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MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

May 31, 2012

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DIVISION	COMMANDER	DEPARTMENT	% OF GOAL
I	LeRoy Acosta	California	100.64
II	James Follis	Massachusetts	101.46
III	David Valtinson	Minnesota	104.41
IV	John S. Carbone	Connecticut	105.12
V	Jim Haukedahl	North Dakota	103.38

PROTECTING YOUR LEGACY

Fresh off of the Memorial Day holiday and celebrations of remembrance, this is a fitting time to reflect on your own family and the dedication they have shown you throughout the years.

For many of you within the ranks of DAV, your family members have stood dutifully by as you served the nation, both at home and abroad. Others may have joined your family long after your time in the service had passed.

Regardless of the size and makeup of your family, just as you looked after them in the past and safeguard them now, you should make considerations as to how you can protect them in the future.

You know that DAV is here for our disabled veterans, but we are also committed to fulfilling our nation's promise to all men and women who served, and that is something to keep in mind when you think about how you will protect your legacy.

Representation by our National Service Officer corps extends beyond our members. We are also committed to representing families before the VA in times of need, to ensure that your loved ones receive all the benefits earned through your service to this country.

Planning for the future is an immense task but one that will help keep your family secure. Beyond your personal savings accounts, pensions, and life insurance policies, be sure your family knows what resources are available to them through DAV, should the need arise.

Remind your loved ones that our highly trained NSOs are happy to provide counseling on survivor benefits, pension, life insurance and more, all free of charge. Your survivors can also appeal to DAV for VA benefits coverage and receive representation before the VA the same as any veteran.

Make sure they know that we are there for them today and well into the future, as you are all part of the DAV family. We are proud to represent you, and proud to help you protect your legacy.

SERVING VETERANS: THE COLUMBIA TRUST

Now in its 16th year, the Columbia Trust continues its enviable record of service and assistance to injured veterans, their families and survivors. It began in 1996 as a solution to the question: How could Chapters and Departments with surplus funds help create service programs for those lacking the resources for their own?

It ensures Chapters and Departments are able to reach out in their communities and serve the veterans in their towns and states, assisting them in getting the unique services they require.

As the Columbia Trust strives to meet our current challenges and prepares to expand service opportunities for our nation's veterans, the demands on the Trust expand daily. To ensure the vital role the Trust plays in DAV's future, it needs our nurturing support.

As members we have a sacred obligation to care for those who sacrifice in the service of our country. DAV and its Auxiliary work together on many projects, but our Departments and Units also need to work together in formulating ideas for better service. We need to put our heads together and work toward accomplishing our mission.

Since its inception, the Trust has awarded nearly $20 million to benefit service programs in local areas throughout the country.

By offering a gift to the Columbia Trust, we can give this amazing asset the boost it needs to serve the next generation of injured veterans.

Through this fund and the dedication of our members and volunteers, we look forward to a future of expanding opportunities and innovative services for our nation's veterans.

NATIONAL CONVENTION – JUST TWO MONTHS AWAY

We can't stress enough the importance of mailing those delegate registration forms to National Headquarters. We want your registration experience to run as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions regarding convention registration, please call National Headquarters at 859 442-1342.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Bally's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino at 800 634-3434. For a room rate of $112.00 per night + taxes, be sure to tell them you are attending the DAV National Convention.

If you are in need of a wheelchair, scooter or other medical equipment, please contact Desert Medical Equipment at (702) 876-9171 and mention that you are attending the DAV National Convention. For a complete list of products, which includes oxygen rental, visit their web site at **www.dmelv.com**. Please also note that they will deliver to any hotel.

MEMBER BENEFIT – POWER NET GLOBAL

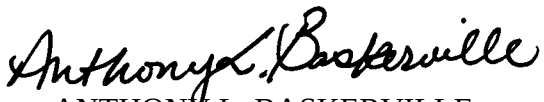
PowerNet Global has been a long time supporter of the DAV. Through our partnership, members can enjoy reliable, inexpensive phone, wireless, and internet service, while also giving 7.5% back to the DAV to support its efforts to Build Better Lives for Disabled American Veterans and their families.

Long Distance: For as low as 3.9 cents a minute, members can make interstate telephone calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week even during peak calling times!

High Speed Internet: For only $12.95 a month or combine this with long-distance and get service for only $9.95 a month, DAV Members will receive an Internet service package which includes:

- 56 K Internet access
- Up to 5 email addresses
- Free 24-hour tech support
- 10 MB of personal web space
- No start-up fees
- One simple bill for Internet and long distance

For more information, visit PowerNet Global at www.powernetglobal.com



ANTHONY L. BASKERVILLE
National Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

As of 05/31/2012

Present Standing	State	Life Member Population	Life Goal	% of Goal	Goal Variance
Division I - Over 35,000 Members					
1	CALIFORNIA	64,330	63,921	100.64%	409
2	NEW YORK	43,880	43,767	100.26%	113
3	PENNSYLVANIA	30,771	30,777	99.98%	-6
4	FLORIDA	52,605	52,707	99.81%	-102
5	NORTH CAROLINA	29,152	29,263	99.62%	-111
6	TEXAS	51,799	52,338	98.97%	-539
7	VIRGINIA	23,146	23,398	98.92%	-252
Division Totals		**295,683**	296,171	**99.84%**	**-488**
Division II - 18,000 To 34,999 Members					
1	MASSACHUSETTS	28,274	27,868	101.46%	406
2	KENTUCKY	16,593	16,513	100.48%	80
3	COLORADO	16,532	16,469	100.38%	63
4	NEW JERSEY	17,313	17,258	100.32%	55
5	OKLAHOMA	15,368	15,349	100.12%	19
6	WASHINGTON	16,926	16,913	100.08%	13
7	TENNESSEE	14,184	14,191	99.95%	-7
8	OHIO	28,727	28,757	99.90%	-30
9	MICHIGAN	22,719	22,865	99.36%	-146
10	ILLINOIS	15,737	15,862	99.21%	-125
11	GEORGIA	15,707	16,007	98.13%	-300
12	ARIZONA	16,131	16,446	98.08%	-315
Division Totals		**224,211**	224,498	**99.87%**	**-287**
Division III - 10,000 To 17,999 Members					
1	MINNESOTA	16,613	15,911	104.41%	702
2	NEW MEXICO	9,172	9,126	100.50%	46
3	WISCONSIN	14,189	14,182	100.05%	7
4	ARKANSAS	10,481	10,525	99.58%	-44
5	LOUISIANA	8,744	8,782	99.57%	-38
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	12,749	12,825	99.41%	-76
7	MARYLAND	12,888	12,980	99.29%	-92
8	MISSOURI	14,945	15,076	99.13%	-131
9	ALABAMA	14,507	14,657	98.98%	-150
10	INDIANA	13,629	13,810	98.69%	-181
Division Totals		**127,917**	127,874	**100.03%**	**43**

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Present Standing	State	Life Member Population	Life Goal	% of Goal	Goal Variance
Division IV - 5,000 To 9,999 Members					
1	CONNECTICUT	8,029	7,638	105.12%	391
2	MAINE	6,893	6,674	103.28%	219
3	NEVADA	5,224	5,128	101.87%	96
4	IOWA	6,279	6,197	101.32%	82
5	NEW HAMPSHIRE	4,981	4,926	101.12%	55
6	HAWAII	4,527	4,483	100.98%	44
7	NEBRASKA	5,726	5,684	100.74%	42
8	KANSAS	6,131	6,090	100.67%	41
9	PUERTO RICO	7,145	7,125	100.28%	20
10	UTAH	4,381	4,392	99.75%	-11
11	IDAHO	4,333	4,352	99.56%	-19
12	OREGON	7,400	7,440	99.46%	-40
13	RHODE ISLAND	4,675	4,706	99.34%	-31
14	WEST VIRGINIA	7,347	7,400	99.28%	-53
15	MISSISSIPPI	5,259	5,301	99.21%	-42
Division Totals		**88,330**	87,536	**100.91%**	**794**
Division V - Less than 5,000 Members					
1	NORTH DAKOTA	4,379	4,236	103.38%	143
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	4,328	4,258	101.64%	70
3	MONTANA	3,521	3,504	100.49%	17
4	DELAWARE	2,038	2,034	100.20%	4
5	ALASKA	2,465	2,463	100.08%	2
6	WYOMING	1,575	1,579	99.75%	-4
7	VERMONT	2,248	2,267	99.16%	-19
8	D C	1,788	1,819	98.30%	-31
Division Totals		**22,342**	22,160	**100.82%**	**182**
National Totals		**823,713**	**821,345**	**100.29%**	**2,368**