



July 2008

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Linda Kafka

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to a second term as State Commander. We had a fantastic state convention with 25 of 38 units registered and represented. We spent time learning and having fun. Congratulations to the 2008-2009 state officers: Senior Vice Commander Shirley Hill (unit #44), Junior Vice Commander Debrah Ryan (unit #16), Treasurer Carolyn Irby (unit #61), Judge Advocate Jane Troutman, PNC (unit #27) and Chaplain Trudy Huffman (unit #61). Please let us know how we can assist you in the coming membership year.

POSITIVE CHANGES PLANNED FOR 2008 DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE

The North Raleigh Hilton will once again host the DAV & Auxiliary Fall Conference (October 25-27, 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. We expect to complete arrangements with the hotel staff soon and provide complete details along with the conference agenda and advance registration forms with the August Bulletin. However, please do not delay. Make your room reservations to avoid availability and price issues.

2007 - 2008 AWARDS

The following awards were presented at the annual state convention: Unit with highest membership percentage increase – **Unit #61 Mt Airy**; Membership Recruiter of the Year – **Mary Jo Furr, Unit #27**; Mae Holmes (10-50 members) – **Unit #5 Sanford**, Mae Holmes (51-100 members) – **Unit #44 Smithfield**; Mae Holmes (201+ members) – **Unit #27 Concord**; District Commander of the Year – **Mary Jo Furr (District #8)**, Chairman of the Year – **Shirley Hill (Membership)**; Hero Awards – **Yvonne Herring** and **Wally Tyson**; Forget Me Not Display Category #1 – **Shirley Odom**; Forget Me Not Display Category #2 – **Melba Sayers**; Forget Me Not Display Category #3 – **Mary Jo Furr**; Forget Me Not Queen – **Summer Hodge** and Auxiliary Member of the Year – **Barbara Smeal, Unit #18**. CONGRATULATIONS!

NATIONAL NINTH DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 23-25, 2009

The annual Mid-Winter meeting of the DAV and DAV Auxiliary will be held at the Landmark Inn in Myrtle Beach, SC January 23-25, 2009. Hotel reservation and advanced registration forms may be downloaded from the Department web site. Due to the popularity of this event, members and guests are strongly encouraged to register early. **Please note the hotel registration deadline is December 23, 2008 or until the room block has been filled.**

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; #58 Mitchell County; #62 Plymouth; #68 Statesville; #75 Mocksville; #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; #18 Shelby; #20 Greensboro; #25 Rutherford County; #34 Hickory; #37 Pitt County; #44 Johnston County; #45 Goldsboro; #46 Fayetteville; #48 Beaufort County; #58 Mitchell County; #59 Hamlet; #62 Plymouth; #63 Eden; #68 Statesville; #74 Erwin; #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; #11 Wilmington; #12 Albemarle; #15 Roanoke Valley; #16 Jacksonville; #18 Shelby; #20 Greensboro; #21 Durham; #22 Asheboro; #25 Rutherford County; #34 Hickory; #37 Pitt County; #45 Goldsboro; #46 Fayetteville; #48 Beaufort County; #53 Lincolnton; #58 Mitchell County; #59 Hamlet; #62 Plymouth; #63 Eden; #64 Elizabeth City; #67 Henderson; #68 Statesville; #74 Erwin; #75 Mocksville; #80 Ashe County; #83 Moore County; #87 Newland; #93 Pamlico County; #95 Monroe.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Shirley Hill

Thanks for your support and help this past membership year. If it had not been for you, we would not have been able to reach our goal. All of you are hard workers and I can tell you really believe in the DAV Auxiliary. Thank you for having confidence in me enough that you chose me as your Senior Vice Commander for the upcoming year 2008-2009. I will do my very best to be as good of a fundraising chairman as I was a membership chairman. If any of you have any fundraising ideas please let me know. I am always open for suggestions and again I will need your help this year. I plan on having a silent auction at our Fall Conference and I will need new ideas donated. We had a wonderful time at the Convention with our bingo, the getting together and relax and having fun. So come on out at the next conference and join in on the fun and prizes that will be given away. Another fundraising project that I am working hard on is The Keith Henderson Show. Keith is an Elvis impersonator and is very, very good. This will be a Dinner Show held in Smithfield. I will give more details later.

Have a great year and I look forward to working with all of you again.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Carolyn Irby

Welcome to a fresh new year for the auxiliary. First I want to thank everyone for your trust in me and your prayers for Dave, my husband. All is going the same as at convention and I suppose that is a good thing. I hope everyone has filled out their unit's financial reports by now. If not, please do that very soon so that the records from 07/08 may be put to rest. One of the most important things to remember about that report is to start with the ending figure from last year's report.

Remember too, that the IRS requires all of us to file a 990-N (the electronic postcard) within 5 months after the close of your financial year. This is not hard to do, but it is very important!!!!!! So please file the report and do the postcard at the same time or you may forget. If you need help, I am available @ 336-789-1114.

BULLETINS AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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