

DAV Auxiliary Newsletter



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Quota Achieved!

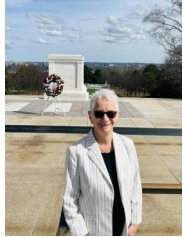
Congratulations to the following State Departments for reaching 2023-2024 Quota!

Alabama
Florida
Illinois
Minnesota
Louisiana
New Hampshire
New Mexico
New York
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Texas
Vermont
Wyoming

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Commander Hurley Lays Wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns



On Monday, March 4, 2024, DAV Auxiliary National Commander AnnMarie Hurley placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on behalf of the national organization. While the day was warm and sunny in Arlington, Virginia, those in attendance felt the impact and importance of this moment, and held those who did not make it home, or could not be identified after war, in their hearts. They are not forgotten.

Membership by Melissa Pierce, National Membership Chairman

We all know April showers bring May flowers. Do you know what April also brings? That's right, the last quarter of our fiscal year. Yep, that means we only have three months left to meet our national membership goal of 125,000 members strong!

That also means you only have three months left to get in on our great 2023-2024 membership incentive. Don't remember what that is.... let me remind you. You could win a PAID trip to the 2024 National Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, IN OR a PAID trip to the 2025 National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. To get in on this incentive, all you need to do is sign up 5 new paid – at least \$20 down – members and you will earn one chance into the drawing. For each additional paid member you sign up you earn an additional chance into the drawing. There is still time to get in on this awesome incentive so get out there, get recruiting, and help us reach our 2023-2024 membership goal. Also, don't forget that if your unit and/or state reach quota plus one they could win a pizza party! Free trips! Free pizza! Just what everyone wants and needs!

We have made some membership strides this year, but we still have a long way to go to fill our cactus for Phoenix. I'd like to give a shout out to Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Louisiana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, and Wyoming on reaching quota this year! Congratulations! To those who haven't yet, what's stopping you?

We are all aware that we need our members to be successful in our mission of serving Veterans and their families. Let's work together to grow our organization so that we may continue our mission in the coming years. Let's all work together to grow our membership to meet our 2023-2024 membership goal of 125,000 members strong! Let's all work together – we can do this!

VAVS by Patty Davis, National VAVS Chairman

By now, you are tabulating your information and working on your VAVS Annual Reports. Don't forget—**only certified VA Volunteer hours during the current year** can be reported. That means, a volunteer has to have completed the onboarding process and has to record their hours at the VA each time they volunteer. If they do not, you cannot count the hours!

Also, remember, all lines in section two must be itemized. Don't let your unit report be disqualified for not following the directions completely!

We cannot wait to see the outstanding work you do. The VA system counts on our units!

Community Service by Carolyn Harris, National Community Service Chairman

The time has come, the time is now! DAV Auxiliary Units it is time to start filling out our annual committee reports. Of course this should be easy because we have been keeping a record of all our unit outreach in our communities. To make sure we are ready, lets review the ABC's of completing our Community Service Report.

- A. The State Adjutant has mailed or emailed you copies of the report and a postmark by date has been determined.
- B. Complete the report header: make sure to use your official chartered unit name, unit number, city and state, total number of unit Senior Members and total number of Senior Members working on Community Service.
 - a) Now look at the five areas where your unit has done community service work for the year.

Family Services

Facility Visits

Professional & Trade Services/Payments

Recreation & Entertainment

Special Projects and Programs

The records we have kept for each of the five areas will help us complete the report.

- C. Miles driven and hours volunteered for each category.
- D. Monetary donations by unit checks.
- E. Value of other donations (Refer to the Community Service Table of Values as your guideline).
- F. Cash donations from members.

Now at this point we are ready to calculate totals for all the columns. Make sure the total of all **monetary** donations is listed. The itemization sheet should be attached to the report (not to exceed three pages, front only). **Make sure that all totals match from the actual report to the itemized sheet/s.**

Finally the report must be **signed by the Commander and/or the Chairman.**

Auxiliary Units, what a great opportunity for every unit to share all of the work that they do through out the year. It is my hope I will receive reports from every unit in our great organization. Some units may have a lot of activities some may have a few. It is the united efforts of all DAV Auxiliary Units that will be represented. Let us all continue to carry out our mission statement of, **“making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.”**

National Headquarters Update

April marks the start of a busy time of year for DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters staff. Below are a few reminders for units/state departments:

- ◆ Sometime in April, each Unit will receive a mailing from national headquarters that will consist of the officer report, financial report, call to the national convention, national fall conference flier, and other pertinent information. Remember, this is not the personal mail of the unit adjutant and **must** be shared!
- ◆ The State Convention Adjutant has ten (10) days after the close of the convention to send in the required paperwork to national headquarters. Utilize your national representative, if applicable, for questions or concerns. If the paperwork is not received within ten (10) days, your state department will not have a voice/vote at the national convention. It is imperative that you adhere to this bylaw!
- ◆ Remember, anything related to Junior memberships—new complimentary, new paid, or payments—must include the signature of the parent/legal guardian due to new legislation that went into effect January 1, 2024. There is **no exceptions!**
- ◆ At this time, Junior information has been redacted from membership lists generated externally. We are working with the DAV legal team to find feasible options. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- ◆ The address for national headquarters is: 860 Dolwick Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018. All material with our old address in Cold Spring, KY, should be destroyed immediately!
- ◆ When submitting applications, please be sure to print legibly. If you notice a new member is struggling to print, offer to help them. Not only will this save us time when entering information, but it will also help to make sure it is correct.
- ◆ If you haven't done so already, make your reservations now for national convention and national fall conference. If you cannot attend, you can cancel and still get a refund. Don't wait too long and chance not getting a room!
- ◆ Additional information will be forthcoming on printed copies of the updated Auxiliary Procedure and Program Manual. The new version is available [online](#).