

# DAV Auxiliary Newsletter



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## *Quota Achieved!*

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

Alabama  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
Florida  
Georgia  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maryland  
Minnesota  
New Hampshire  
New Mexico  
New York  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Puerto Rico  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Texas  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

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## Membership by Melissa Pierce, National Membership Chairman

Our 2023-2024 DAV Auxiliary fiscal year has come to an end. I'd like to give a huge shout out to all the states and units who made quota this year - CONGRATULATIONS!

This past year we have all worked hard to grow our membership. Whether you recruited one new member, ten new members, or twenty new members - you were an integral part of growing our membership and helping us continue our mission. THANK YOU for all your recruiting efforts!

We all know we need our members. They are the backbone of this organization and without them we cannot continue our mission of helping veterans and their families. Remember, as we move forward into the 2024-2025 year, we need to continue to work on recruiting new members. We need to make sure we are working with the strengths of our current members. We need to adapt to changing lifestyles of members. We need to ensure we are including our Juniors - they are our future. Teach them, encourage them, include them - they are an asset we can't afford to overlook. We need to work together. We need to change together. We need to grow. Without change and without growth we will not survive. If we don't survive, who will be there to help our veterans and their families?

Membership - yes, it is growing our membership base. But remember, it is also our current members. It is our Junior members. It is our active members. It is all of us working together for a common purpose and goal - helping our veterans and their families. It is all of us together - working together - to make a difference!

## Membership Incentive Winners

On July 2, 2024, several drawings were held live on Facebook for our 2023-2024 membership incentives. Please join us in congratulating the following winners!

Custom DAV Auxiliary Stanley	Sponsor one new, paid member between May 15 and June 30.	Karen Bolton, MN Jerri Rambin, LA
\$50 Certificate to the DAV Store	Sign-up for DAV Auxiliary with payment between May 15 and June 30.	Laurel Degerlau, IA
Custom Patriotic Stanley	Sign-up for DAV Auxiliary using an electronic platform between May 20 and June 30.	Tammy Spicer, KY
State Pizza Party Incentive	Beat quota by June 30, 2024.	State Department of South Dakota
Unit Pizza Party Incentive	Beat quota by June 30, 2024.	James D. Wessinger #29, SC
Win a Trip!	Sign-up at least five new, paid members to be entered to win a trip!	Katie Conboy, FL

## Mae Holmes Outstanding Unit by Christopher Easley, National Chairman

Welcome to SUMMER! I want to congratulate all of the UNITS on a JOB WELL DONE THIS YEAR! We have increased membership, we have helped our injured, ill and disabled Veterans and their families, we have contacted our political leaders to get the benefits our Veterans and their families deserve, and we continue to do everything that makes this organization great. We as an Auxiliary do more with less, but we need to work hard to increase our numbers. I urge you to look at your states and see what DAV Chapters do not have DAV Auxiliary units. We need to remind the DAV Chapters that we only make them stronger!

Once again, thank you everyone for all you do and remember, **YOU ARE THE REASON WE ROCK!!!!**

## 2024 National Convention

It's hard to believe that the 2024 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, is just a few weeks away. Below are a few helpful reminders :

- ◆ **Forget-Me-Not Luncheon**—Tickets for the Forget-Me-Not Luncheon, held on Monday, August 5, 2024, must be pre-purchased no later than Friday, July 12, 2024. The cost is \$55 per person. **No tickets will be available on site.** Those wishing to pay with a credit/debit card may call our office at 833.368.1220. Those wishing to send a check must ensure that it is received by the deadline. The menu is a Phoenix Farmer's Green Salad, Seared Chicken Breast, Cheddar Mac and Cheese, Broccoli, Caramelized Onions, Black Forest Cake, Water, and Coffee. Tickets will be available for pick-up beginning Thursday, August 1, 2024.
- ◆ **Room Cancellation**—If you are unable to attend the convention and have a room reservation, please do not cancel your room! Contact our office first!
- ◆ **Shuttle**—There will be a shuttle from the Sheraton Hotel to the Phoenix Convention Center during peak meeting hours. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- ◆ **Dining**—Downtown Phoenix offers a variety of dining options, both within the Hyatt and Sheraton Hotels, and the Phoenix Convention Center. There is also a number of restaurants within several blocks of the convention center and hotels.
- ◆ **Scooters**—Scooters **must** be pre-ordered by July 29, 2024. Please see the [convention website](#) for information.
- ◆ **Sweaters**—The temperature in the convention center can be on the cooler side. We recommend bringing a light weight sweater if you get cold easily. The DAV Store will also have a variety of awesome products available for purchase!
- ◆ **Pre-Registration**—Convention attendees are encouraged to pre-register [online](#) for the event. By doing so, you will have the option to pick up your convention credentials and bag at the designated will-call area (Lower Level, West Building). Registration is \$25 per person, including guests 18 years of age and older. All attendees **must** register and receive credentials for entry into convention events.

8/1 - Auxiliary NEC Meeting	8/5 - Auxiliary Business Session
8/2 - District Meetings	8/5 - Forget-Me-Not Luncheon
8/3 - Joint Opening Session	8/5 - Fun Night
8/3 - Auxiliary Opening Session	8/6 - Auxiliary Final Business Session
8/3 - National Commander's Reception	8/6 - Auxiliary NEC Meeting
8/4 - Memorial Service	8/6 - Introduction of National Officers
8/4 - Convention Committee Meetings	and Dinner



### National Fall Conference—Ticket Pre-Sale Information

Tickets to the Saturday evening dinner at National Fall Conference **must** be purchased in advance. No dinner tickets will be available for purchase on site. Checks may be sent to national headquarters at any time and should be earmarked "Fall Conference Dinner" with the number of tickets requested. Those wishing to pay with a credit/debit card may call national headquarters between now and the reservation cutoff date of September 13, 2024. Please send checks to national headquarters at 860 Dolwick Dr., Erlanger, KY 41018.

The cost of the dinner is \$60.00 per person. The menu is Classic Italian Buffet with Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Primavera, Marinara Sauce, Cavatappi, Alfredo Sauce, Penne, Breadsticks, Caesar Salad, Lemon Italian Crème or Chocolate Cake.