

BVA AUXILIARY STAR

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Greetings BVAA members!

Summer is nearly here! Please stay cool and hydrated. Looks like it will be a hot one. Our 2016-2017 fiscal year is nearly over, and we are preparing to begin the 2017-2018 year. Auxiliary membership dues of \$15.00 are to be sent in before August 1, 2017. Please forward your dues to our Treasurer, Carl Hytinen. (address on next page under [membership.](#))

Have you made your reservations for BVA's 72nd Annual Convention August 15, 2017 in Jacksonville, FL.? The registration form is on the BVA website-www.bva.org. It can be mailed to: 125 N. West St., 3rd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314 or faxed 202-371-8258. Call National BVA (800-669-7079) for a registration form. Convention information, hotels, transportation, etc. is also on the BVA website. Please visit National BVAA's new website: www.nbvaaux.org; we also have complete information re: convention.

BVAA has scheduled a program which has something for everyone at the convention! We are here to support our blinded veterans, the BVA, and each other. We will have special programs and speakers for caregivers Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – check your program when you arrive for locations and times.

All guests, caregivers, spouses, significant others of blinded veterans, etc. are encouraged to visit and bid on the Silent Auction items and to buy raffle tickets. We are in need of volunteers for both activities. **Please contact Sandy to help at the convention: 313 386-7633.**

We also want to find time to meet with BVAA regional officers and anyone interested in providing their contribution of time and talent to National BVAA.

After you have made sure that your blinded veteran is settled, PLEASE join us for our meetings and activities. This will give your blinded veteran as well as yourself a great opportunity to meet new friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone in August. Hope YOU can make it. We are all going to have a GREAT time!

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership dues of \$15.00 each for 2017-2018 may be mailed individually or by Regional Groups to Carl Hytinen, Treasurer and Membership Chair. To be sure that your membership is recorded prior to convention, Carl must receive your 2017-2018 dues Prior to August 1st; you may also renew your membership or sign up a new member at Convention. Carl's information: tel.# 508 336-7108 email: chytinen@comcast.net
Carl Hytinen 14 Marehaven Drive Seekonk, MA 02771

MEMBERS: Your correct **address, phone number, and Email** remain critical so we can stay in touch with you. Please send updates to Carl.

A big WELCOME to new BVAA members since our last convention, along with all of our dedicated returning members. Thank you for your support.

REGIONAL GROUPS: If you haven't yet, please forward your annual meeting minutes to National BVAA Secretary, Ben Holmes bholmes773@gmail.com and President, Sandy K. ltplx@sbcglobal.net.

We would like to know when a BVAA member has deceased so that their life and service may be recognized. Please send the names of members who have passed on this year to our BVAA National Chaplain, Rev. Edna Kirksey-Dixon.

Phone #: 251 937-1824 Email: revedna20101@hotmail.com

LEADERSHIP: *"Coming together is a beginning, remaining together is progress, working together is success."* Henry Ford

****VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY HOURS contact Patti Hail: waya@pacifier.com**

BVA—72nd NATIONAL CONVENTION/BVA Auxiliary – 40th NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

The BVA Auxiliary was founded in 1978 to aid and develop a deeper interest in the Blinded Veterans Association. Members find the information and support available through the BVAA very helpful in dealing with the many diverse situations we may experience as family and friends of blinded veterans.

Silent Auction: The BVA Auxiliary will be hosting our annual silent auction at convention. This is your chance to do a bit of early holiday shopping as many, varied, delightful, and unusual items will be up for bid. These items are donated by our Blinded Veterans themselves, friends, and family. Keep in mind items should be of a size that will fit in a **suitcase**. The silent auction is our primary source for our scholarship awards each year. **We can use help with the silent auction this year. If you are able to help please Email Sandy - ltdlx@sbcglobal.net or call 313 386-7633**

This year your home made, new and like new items for the silent auction may be sent to:

Rev. Edna Kirksey-Dixon
51678 Oakwood Dr.
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Please mail your silent auction items by
July 31st, so they arrive in time.
Thank you.

Shipping your silent auction items ahead of time will maximize exposure time. Please send along one of the bid forms (with the top part filled out) with each item you donate to the silent auction. It is of utmost importance that you fill out the information on the bid sheet, and have it to us the week before the official opening of the convention.

Thank you for supporting the National BVAAuxiliary
Sandy Krasnodemski, National BVAA President
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National BVAA is a non-profit organization with a 501(c)3 tax exempt status. All donations and contributions are tax deductible. We encourage your support for our Scholarship program either through a financial donation or silent auction item. Please visit our website: www.nbvaaux.org.

BVAA Silent Auction

Item description

Donated by:

Item Value:

Name of BIDDER

**On site Contact Info.
(cell# or room#)**

**Opening Bid
(dollars only)**

BVAA SILENT AUCTION

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