

MEMORANDUM

To: All National, Department and Chapter Officers
All National Headquarters and Washington Staff
All Supervisory National Service Officers
All Transition Service Officers

From: Anthony L. Baskerville, National Membership Director

Date: May 6, 2008

Subject: Deceased Members

The Greatest Generation is a term used to describe those US citizens who fought in World War II, as well as the women who either served in the war or kept the home front intact during that time.

As shared with all of you in September, many from this band of brothers and sisters served a pivotal role in DAV's remarkable struggle to help improve the lives of this nation's wartime disabled and shaped our organization's programs of service, which earned us the trust of this nation.

It is more than six decades since the end of World War II, and many of our "Greatest" veterans are surpassing the autumn of their lives.

As you know we began comparing the membership database with the Social Security Administration's death index file as part of our own self audit. Since July 1, 2007, our initial count of 177,968 deceased members has risen. We have matched an additional 27,678 members and estimate an additional 6,000 deceased by June 30, 2008, for an estimated total of 211,646 deceased members that will be removed from our membership rolls on July 1, 2008.

It is critical for our organization to maintain the highest standards of integrity in every area, and this is especially true when it comes to our total membership.

It is also imperative, as we encounter new membership challenges, that we dedicate ourselves to ensuring the legacy of service we inherited from the Greatest Generation, is passed on to the young men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

We ask for your support as we recruit members to refill our ranks and carry out our mission of building better lives for our fellow disabled veterans and their families.


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