CALIFORNIA DAVA NEWS

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Commander Joe Plescia

Greetings DAVA Unit Commanders, Line Officers and esteemed members. Thank you for all of the good work you do in helping our disabled veterans and their families. In our latest DAV State magazine I spoke a little about my travels so I hope that you will receive it soon and get a chance to read it. As I continue my year representing you as your Commander I learn more and more was we can serve our organization. At the Fall Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio a wealth of information was presented in a fun way as usual. I am happy to report that we had eight members attend from California and we had a wonderful time.

We are about to embark on a very exciting time in DAVA history. The reason for is our units have been voting on expanding our eligibility for membership to include extended family members and other groups who have been excluded up until this time.

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Fall Conference

The fall Conference was a great success and was full of information to share with you. It was held in Cincinnati, Ohio and was attendees from California; they were Cdr. Joe Plescia, Sr. Vice Vicki Marshall, Jr. Vice Joel Adema, Jr. PSC. Pam Hogan, Judge Advocate Beatrice Vieira, PSC, NEC Josephine Benner, PSC, June Adema, PSC and Adjutant Susan Linder. It was a strong representation from our great state.

The hot topic was the National Bylaws that have not been approved. Every unit in every state needed to vote on the passing of the two amendments concerning expanding membership eligibility and changing the Chaplains position from an elected to an appointed office. To make these changes they must be adopted by three fourths of our eligible Units in existence at the time of the vote at National. If they did not get a ¾ vote back a second mailing will have to be sent out. The first vote needed to be in by October 15th. When you receive a mailing from Headquarters please act immediately to help keep our organization moving forward.

Chaplain's Message

Mary Lou Caldwell

The Chaplain has brought up a few points I will pass along to you. She recommends you make a phone call or email to her if someone passes and the funeral is with-in 40-50 miles from her home, so that she might represent the DAVA if possible at the ceremony. Or she could find someone in the area that could attend. The same suggestion would apply to those who are sick or having surgery. On

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Or Chapters have been out in the community last week and this week during Forget-Me-Not Days soliciting donations that will be utilized in may of our programs and benefit many of our disabled veterans in dire need of our help. If you did not get a chance to help maybe you could next year. Volunteering during these special days also gives us a great chance to chat with many people about our organization and how they may be able to join us under our new eligibility amendment. In those conversations we are often able to find in-lays or their distant cousins who are disabled veterans.

Membership is the life blood of our organization. Making this step new as one body and then each of you going out to make it work for us is what we need now to build a stronger Auxiliary for the future.

DAV Auxiliary Orders – New Procedure

Effective November 10, 2010, all DAV Auxiliary fraternal sales items will be ordered and processed through DAV. Auxiliary items can be found and ordered online by visiting www.davstore.org
Of course, DAV Auxiliary orders must be sent directly to DAV. This change is a positive advancement and we appreciate the efforts put forth by all DAV personnel involved for their diligent project development efforts. This system will streamline the order process from inventory to delivery.

- Membership applications, transfer forms, and certificates of appreciation will still be requested from DAV Auxiliary. All other items will be handled by DAV.
- Checks for DAV Auxiliary orders are to be made payable to: DAV National Service Foundation and mailed to: 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cod Spring, KY 41076 Call 877-426-2838, ext 3252
- Order payments should not be combined with membership, Mandates or donations. This will only delay order and /membership/ mandate/ donation processing.

2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

- Sign up new annual senior members for $15.00 and their dues will be paid through June 30 2010.
- Two monthly drawings will be held each month beginning October 2010 through June 30, 2011, and two recruiters of new senior members will receive $25.00 each.
- Sign up ten new senior members and receive a Service Star Pin.

These are National incentives. Maybe we should come up with some state incentives. We must do something to increase membership. What are your suggestions? We are losing two to three units per year. We have only 25 units at this time.

New members – welcome your new members and encourage them to become active and productive members. By joining the organization they are demonstrating their willingness to participate.

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Calendar of Events

NATIONAL CONVENTION
July 31 - August 3, 2010
Hyatt Regency Atlanta on Peachtree St
265 Peachtree St NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
Telephone: 404.577.1234
$129.00 Single/Double

FALL CONFERENCE
September 30 - October 2, 2010
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
151 West 5th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Telephone: 513.579.1234
$105.00 Single/Double/Triple/Quad Occupancy

MID-WINTER
January 21-22, 2011
Radisson Hotel
500 Leisure Lane
Sacramento, CA 95815
Tele: 916-922-2020

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION
June 1-4. 2011
Radisson Hotel
500 Leisure Lane
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this note, she recently sent a DAVA member a "thinking of you card. This lady was in hospice care for 1-1/2 years. The DAVA member took the time to send a thank you card to Mary Lou for her thoughtfulness. Cards really mean a lot to people and the Chaplain would like to send them. The telephone call or e-mail will also allow her to get a card to the family in a timely fashion. Also information on who should receive the card, where it should be sent and the relationship to the deceased would be very helpful.

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Fund Raising Chairman

Julie Weissman- Steinbaugh has announced that at the Mid-winter raffle we will have a basketball theme. The four baskets in no particular order are:

Golden State Warriors

Los Angeles Clippers

Los Angeles Lakers

Sacramento Kings

Let's support not only your favorite team, but more importantly, the DAVA

Tickets are $1.00 each or six (6) for a dollar.

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IRS FOR 990-N

Susan Linder

DAV Inspector General Ed Hartman addressed the urgency of filing form 990N before the October 15 2010, deadline. When I investigated this per Unit to see if we were in compliance I was surprised to find out we are not. First of all every Unit must have their own EIN# (Employer ID#). And only eight of 25 do. This is nobody's fault so let's not point fingers. Currently some Units are using the national EIN # or someone else's Number such as the Chapter's. You can not use your sponsors Chapter number. Presently Nine out of 25 have filed the tax form 990N correctly. And I filed four of these for you. I will be contacting each of the other Units to get us in compliance so we do not lose our Non-Profit standing

You can get an EIN # quickly by applying online, at www.irs.gov and click the link on the header that says charities and non-profits or by calling the Toll-Free phone number (800) 829-4933. If you call it is a phone interview and they can give the number right a way. When your number is received then you go online and answer a couple of questions and you will be in compliance for the year. When you get your number would you please forward it to me to put it on file and if you would like I can file for you. This is a yearly filing and must be done to retain our non-profit status.

AMERICANISM

E. Vicki Marshall, Sr. Vice Cdr

Vicki Marshal as our Jr. Vice Commander did a great job with the Americanism program. She had Essays written by students all over the state. 180 essays-posters were submitted. Every student that participated received a certificate of Participation.

Grades 9-12 all came from Los Banos High School. 1st place Jovan Deldruz, 2nd – Neelurn Kumor, 3rd – Jordan Maclas.

Grades 4-8, 1st place - Kian Alaguer Grade 7, King City, 2nd place Caroline Kim, Grade 6 Elcentro, and 3rd place Mindy Ong Grade 8 No city.

Grade K-3, 1st place Arleth Torres, Gr 3, Orange Cove, 2nd place, Juan Medel Gr 3 Orange Cove and place Andrea Marruffo, 3rd Gr, Fillmore.

Thank you to Vicki and the judges as I understand it was hard to make a decision on a winner.

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