

# DAV Auxiliary Newsletter



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## *Quota Achieved!*

Congratulations to the following State Departments for reaching 2023-2024 Quota!

Alabama  
Illinois  
Louisiana  
New Hampshire  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Pennsylvania  
South Carolina  
Vermont  
Wyoming

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## Happy New Year, DAV Auxiliary!

It's hard to believe it's 2024! Your national headquarters staff is energetic, encouraged, excited, and ready to help our units and state departments achieve their goals and grow our organization like never before!

As you know, communication is key! If you are a unit or state leaders, be sure to read all information that comes from national headquarters. We need you to be our liaisons on ground, answering questions and spreading information and awareness to other members. When doing so, we have to remain positive and upbeat. Change isn't always easy, but if we work together, we can make it happen!

The future of our organization depends on each of you and your recruitment efforts. While there will be goals set by national headquarters and your state department, it never hurts to set goals for your unit or even yourself! Start small, but realize that even one new member makes a difference in our organization. Help us attain our goal of being over 125,000 strong by June 30, 2024. We know we can do it because our members are dedicated, passionate and are always up to the challenge.

Lastly, don't forget to use your resources. We challenge all members, regardless of titles or years of service, to read the National Constitution and Bylaws and the Procedure and Program Manual. Familiarize yourself with processes and procedures, even if they aren't something you may ever use. Knowing more about our organization will help you better promote and share your passion for what we do each and every day.

We are grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for being the best advocates for DAV Auxiliary, caregivers, veterans, their families, and most importantly, each other. For over 100 years, DAV Auxiliary has made a difference in the lives of disabled veterans because of each of you. Let's make the next 100 years even better, starting today!

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## DAV Auxiliary Wreath Laying

Due to a change in the 2024 Congressional calendar, the DAV National 2024 Mid-Winter Conference has been rescheduled for March 7-10. The conference will still take place at the Crystal Gateway Marriott and include the DAV National Commander's testimony to a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on Thursday, March 7, in the Senate Dirksen Building in room SD-G50. The opening session will take place later that day. For additional information, please see the [DAV events page](#).

As a result, the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns by Commander AnnMarie Hurley has been changed to March 4, 2024, at 1:15 p.m. Please plan accordingly to attend this special ceremony.

## Membership by Melissa Pierce, National Membership Chairman

Happy New Year and cheers to a great 2024! Let's do this year up right and get 2024 started off with a recruiting bang!

As I hope you've all heard by now, the membership incentive for the 2023 - 2024 year is a PAID trip to either the 2024 Auxiliary National Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, or the 2025 National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. You will get one entry when you recruit 5 new paid members (at least \$20 down) and EACH additional paid member recruited earns you an additional entry. With each member recruited we help fill the cactus for Phoenix and move closer to our national membership goal of 125,000 Auxiliary members strong! But that's not all. Each state and unit that reaches quota plus one gets a chance at a pizza party courtesy of national! Trips! Pizza! What could be better?

This year we have already had nine states reach quota! Congratulations to Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont and Wyoming! Which state or states will be next? How many states can reach quota this year? All of them? Half of them? Who knows? What I do know is that we all need to work on recruitment. Our units and state departments need our help with membership. National needs our help with membership. We need our membership to continue our mission of helping veterans and their families.

And don't forget about your current members. Encourage participation by members young and old. Make adaptations so everyone feels useful and valued. Be flexible to varying skills and schedules. Don't get stuck in a rut! Our cactus is filling slowly.... Let's see what we can do to give it a boost as we strive for 125,000! Good luck in recruiting and have an awesome 2024!

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## DAV Auxiliary National Commander Testimonial Dinner

The testimonial dinner honoring National Commander AnnMarie Hurley will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Marriott Boston Quincy in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Accommodations can be reserved at a special rate of \$196 per night, plus applicable taxes for king rooms and \$206 per night, plus applicable taxes, for queen rooms by calling the hotel at 617.472.1000 and identifying yourself as a DAV Auxiliary attendee with the code "DAV." The block will fill up fast, so please make reservations as soon as possible.

The event will begin on April 20 with a cocktail reception in the ballroom foyer at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Ballroom. The cost for the event is \$66 per person, and attendees may choose from Roasted Turkey Breast or Maple Bourbon Glazed Salmon Filet. Dinner includes a salad, vegetables and lemon cake for dessert.

There will be an excursion to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston at 11:00 a.m. on April 20. The entry fee to the library has been waived and transportation will be provided from the hotel to the library and back.

Please ensure checks are received no later than April 10, 2024, along with a note indicating your meal choice and if you'll be joining the excursion to the JFK Library. Checks can be made payable to AnnMarie Hurley and mailed to 45 Hull Shore Dr., #302, Hull, MA 02045. Once sent, please email AnnMarie at [amhurley3@icloud.com](mailto:amhurley3@icloud.com) to let her know the check is on its way.

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## Privacy Changes—Junior Members

On January 1, 2024, new laws went into effect regarding Junior members. Due to these regulatory changes, DAV Auxiliary will be making several changes over the coming weeks. Bear with us as we work on our office procedures and maneuver through this change to stay compliant with the new laws.

- Parent/legal guardian signature will be required for **all** Junior member applications
- Online applications for Junior members will no longer be accepted
- We are still working on the policy for Junior payments. For now, we will also need parent/guardian signature
- DAV Auxiliary membership brochures and applications are currently being revised to include the parent/guardian signature

Additional information will be forthcoming. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.