

DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News

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congrats!

Quota Achieved!

Congratulations to the following State Departments for making 2019-2020 Quota!

Florida
Idaho
Indiana
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Minnesota
New Mexico
Oregon
South Carolina
Utah

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From the Desk of National Commander Diane Franz

Unfortunately, I never would have thought that we would be in the situation we are presently in. The cancellation of the 2020 National Convention celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Disabled American Veterans is heartbreaking. But let's not let COVID-19 overshadow this remarkable milestone and celebration of 100 years of service to ill and injured veterans and their families!

Due to the convention cancellation, the national officers, appointees, NEC's, Alternate NEC's, and chairmen will remain in their current positions until the 2021 national convention. I have the utmost confidence in their ongoing commitment to serving you and our veterans. I thank all the staff at National Headquarters for the help and guidance they have given this past year and look forward to being there for them also. Thank you to all the units throughout the country for all the hard work this year and especially the past few months. Remember, regardless of social distancing limitations in our respective areas, let's remember what our veterans endured for our freedom.

May everyone stay safe and healthy. I wish you sunny skies and smooth seas ahead.

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Recruiter News!!!!

Thank you to everyone who recruited members during the 2019-2020 membership year and congratulations to all of the units and state departments who achieved quota.

Congratulations to Bonnie Wilkins, Jackson County unit #69, Illinois, for recruiting at least one new paid member between April 1 and June 30 and winning \$250!

On July 1, all individuals who recruited at least one new paid member between October 1 and June 30 were entered into one final drawing. Congratulations to the final five winners who will receive \$250 each! Janet Dickerson, Paris Unit #89, Texas; Fay Miller, Ozark Unit #94, Alabama; James Howard, Carlos Arambula Chapter #102, Indiana; Heather White, Marshfield Memorial Unit #35, Massachusetts; and Daniel Perkins, Marathon Chapter #122, Florida.

Keep up the great work! We look forward to seeing what our members accomplish during the 2020-2021 membership year as they are the heart and soul of the units and state departments.

We can never forget that membership is vital to fulfilling our organization's mission of service.

Americanism by AnnMarie Hurley, National Americanism Chairman

As we work our way through this Coronavirus pandemic, there are still ways we can promote Americanism without jeopardizing ourselves: We can proudly display the American flag in front of our homes; or, if in an apartment or condo, like I am, place a flag, a picture of one, or a decoration including the American flag on your front door. Since Memorial Day weekend, I have red geraniums on my small terrace with an 8 x 12 American flag in the pot, visible to those in hotel rooms across from me and to those across the sidewalks by the beach. You could also place a flag decal on your vehicle.

I was told that Gold Star family members may distribute stars from **honorably retired** American flags to members of other Gold Star families. A Gold Star family member would give out the stars in small, plastic bags, explaining where the flag was flown, that it was honorably retired, whether it was a Gold Star mother, father, etc., who cut out the star, saying this is given as a token of respect and gratitude. For those who display the American flag at their homes, you could leave the star with the note in a small plastic bag in a safe place at their home to thank them for their patriotism. The star I recently received was on a flag flown over Cape Cod. If you need the exact wording for the note, I can send it to you.

As a group, or on our own, while wearing a mask and staying at a distance, we can join as members of the Auxiliary in feeding families of veterans. We could check with our DAV chapter service officers or our local veterans agents to see how we can, as a group or individually, help a veteran or veterans and their families in our community.

We could simply call or write notes to those in quarantine to ease their loneliness. Ask veterans in your neighborhood if there is an errand you can do for them. If you are able, ask if there is anyway you could help the family out. You'll never know how you can help unless you ask and there are many ways to show our true American spirit.

Just remember, that no matter what is going on in the world around us, we should be eternally grateful that we are part of the DAV Auxiliary and live in the greatest country in the world.

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"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." ~Jane Goodall

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National Commander Testimonial

The testimonial dinner honoring National Commander Diane Franz has been rescheduled for January 9, 2021, at the Orlando Lake Mary Marriott, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida.

Rooms may be reserved at a special rate of \$94 per night by calling the hotel at 407-995-1100 and ask for the DAV room block.

The dinner is \$45 and attendees may choose from the following entrees: Pan Seared French Cut Chicken, Eight-Hour Braised Beef Short Ribs, or Honey and Lime Glazed Salmon. A vegetarian option is also available for \$40.

Mail checks and dinner options to Delores Roussey, 407 Fletcher St., Port Charlotte, FL 33954. Make checks payable to DAVA State Department of Florida indicating "testimonial" on the memo line.



2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention Cancelled

Out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of members, their families, our guests and staff, DAV has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Dallas as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Conditions have been monitored over the past few months in hopes that it would be possible to move forward with our most important annual gathering. However, based on guidance and feedback we've received from a variety of sources, we would not be able to effectively host an event that would allow us to complete our important business and ensure the safety of everyone.

The Hilton Anatole has cancelled all reservations made in the DAV National Convention room block as of June 19. All deposits have been refunded to the credit card on file. Should you have any questions, please contact the Hilton Anatole at 800-445-8667.

DAV will host a special virtual gathering, including the Year-In-Review, Commander's Awards and messages from DAV leadership, at 7 p.m. EST Wednesday, August 26. This event and relative updates for the 2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention will be posted on social media outlets.

DAV and Auxiliary remains incredibly grateful for your understanding during this extraordinary time. For your continued safety, we encourage you to follow the instructions given by the CDC, and to keep reaching out to your unit members as a way to stay socially connected while maintaining physical distance.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Reno, Nevada.



2020 DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference Cancelled

Given the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and its uncharted course, the difficult decision has been made to cancel the 2020 DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our members and guests and this cautious measure is a significant step in that effort.

The DoubleTree by Hilton Lawrenceburg will cancel all reservations made in the DAV Auxiliary Fall Conference room block and all deposits will be refunded to the credit card on file. Should you have any questions or issues, please contact the hotel at 812.539.8888 or 855.610.8733.

It is truly disappointing that we will not be able to gather together at this annual event where our organization's national programs are discussed, ideas shared, and lifelong bonds are fostered. We appreciate your understanding during this extraordinary time and encourage you to continue to reach out to other DAV Auxiliary members to remain engaged and focused on the mission of our amazing organization.

With great anticipation, we look forward to planning for a successful and well-attended 2021 conference!



IRS 990-N e-Postcard Reminder

In accordance with the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, most non-profit organizations with gross income receipts of less than \$50,000 must file IRS Electronic Form 990-N, also referred to as the 990-N e-Postcard. This is not a paper form and can only be filed online. Units with gross income receipts greater than \$50,000 must file paper IRS 990 forms.

Units and State Departments have until November 15, 2020, to complete this process. It takes only moments to file, and once accepted by the IRS no further action is required. Units who fail to file the annual 990-N e-Postcard for three consecutive years can have their tax-exempt status revoked, which could ultimately lead to charter revocation. If someone in your unit cannot complete the online form, please call our office at 877-426-2838, option 8, and a staff member will be happy to assist you with the filing. Don't throw away your tax-exempt status.

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New Membership Year

We have officially kicked-off the 2020-2021 membership year. Best of luck to recruiters, units, and state departments. Remember, in unity we can accomplish our goals!

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Save the Date

2021 National Convention
July 24—27, 2021
Grand Sierra Resort
2500 East Second St.
Reno, NV 89595
800-501-2651

\$105 GSR Basic Room
\$125 Summit Room

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“Unity”

Junior Activities by Darlene Hanneman, National Program Chairman

Thank you to the Units that sent in their year-end reports. Documenting activities is especially important. Continue to TAKE PICTURES!! Get started for next year. The Juniors did a wonderful job doing many things to honor our Veteran families. Thank you for all the DAV and DAVA family support.

While the national convention has been canceled for this year, did you know that DAV Auxiliary Junior members attending a national convention are encouraged to sign up to participate as pages? They volunteer during meetings with passing out information, escorting dignitaries as needed, and to be on hand to assist members throughout the convention. Keep this in mind for juniors that might be attending a future national convention and watch this newsletter for additional information when the 2021 national convention plans are underway!

It's Summertime!!! Stay busy!

Things to do: Go for a walk with your family. Lace up your walking shoes, grab the dog and head out for a race or a long stroll. Wave to your neighbors and honor the legacies of those who have sacrificed for their country.

Have a socially distant cookout in your neighborhood yards as you talk over the fence to each other. Grab takeout and head to a park or a nice wide-open space. Cook a meal or drop off takeout to a local Veteran and their family leaving it on their doorstep.

Many state and National parks are now open for visits, but you know what is always open? Your backyard. So, set up camp back there, break out the cooking tools, the tent, the campfire, and enjoy the quiet time. Share Veteran family time!!

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Annual Unit Officer Elections

Many units have had to delay annual officer elections. Elections must be held when it is safe for groups to resume gatherings, but until that time, the current officers will remain in their current positions until their successors have been elected and installed. All units are **required** to hold annual elections and it must be done at a regular business meeting with proper notice provided.