



August 2008

NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED

Congratulations to Wally Tyson who was elected National First Junior Commander of the DAV at the recent National Convention in Las Vegas.

The newly elected Auxiliary National Officers for 2008 – 2009 are: National Commander Sandy Dobmeier (ND), National Senior Vice Commander Kay Egan (FL), National First Junior Vice Commander Susan Henry (TN), National Second Junior Vice Commander Patrice Rapisand (TX), National Third Junior Vice Commander Donna Adams (AZ), National Fourth Junior Vice Commander Susan Miller (CO), National Judge Advocate Carol Gray (MI) and National Chaplain LeeAnn Karg (MN).

KEITH HENDERSON'S ILLUSIONS OF THE KING DINNER AND SHOW

Please join the DAV Auxiliary State Department at our Keith Henderson "Illusions of the King" a tribute to Elvis fundraising event. Come join in on the fun and a good meal on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Wilsons Mills Elementary School – 4654 Wilsons Mills Road – Wilsons Mills, NC. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30 per person – please contact Fund Raising Chairman Shirley Hill at 919.965.6343 or sgrehi02@bellsouth.net.

POSITIVE CHANGES PLANNED FOR 2008 DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE

The North Raleigh Hilton will once again host the DAV & Auxiliary Fall Conference (October 24-26, 2008) and will offer DAV and Auxiliary members a special conference room rate of \$79 plus applicable taxes per night. **The DAV room block of 82 rooms at this rate will be held until Noon, September 30, 2008 or until all rooms have been reserved. The hotel telephone number is (919) 872-2323, extension 716. You must state you are with the DAV.** Any rooms that have been blocked and not reserved will be released for sale to the general public at significantly higher rates.

Invitations have been extended to the announced candidates for Governor. We have received preliminary confirmation that both Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue and Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory will attend and address the conference.

At the suggestion of our membership, we are planning several changes to the conference agenda, changes which we believe will make the weekend much more enjoyable while allowing us time to get the business completed. We are attempting to secure a lifeguard for the hotel pool and day care workers to tend to our young children and grandchildren, which we hope will eliminate one reason some members cannot attend. We are planning both a silent and live auction. The All American Meal and bingo were so successful that we are working hard at bringing them back to the fall conference. Attached with this bulletin is the tentative conference agenda. Please do not delay, make your room reservations to avoid availability and price issues. A tentative agenda and registration forms are attached.

UNIT QUOTA REACHED

Congratulations to Unit #95 Monroe for reaching membership quota prior to August 2, 2008. Most units are already very close to reaching quota – and the year just started.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

YAHOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The State Department of North Carolina and two North Carolina units received four of seven National Membership awards presented at the National Convention in Las Vegas.

Unit #64 Elizabeth City Commander Kim Hampton accepted the **First Place** National Membership Award for the unit with the most members over quota for units with 10-50 senior members. **Unit #61 Mt. Airy** received the **First Place** National Membership Award for the unit with the most members over quota for the unit with 201+ senior members.

The Auxiliary State Department of North Carolina received the membership award for having the highest percentage over quota, as well as an award for having the most members of quota (324 members). This was the second year in a row that the state department received the highest percentage over quota. Let's keep our winning streak going!

UNIT REPORTS DUE

Each unit should have already submitted their officer's report, financial report and state mandates. If you have not, please submit them as soon as possible to State Adjutant R. Renée Jones at 5132 Mako Drive – Wilmington, NC 28409. This information is needed for the State Directory.

The following units have not submitted their officer's report: #9 Winston Salem; #10 Charlotte; #15 Roanoke Valley; #20 Greensboro; #34 Hickory; #37 Pitt County; #46 Fayetteville; #80 Ashe County; #87 Newland; #93 Pamlico County.

The following units have not submitted their financial report: #9 Winston Salem; #10 Charlotte; #11 Wilmington; #15 Roanoke Valley; #20 Greensboro; #25 Rutherford County; #46 Fayetteville; #59 Hamlet; #62 Plymouth; #63 Eden; #68 Statesville; #80 Ashe County; #87 Newland; #93 Pamlico County; #95 Monroe.

The following units have not submitted state mandates (\$60): #1 Raleigh; #5 Sanford; #9 Winston Salem; #10 Charlotte; #15 Roanoke Valley; #18 Shelby; #20 Greensboro; #21 Durham; #22 Asheboro; #25 Rutherford County; #34 Hickory; #37 Pitt County; #46 Fayetteville; #53 Lincolnton; #59 Hamlet; #63 Eden; #67 Henderson; #68 Statesville; #74 Erwin; #80 Ashe County; #87 Newland; #93 Pamlico County; #95 Monroe.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Debbie Ryan

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your trust in electing me your new Junior Vice Commander. I realize that I have great shoes to fill and great officers before me to live up to and with your help I can do that. With all of us working together and holding on to our goals to assist our brave military men and women and their families, I know that we can, as a whole, increase our membership, increase the love and willingness to provide for those who sacrificed for us, and maintain our integrity of the auxiliary. I look forward to working with each of you and to be at your service. Again, thank you for your trust, your service and your dedication.

INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW

Financial Reports shall be submitted annually. Attachments must be included on those line items indicated. Three authorized signatures (Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Treasurer) are required on every unit's bank account and must be listed on the financial report. White copy should be sent to DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters (3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076); yellow copy should be sent to DAV Auxiliary State Headquarters (5132 Mako Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409); pink copy should be sent to the DAV Department (P O Box 28146 - Raleigh, NC 27611). The green copy should be retained by the unit.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Trudy Huffman

Greetings to everyone. I would encourage all of you to please let me know when there is a need in our Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary for a card, a letter, a phone call or just a hug to extend our appreciation and compassion to one another. A card reads, "I just want you to know - I'm here if you need a hug." Let us be willing to take the time to give hug's to our disabled veterans and their families and too each other.

We can truly speak to people when they know that we love them and care with our hearts. We are always blest when we give of ourselves. May you be blest as you serve God and others.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers: Raymond Hill, husband of State Senior Vice Commander Shirley Hill (30 Pittman Road - Selma, NC 27576). Maxine Galloway (347 W Prktn Tobemory – Parkton, NC 28371) lost her husband James in July. Shirley Odom recently fell, was hospitalize and is now at home recovering (10441 NC Highway 211 E - Aberdeen, NC 28315-4708)