many places. Several of these members served as Pages during some sessions, with two members serving during all business sessions. In recognition, registered Junior members were provided with a \$15 gift certificate that may be used in the DAV Store through the end of the year. They were also given a large map. If you have been at National Convention in the past, you have probably seen Juniors asking for state pins from DAV and DAV Auxiliary members across the nation. They used these maps to attach those pins to the appropriate state. Not only did they have fun trying to fill their maps, but they met many veterans/DAV members they will remember for a lifetime.

Excitement is building for Units nationwide! William A. Smith, Jr., Unit #2 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is donating funds to once again sponsor a Juniors Recruitment Cash Incentive Award in 2022-2023. Winners will be announced at National Convention in Atlantic City in August 2023. Here's what you do...

- **For each brand new Junior Life Membership payment received of at least \$20, your Unit will receive two points**
- **For any existing complimentary Junior Memberships making a \$20 down payment towards a Junior Life Membership, your Unit will also receive two points**
- **Any current Junior Life Membership may payments of \$10, units will receive one point for each \$10**

The five Units with the most points between Oct. 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, will win cash prizes!

1st Place \$800 2nd Place \$700 3rd Place \$600 4th Place \$500 5th Place \$400

During the 2021-2022 Junior Membership Incentive, 98 payments were received, totaling \$3,770.38. Last year's first place winner was New Mexico Unit #29 with 20 new paid Juniors; second place went to Vermont Unit #3 with 11 new paid Juniors; and Oklahoma Unit #88 took third place with 10 new paid Juniors. Congratulations to those winners! Fourth and Fifth places have been added this year! Let's all get our Senior Members AND our Junior Members actively recruiting and exceed our previous numbers!

Membership by Christopher Easley, National Membership Chairman

Hello my Auxiliary Family! Congratulations to Oklahoma and Utah for making 2022-2023 quota already!

We have an incentive this year that will be drawn in July! For every paid senior member you sponsor (sponsors name and membership number must be on the application), you will receive one entry. Four winners will be drawn for cash prizes. The prizes are:

\$250.00 ~ \$100.00 ~ \$100.00 ~ \$50.00

Let's boost our membership this year! Thank you all for what y'all do to help our Injured, ill, and disabled veterans and their families! God Bless the USA and God Bless the DAV and DAVA!

CRM External Portal

The wait is over! All DAV Auxiliary members may now sign-up for the CRM External Membership Portal. Please remember, sign-up does not mean that you will have instant access. You will receive an additional email once your log-in has been approved. Thank you!

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." *~Unknown*

Thank you for your generosity! We raised over \$36,000 for our programs at fall conference!

Caregiver Initiative Program—\$6,000.00
 General Fund—\$200.00
 Education Program—\$7,425.00
 Winter Sports Clinic—\$2,900.00
 Camp Corral—\$5,650.00

Service Fund—\$6,400.00
 DAVA 4 Kids—\$1,600.00
 Disaster Relief—\$3,000.00
 Junior Incentives—\$3,000

National Fall Conference Questions and Answers

During national fall conference, a question can was located in the Auxiliary office, allowing members to ask anonymous questions. Below are some of what was received.

Q: If you are a member of DAV and DAV Auxiliary, can you vote in an election if they are not held on the same day?

A: See page N-3 of the National Constitution and Bylaws. If the member is an officer in DAV at any level, appointed or elected, then no, they may not vote in DAV Auxiliary, regardless of when the meeting is held. If this individual is a member only, then they can vote, even if the meetings are held on the same night at different times.

Q: If your meeting is held the last of the month and a few days after a veteran and/or family needs assistance to pay back rent, can you call members to get a vote to help? It has to be paid before your next meeting.

A: No. All expenditures must be voted on during a regular business meeting. The unit can, however, opt to add something to their standing rules for specific needs such as this. If you need assistance with how this will work, please contact national headquarters.

Q: A treasurer deposits money in savings, because it draws interest. Then, the money is transferred to checking to honor a voucher. Does she have to have a vote to transfer the funds? It is all one account and has already been voted by the unit to pay the voucher.

A: No. This is simply a transfer of funds from one account to another and does not require a vote.

Q: The DAV Auxiliary mission states, "Making a difference in the lives of Disabled Veterans and their families." However, we can only count hours helping veterans. What about the money and hours helping widows, caregivers, wives, husbands, families, and other veterans.

A: These hours count on the Community Service report! Each section of the report specifies an area of assistance. For example, section #1 states "family assistance" and section #5 states "caregiver assistance."

Q: Are we allowed to have a savings and checking account?

A: Yes. You can have both, but remember, you cannot have more than three times your expenditures on all accounts.

Q: Who files the 990-N e-Postcard for the unit?

A: The treasurer has the responsibility to file; however, if he or she cannot do so, anyone is welcome to file on behalf of the unit.

Q: How do you handle a unit commander that is constantly saying negative things about the state department during a unit meeting?

A: Unfortunately, we cannot. You can try to have a civil conversation with the person. We can't make people like each other, but when we are doing DAV Auxiliary business, we have to leave our differences at the door and focus on our mission.

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990-N e-Postcard

The 990-N e-Postcard is due no later than November 15, 2022. If you are having problems with filing, please contact national headquarters at 833.368.1220 for additional assistance as soon as possible.

Please be advised that there is a new log-in process that all users must sign-up for. Please see [our website](#) for more information.

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

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“Committed All the Way ”

Support CAN... bring a can!

During DAV Auxiliary national fall conference, Melissa Pierce, National 2nd Junior Vice Commander and Legislative Chairman, held a **CAN**-ned (or other non-perishable) food drive to support the local VA in Lexington, Kentucky.

Thanks to each of you, over 1,000 pounds of food was donated for veterans in need. We would also like to thank Lexington VA Chief of Voluntary Services Patrick Sinclair for assisting with the pick-up and delivery of these items.

For those who could not donate items, an additional \$165 was collected throughout the weekend for the service program in honor of the **CAN**-ned program.



Save the Date:

2023 National Convention
August 5-8, 2023
Harrah's Atlantic City
777 Harrah's Blvd.
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Telephone: 609.441.5000

\$149 Single/Double (after 12.1.2022)

The Auxiliary NEC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, and the District meetings will be Friday, August 4. 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:

2023 National Fall Conference
September 28—30, 2023
Holiday Inn
1717 Airport Exchange Blvd.
Erlanger, KY 41018
Telephone: 859.371.2233

\$139.00 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

All rates will include complimentary parking, Wi-Fi, airport shuttle, and breakfast.

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