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DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News

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From the desk of National Commander, LeeAnn Karg...

It was good to see so many friends and some new ones at the annual National DAV Auxiliary Fall Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. I hope that you all learned a lot and had some fun in the process. I know that I did. Thank you all so very much for attending. A lot of time and hard work went into each presentation that was given. I would like also thank the staff at National Headquarters for all their hard work which helped to make it very successful and memorable.

When you got back home I am hoping that you went back to your units and talked about all of the good information you received and laid out your plans for the coming year. I want to see year-end reports that are full of projects and involvement by members that show we are doing what we say we will do. We are the DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY!

The programs of the DAV Auxiliary are very important in helping to take care of our veterans and their families. These programs include Americanism, Legislation, Community Service, Hospital, and VAVS. We each need to work together to make sure that we are keeping our promise to the men and women who served our country. Working together is how we accomplish so much more than if we try to do things alone. Please help by working closely with your Chapters and Departments on Projects that benefit our veterans and their families.

The dedication of the new American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial was held on October 5th, in Washington, DC. It was a very memorable event for all of us and a part of history for this nation. It will be a constant reminder of the sacrifices that have been made in the name of freedom.

I would like all of you to think about making a donation to DAVA for Kids, Freedoms Foundation, Scholarship Fund, and Service/Support Fund. These are all worthwhile programs to donate to. They help to ensure that the future of the DAV Auxiliary will continue to grow and be around for years to come along with membership of both seniors and juniors. Invest in the future of your organization.

I would like to thank the Department of Pennsylvania for the wonderful time I had with the veterans on the Sharing and Caring Boat Ride. Four days of showing our appreciation to the veterans in Pennsylvania. You have a fantastic program that has been in place for 30 years. Congratulations, job well done!

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"I really regard it as very simple math. Two people, united in a singular effort, are always much stronger than one." ~ LeeAnn Karg, National Commander

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2014-2015 Membership Incentives

It's time to…….*RECRUIT!!!!!!!*

Earn Recruiter Awards

Sign up **5** new paid senior members ~
Earn a "Together as One" Lapel Pin!



Sign up **20** new paid senior members ~
Earn a certificate redeemable in the DAV Store for up to $30!



This is the last year for Annual membership!

As of July 1, 2015, all Auxiliary members will become life members with life membership amounts based on the date of birth on file.

Plus…

The **Top Auxiliary Recruiter** of the year (determined by National Headquarters Recruitment records as of June 30, 2015) will receive $250!

National Service Officers – the top NSO recruiter of Auxiliary senior members (minimum of 50 new paid senior members) will receive $250!

Life Membership

A down payment of $20 will start a new life membership.

Also, any senior member who has paid their annual dues through June 30, 2015, can convert to a life membership now with no down payment!

Life Membership Amounts are based on the member's age at time of application.

Age	Amount
80 and over	free
71 through 79	$140
61 through 70	$180
46 through 60	$200
31 through 45	$230
18 through 30	$250

Always provide a date of birth to guarantee assignment in the correct life membership cost category.

When recruiting new members.....

- Always inform new members that the membership year begins July 1 and ends the following June 30.
- Advise new part-life members they will receive quarterly payment reminders.
- Urge new members to begin their Auxiliary membership with a $20 down payment toward a life membership. They have the privilege of making annual payments if they so choose.
- Remember that our eligibility requirements have significantly expanded to include extended family members of disabled veterans and not-dishonorably discharged veterans. Check the constitution and bylaws or web site for further clarification.

Remember: It makes "cents" to recruit!!!



Americanism by Ellen Timmerman, National Americanism Chairman

Many countries have specified when they can fly their national flag. The U.S. is different; government installations fly the flag every day and the public can fly it whenever they choose.

For a stationary flag displayed on a building, pole or staff, it is customary to fly it from sunrise to sunset. You are only permitted to display your flag at night if it is properly illuminated. This means that you must have a light dedicated to "spotlighting" your flag. With the right lighting, you can fly your flag 24 hours a day for as many days as you like.



<u>According to the Flag Code, the American Flag should be flown:</u>

⇒ On or near every polling place on election days. *Voting is one of the most important rights we have as Americans. It, like the flag, represents our freedom, and stands as a basis for our governmental structure. It is a requirement that the flag is flown on election days at polling places.*

⇒ On or near the main administration building of all public institutions.

⇒ On or near every schoolhouse (during school days). *The flag is to be flown at public schools and colleges to instill a sense of patriotism in the students. These institutions are owned by the government and important to the nation. Although it is strongly suggested to fly the flag in these areas, it is not required.*

There are many dates on the internet for "Flying the US Flag;" far more than what is listed below!

<u>January:</u>
1—New Year's Day
20—Inauguration Day (every four years)
3rd Monday—Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

<u>February:</u>
12—Lincoln's Birthday
22—Washington's Birthday

<u>May:</u>
2nd Sunday—Mother's Day
3rd Saturday—Armed Forces Day
Last Monday—Memorial Day

<u>June:</u>
14—Flag Day
3rd Sunday—Father's Day

<u>July:</u>
4—Independence Day

<u>September:</u>
1st Monday—Labor Day
11—Patriot Day
17—Constitution Day

<u>October:</u>
2nd Monday—Columbus Day

<u>November:</u>
11—Veterans Day
4th Thursday—Thanksgiving Day

<u>December:</u>
7—Pearl Harbor Day
25—Christmas Day

I hope we are practicing Americanism every day and proudly fly the flag of the United States of America. God bless all of you for what you do and keep up the good work!

Community Service by Dorothy Reese, National Community Service Chairman

Now that National Convention is over, we start a new year of business. I look forward to working on community service with all of you.

As we go forward this year, I would like to make a few suggestions to units doing Community Service. At each unit meeting, you can have a sheet made up of your activities during the previous month. Give this to your adjutant at each meeting so an accurate record can be kept. Don't forget that you can run errands for your neighbor or take a housebound friend or neighbor a lunch. When you go to the grocery store or pharmacy remember those that cannot get out; call them to see if there is something you can get for them. Take others to doctor appointments, church, or even become active in church by teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, or holding an office.

The main thing is getting involved with your community; you will see what a sense of achievement you have. If you are not sure what activities you can do in Community Service, please check out the Auxiliary Manual. If you or your unit does not have one, please obtain one by calling National Headquarters (877-426-2838, option 5), or downloading it from the DAV Auxiliary website. With this, you will have a wealth of information for any committee you are interested in.

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Making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families.

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History by Donna R. Henshaw, National History Chairman

Congratulations to our National Commander, LeeAnn B. Karg, for all her hard work and dedication to "Making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families." To show our appreciation, let us give her a history book that she and her family can be very proud to have.

I need your help! Please send me the photographs that you may have of her visits to your state conferences, conventions, and special events. If your state or unit has done something very special, please send those photographs too. Just remember to have at least one DAV/DAVA member in the picture. I am sure Lee Ann would appreciate knowing what our organization has accomplished during her year as National Commander.

One of the suggestions made by the national convention history book committee is not to write on the back of the picture. Instead, place a sticky note on the back. Another suggestion received is to number the pictures and put the information on a separate piece of paper with a corresponding number.

You may send the pictures to my address, (145 Sheryl St., Marquette, MI 49855), or email to s.henshaw@sbcglobal.net. I appreciate having this opportunity to serve our Commander and our Auxiliary.

Now available online:

- Constitution and Bylaws Book
- Fall Conference Booklet
- Fall Conference Legislative Booklet
- Updated Publicity Guide

Check back frequently for more updates!

Junior Activities by Linda Oliver, National Junior Activities Chairman

As Junior Members are a vital part of our growth and future, they should be encouraged to attend our National Conventions to see firsthand the magnitude of our great organization. I would ask that all units and chapters who have juniors planning to attend National Convention in Colorado, or in the future, write down their ideas of what they would like to do at convention. Also have them include their ideas for what type of junior activities they would like to have. I will put all the ideas together and see if we can support, arrange, and execute any of their suggestions. The winning suggestion, if used, will receive a special prize. Please send any and all ideas to: Linda Oliver – 28339 E. 127th St. S., Coweta, OK 74429. I can also be reached at 918-688-0075 or by email at silverwings2@cox.net.

2014 Fall Conference Donations:

Camp Corral—$675.00	Education Scholarship—$2,570.00
Winter Sports Clinic—$75.00	Miscellaneous—$100.00
Freedoms Foundation—$285.00	Service Support Fund—$2,840.00

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