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Life Membership Amounts:

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



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# DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News

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## LeeAnn Karg Elected National Commander

LeeAnn Karg of Hutchinson, Minnesota, was elected to the office of National Commander at the DAV Auxiliary's 92nd National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Eligible for membership through her husband, Van, a Viet Nam Veteran, LeeAnn has always had a special connection to Veterans, their families, and the community in which she lives.



LeeAnn was the first commander for Hutchinson #37 when it was chartered in 1991, and has served numerous unit positions since. She served as Minnesota State Commander 2000-2001, and served 11 years as Minnesota State Adjutant. Nationally, LeAnn started out by serving as Junior Activities Chairman 2001-2002, 14th District NEC 2004-2006, Finance Chairman 2005-2006, National Chaplain 2008-2009, and started her journey to National Commander in 2009-2010 with her position as National Junior Vice, serving each National Junior Vice position and National Senior Vice Commander.

LeeAnn is the proud mother of three children—Kirk, Sheryl, and Warren and six grandchildren. Her daughter-in-law Terri and grandson Damian are both currently serving in the US Army. LeeAnn is a retired bookkeeper for an optometrist, and enjoys the water, boating, fishing, and camping.

LeeAnn's theme for 2014-2015, "The DAV and Auxiliary, Together as One," signifies the importance of joining forces with the DAV, and having a working relationship with them in all aspects of the organization.

## 2014-2015 National Officers

Announcing the national officers elected for the 2014-2015 year:

- Senior Vice Commander & Mae Holmes Chm.—Linda Stake, Arkansas
- 1st Jr. Vice Commander & Membership Chm.—Frances Costa, Massachusetts
- 2nd Jr. Vice Commander & Legislative Chm.—Craig Johniken, Texas
- 3rd Jr. Vice Commander & Americanism Chm.—Ellen Timmerman, New Mexico
- 4th Jr. Vice Commander & Community Service Chm.—Dorothy Reese, Georgia
- National Judge Advocate—Carol Gray, Michigan

## A Moment of Thanks from Susan Miller, IPC

I want to thank you, the membership, for allowing me to serve this great organization for the past six years. I have learned a lot and enjoyed every minute of it.

I have had the opportunity to visit many states. I met a lot of new people and in some cases, renewed old friendships. Everywhere I went, the hospitality was great. Everyone made it much easier for me to do my job. You are all like family.

Everywhere I went, we all had the same goal, making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families. We may go about completing these goals a little differently in each state, but the goals got completed to the best of our abilities. I saw firsthand what the DAV Auxiliary members do in volunteering. The countless hours, miles, and monetary donations were unbelievable. The work done in the VA hospitals, CBOCs, local hospitals and nursing homes, and in your own communities is endless. No one does it better than the DAV Auxiliary. We are "United in Service".

Membership continues to be a struggle in many states. Due to our expanded Auxiliary membership eligibility, practically anyone can join the DAV Auxiliary's mission of service. We must let the younger generation of veterans know what the DAV and DAV Auxiliary has to offer them. They may not be aware of the vast network of support that is available to them and their families. We must **grow** in order to remain a viable, productive organization.

I want to say thank you for all you have done for me over the past six years. Thank you for what you currently do for the DAV and DAV Auxiliary and for your continued support of this great organization.

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## National Bylaw Amendments Approved at National Convention

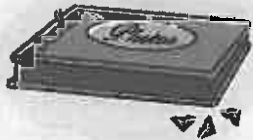
- ◆ Effective **July 1, 2015**, annual membership will be eliminated. The changeover to life membership will have no effect on those who wish to continue paying dues annually since the life membership payment plan is structured to allow for a nearly unlimited length of time to complete payment. *Beginning early 2015, current annual members will be invited to convert to life membership. More information will be available at that time.*
- ◆ Effective **July 1, 2015**, junior membership will be complimentary until age 18. Included will be the option of starting a junior life membership for \$250, with the same payment plan mentioned above. Junior life members will have unlimited time to pay as long as there is enough for life distributions July of each year, and distributions will not begin until the month they turn 18. *Beginning early 2015, current junior members will be invited to convert to life membership. More information will be available at that time.*
- ◆ Effective **immediately**, the number of members present for a quorum will go from 5 members to 4 members. One member present shall be the Unit Commander or a Unit Junior Vice Commander.

There will be other changes posted in future Headquarters News publications. The availability of updated **Constitution and Bylaw** books will be announced in a future edition of the Headquarters News and other social media venues.

## National Chairmen and Appointees

National Commander LeeAnn Karg made the following appointments with the approval of the National Executive Committee:

National Chaplain - Judy Uetterling, Ohio  
 History Chairman - Donna Henshaw, Michigan  
 Hospital Chairman - Earlene Cole, Texas  
 Interim Constitution & Bylaw Committee - Chairman Judy Steinhouse, North Dakota; Jean Jackson, Colorado; Sylvia Heath, Maine  
 Junior Activities Chairman - Linda Oliver, Oklahoma  
 Sgt. at Arms - Kim Stake, Arkansas  
 VAVS Representative - Patty Davis, Wisconsin  
 VAVS Deputy Representative - Rose Williams, Wisconsin  
 VAVS Deputy Representative - Melody Whitaker, Kentucky  
 National Adjutant - Judy Hezlep, Ohio  
 National Assistant Adjutant - Pat Kemper, Kentucky



### National Commander History Book

by Margaret Snelling, 2013-2014 National History Chairman

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for National Commander Susan Miller's history book. It was a pleasure serving as the 2013-2014 National History Chairman and having the opportunity to "travel" with our National Commander through the many photos I received. In response to my appeal for pictures, I am pleased to announce the following winners for the "most" and "best" pictures submitted. Congratulations to Mary Lou Caldwell, California, and Joyce Humes, Texas.

## Past National Commander—Kay Egan

DAV Auxiliary mourns the loss of Past National Commander Kay Egan who passed away July 3, 2014. Kay served as 2009-2010 National Commander and demonstrated the heart of DAV Auxiliary as she continued to be an active and inspiring member of the organization. She was a regularly-scheduled volunteer at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Cape Coral, Florida, compiling nearly 2,000 volunteer hours, and recently completed a two-year term as Deputy VAVS Representative at that facility. Kay held many elected and appointed positions in Florida's DAVA state department and days before her passing ended her second state commander term at their state convention.

Aside from her long-standing dedication and legislative advocacy seeking support benefitting veterans and their families, Kay held a degree in Clinical Psychology, acquired Master Gardener accreditation, and was actively involved in the Red Hat Society of Lehigh Acres, Florida. She retired from the Lee County Sheriff's Department as a desk officer.



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

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### National Fall Conference

Make your plans now to attend National Fall Conference. This exciting and fun conference is open to everyone, and allows for a chance to learn about DAV Auxiliary programs, ask questions, and hear from DAV Leadership.

September 25--27, 2014  
Hilton Lexington Downtown  
369 West Vine St.  
Lexington, KY

\$109 per night plus applicable taxes (single/double)

1-859-231-9000

1-800-HILTONS

(please refer to DAV to receive discounted rates)

*The hotel offers complimentary shuttles to and from the airport, and complimentary garage parking for registered hotel guests.*

Conference fees are paid upon arrival to DAV Auxiliary Registration:  
\$35.00 member and guest registration  
\$40.00 banquet (to be held Friday evening)

### Reminders:

**Bank Changes**—When your unit or state department has a change in account information, it's important to contact National Headquarters. A new direct deposit form is required, and a delay in receiving the information could mean a delay in receiving deposits.

**Unit Meetings**—Units are required to have a minimum of four meetings per year. However, more meetings are encouraged to maintain momentum for Auxiliary projects and services. Be creative with those "non" monthly meetings. Invite guest speakers; schedule a pot luck and invite potential members; review DAV legislative endeavors and have a round table discussion about ways to communicate with lawmakers.



It's a new membership year ~  
lets start off with a bang!!!

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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY  
MEMBERSHIP YEAR (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR

UNIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBERSHIP  RENEWAL  TRANSFER  OTHER

MEMBER  NON-MEMBER  AUXILIARY OFFICER

MEMBERSHIP YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRES: JAN 1 20 \_\_\_\_\_ TO JAN 31 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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