

# DAV Auxiliary Newsletter



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## National Convention Update

We are quickly approaching the 2023 National Convention to be held August 5-8 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Below are a few helpful reminders for planning:

- ◆ The DAV room block at Harrah's is currently sold out. We are asking those who have reservations, for which they do not have an immediate need, to cancel those rooms as soon as possible to make space for those who plan to attend. As cancellations are made, rooms will be available. Additionally, DAV is working to obtain rooms at a nearby hotel that will be drivable. Please continue to watch our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for additional updates.
- ◆ Convention registration is now available! Pre-registration must be done [online](#). For those who do not wish to pre-register, onsite registration will begin on Thursday, August 3. Credentials are required for all individuals attending events throughout the convention. Those under the age of 18 may register for free; however, they will not receive a bag.
- ◆ When making travel reservations, it is recommended that you fly into Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). The only airline that flies into Atlantic City is Spirit, but please be cautious when booking, as they charge fees for many of the services and allowances included by most major airlines. Round-trip transportation is available to/from PHL to Harrah's for \$75 one way or \$150 round-trip. Reservations must be made [online](#) in advance, and attendees should be mindful of the shuttle times when booking flights.
- ◆ Forget-Me-Not luncheon tickets are currently on sale for \$45 per person. The luncheon will be held on Monday, August 7, from 12:30-3:00 p.m. All attendees must purchase tickets in advance; no tickets will be available for purchase on site. Tickets must be purchased by July 15, 2023. Checks, made payable to DAV Auxiliary, can be sent to 860 Dolwick Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018. Attendees can also call our office and pay with a credit/debit card.
- ◆ Additional information regarding scooter rentals will be posted on our [website](#) once available.

## Americanism by Terry Grabowski, National Americanism Chairman

What is Americanism? It's much more than patriotism alone, and it's more sincere than attitudes of self-righteousness. Americanism is the guardian of our Constitution. It's the driving force behind America's desire to prosper as a free nation.



Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary are keeping our promise to America's Veterans life-changing support for those that served and their families.

There are a few days coming up that need to be observed. We recently had Memorial day May 29, to honor those that have passed. Coming soon, we have Flag Day, June 14, where some observe the ceremony to retire old flags, and July 4, to honor our country. Please take the time even just a moment of silence. Other than Veterans Day, they are a few that we should not forget.

It is important to education our community members, including youth, the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is for Veterans that have passed on and Veterans Day is to honor all Veterans including those alive. I have personally noticed that people don't know the difference. Remember to educate our Juniors on the importance of Americanism.

## Legislative by Melissa Pierce, National Legislative Chairman

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their annual legislative reports. I've been impressed with the number of legislative contacts that have been made this year by our members – GREAT JOB!

For those of you who haven't signed up for DAV CAN yet, I have to ask, WHY NOT? With the emails generated by DAV CAN it makes legislation one of the easiest programs to participate in – DAV is doing everything for you except hitting the submit button. To sign up, or find out more information, visit [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) and click "Get Involved." Scroll down and click on "Advocate For Legislation." Once there, you will see "Commander's Action Network (DAV CAN)" on the left side of the page. From there, you will be able to sign up, see your elected officials, check out the DAV-supported legislation and more. Once you are signed up you should begin to get emails from DAV alerting you of important legislation.

Just a reminder, check your spam or junk folders if you don't start seeing emails from DAV. When you do get an email, open it up and read about the supported legislation. At the end of the email there will be a button that asks you to "Take Action." Click the button and it will take you to the CAN website where a letter will already be written for you and addressed to your Senators or Representatives. The only thing you need to do is click "Submit." Once submitted, you have the option to share on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Seriously, how easy is that.... You can respond from the comfort of your couch or as you're waiting at a doctor's appointment. You can respond in your jammies or dressed to the nines. You can respond mid-morning or on sleepless nights. Whenever, wherever and however works best for you!

Some current legislation includes:

- ⇒ H.R. 1799, the EMPLOY VETS Act – Would ensure service members separating from service the assistance they need to find gainful employment to support themselves and their families.
- ⇒ S. 928, the Not Just a Number Act – would require VA to produce and post an annual National Veteran Suicide Prevention report.
- ⇒ H.R. 1606, the Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act – Would authorize Boots to Business program that helps transitioning service members to start and grow businesses.
- ⇒ H.R. 542, the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act – legislation that would enhance the VA's program of long-term services and supports, and increase timely access to both institutional and non-institutional long-term services to meet increasing demand.

Together we CAN make a difference!

## Reminders

- States and Units—please be sure to provide national headquarters with updated bank information prior to June 23, 2023, so those eligible for July 1 distribution receive the deposit in a timely manner. If you are eligible for a distribution and it is not received by August 1, 2023, please notify our office.
- Reservations are being accepted for the 2023 national fall conference in Erlanger, Kentucky. As a reminder, Saturday evening dinner and entertainment tickets must be purchased in advance and no later than September 15. No tickets will be available on site. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased by calling our office at 833.368.1220 or sending a check, payable to DAV Auxiliary, to 860 Dolwick Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018. Pre-registration is also being accepted and will be \$40 per person.
- DAV Auxiliary national headquarters will be closed Monday, June 19, through Wednesday, June 21, due to a staff convention site visit. We will resume normal operating hours on Thursday, June 22.
- Beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, DAV Auxiliary will not be processing any further membership, including new applications and payments. We will not have access to the CRM system, internally or externally, until July 5, 2023. This is in preparation, and completion, of the Year-End and Year-Beginning Processes.
- When calling national headquarters, please utilize our direct dial number—833.368.1220. This number will direct callers right to our office. As a reminder, our office handles all membership requests, including change of address, deceased notifications, and requests for membership lists. When possible, please void calling the DAV Membership Department.
- DAV Auxiliary national headquarters is once again working with just two staff members. Please be patient! We are doing our best to not only prepare for national convention and national fall conference, but also complete daily tasks. We greatly appreciate all of you and know that we will continue to do all we can to get the job done!
- If your unit or state department has completed a special project or event, please share the story with us—[dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org).