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DIVISION	COMMANDER	DEPARTMENT	% OF GOAL
I	Thomas B. Reiter, II	New York	100.57
II	Robert J. Erickson	Minnesota	104.14
III	Timothy J. Timmerman	New Mexico	100.42
IV	Virgil A. Hagel	Nebraska	102.12
V	Harold L. Muilenburg	South Dakota	102.18

Women Veterans Take Center Stage

All during March, which is Women's History Month, DAV was engaged in a number of projects celebrating the contributions female service members and veterans have made throughout our nation's history. I know this is nothing new. We've been in the forefront of women veterans' issues for quite some time and will continue to do so.

One of the most exciting projects was sponsoring local screenings across the country of a highly acclaimed documentary film that portrays the courage of several women veterans as they transition from active duty to their civilian lives. The film, which will also air on some local PBS stations, examines the horrific traumas they faced in Afghanistan, their invisible as well as physical injuries and all their challenges in receiving benefits and care. It provides a window into the large and small accomplishments they work mightily to achieve as they wrestle with prosthetics, homelessness, post-traumatic stress disorder and military sexual trauma. The documentary is told through their voices as they speak from their kitchens, bedrooms, grocery stores and therapy sessions. Their pictures and videos shot in Iraq and Afghanistan speak volumes. The following link includes the 3:15 minute trailer and 29 second PBS promotion for that documentary. <http://www.servicethefilm.com/>.

The DAV Charitable Service Trust provided funding for those screenings, and our National Service Officers, Chapters and Departments help coordinate logistics at the DAV-sponsored events. In addition DAV has issued a special publication highlighting women veterans who have faced and triumphed over their own challenges of returning to normalcy. It is being distributed in conjunction with the DAV-sponsored screenings and available for other purposes.

We also created a video that demonstrates the positive impact DAV has had on women veterans we have helped. This public service announcement also is popular on YouTube.

But we're going even further than celebrating Women's History Month. DAV also is sponsoring the Summit on Military Sexual Violence in Washington, D.C., April 17-18. Now in its second year, the summit organized by the Service Women's Action Network gives survivors of military sexual trauma and their families the opportunity to share their experiences with Members of Congress, policy experts and each other. It will feature key panels by law and policy experts on major topics involving military sexual violence and survivors' access to justice. This year's summit will also include workshops for survivors, their families and the general public. For more information, visit <http://truthandjusticesummit.org/>.

These are just examples of the many activities and ways DAV is standing up for women veterans. Sure, we do all this because of the important contributions they have made to keeping America free and safe and the vital role they have in our organization. But we also do it because it's the right thing to do.

Wounded Warrior Screening Program

Disabled veterans can now move through airport security checkpoints without having to remove shoes, light jackets or hats, according to a new policy announced March 27, 2013, by the Transportation Security Administration. The new policy is part of TSA's [Wounded Warrior Screening program](#), which was established in 2005 in an effort to ease the screening process for wounded service members. These individuals will be escorted through the security checkpoint and will be eligible for expedited screening through TSA Pre-Check. They also will not be required to remove their shoes, light outwear jackets or hats when passing through security checkpoints. To be eligible for the service, a wounded warrior or traveling companion must contact the Military Severely Injured Joint Services Operations Center at MSIJSOC@dhs.gov, or 1-888-262-2396, in advance of their travel to provide itinerary information. Those traveling with injured troops or veterans must receive standard screening.

According to TSA, the number of wounded service members using the Wounded Warrior Screening Program is steadily increasing, with approximately 4,252 in 2011, 5,914 in 2012, and 3,315 since the start of 2013. TSA also offers expedited screening for service members including reservist and National Guard members at several airports across the country. The agency also supports the Honor Flight Network, which transports U.S. veterans and their escorts to Washington, D.C. area airports in order to visit the war memorials build and dedicated to honor their service.

Membership Benefit: HERTZ

DAV has teamed-up with Hertz to offer exceptional savings to our members at over 6,300 worldwide locations. With free local pick-up and return service at 530 Hertz Local Editions across the U.S.

DAV discounts include savings of 5% - 15% on all car classes for daily, weekly, weekend and monthly rentals in the U.S. plus international discounts in Canada, Europe and around the world. Hertz also offers Computerized Driving Directions, Express Return, Twenty-four Hour Emergency Road Service, a fleet of non-smoking vehicles and special services for the physically challenged.


ANTHONY L. BASKERVILLE
National Membership Director



MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

As of 03/31/2013

Present Standing	State	Life Member Population	Life Goal	% of Goal	Goal Variance
Division I - Over 35,000 Members					
1	NEW YORK	42,927	42,682	100.57%	245
2	CALIFORNIA	63,699	63,515	100.29%	184
3	FLORIDA	52,193	52,378	99.65%	-185
4	NORTH CAROLINA	29,075	29,283	99.29%	-208
5	TEXAS	52,328	52,826	99.06%	-498
6	VIRGINIA	23,200	23,547	98.53%	-347
Division Totals		263,422	264,231	99.69%	-809
Division II - 18,000 To 34,999 Members					
1	MINNESOTA	17,183	16,500	104.14%	683
2	MASSACHUSETTS	27,843	27,547	101.07%	296
3	WASHINGTON	16,846	16,715	100.78%	131
4	OKLAHOMA	15,570	15,505	100.42%	65
5	PENNSYLVANIA	30,005	29,958	100.16%	47
6	TENNESSEE	14,368	14,354	100.10%	14
7	KENTUCKY	16,395	16,387	100.05%	8
8	COLORADO	16,434	16,432	100.01%	2
9	NEW JERSEY	17,204	17,245	99.76%	-41
10	ILLINOIS	15,429	15,518	99.43%	-89
11	MICHIGAN	22,274	22,418	99.36%	-144
12	OHIO	28,109	28,380	99.05%	-271
13	GEORGIA	15,908	16,149	98.51%	-241
14	ARIZONA	16,289	16,696	97.56%	-407
Division Totals		269,857	269,804	100.02%	53
Division III - 10,000 To 17,999 Members					
1	NEW MEXICO	9,243	9,204	100.42%	39
2	WISCONSIN	13,912	13,896	100.12%	16
3	ARKANSAS	10,268	10,282	99.86%	-14
4	MARYLAND	12,834	12,924	99.30%	-90
5	LOUISIANA	8,750	8,834	99.05%	-84
6	MISSOURI	14,872	15,053	98.80%	-181
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	13,259	13,423	98.78%	-164
8	INDIANA	13,725	13,912	98.66%	-187
9	ALABAMA	14,464	14,818	97.61%	-354
Division Totals		111,327	112,346	99.09%	-1,019



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As of 03/31/2013

Present Standing	State	Life Member Population	Life Goal	% of Goal	Goal Variance
Division IV - 5,000 To 9,999 Members					
1	NEBRASKA	5,731	5,612	102.12%	119
2	NEVADA	5,291	5,210	101.55%	81
3	IOWA	6,097	6,039	100.96%	58
4	HAWAII	4,579	4,537	100.93%	42
5	MAINE	6,843	6,795	100.71%	48
6	KANSAS	6,042	6,007	100.58%	35
7	RHODE ISLAND	4,583	4,573	100.22%	10
8	PUERTO RICO	7,235	7,222	100.18%	13
9	MISSISSIPPI	5,153	5,150	100.06%	3
10	NEW HAMPSHIRE	4,963	4,963	100.00%	0
11	IDAHO	4,352	4,358	99.86%	-6
12	OREGON	7,416	7,430	99.81%	-14
13	WEST VIRGINIA	7,210	7,232	99.70%	-22
14	UTAH	4,368	4,416	98.91%	-48
15	CONNECTICUT	7,834	7,925	98.85%	-91
Division Totals		87,697	87,469	100.26%	228
Division V - Less than 5,000 Members					
1	SOUTH DAKOTA	4,398	4,304	102.18%	94
2	NORTH DAKOTA	4,398	4,346	101.20%	52
3	MONTANA	3,537	3,506	100.88%	31
4	ALASKA	2,492	2,479	100.52%	13
5	VERMONT	2,245	2,238	100.31%	7
6	WYOMING	1,569	1,566	100.19%	3
7	DELAWARE	2,025	2,024	100.05%	1
8	D C	1,773	1,802	98.39%	-29
Division Totals		22,437	22,265	100.77%	172
National Totals		823,519	823,449	100.01%	70