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## **Jenni McBride Named 2009 Outstanding Auxiliary Member**

DENVER— Jenni McBride, Commander of Auxiliary Unit 19, in Cold Spring, Ky., received the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary Past National Commanders' Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year Award for 2009 at the opening session of the 88<sup>th</sup> DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Denver today.

The award recognizes the dedication and contributions made by an outstanding Auxiliary member to enhance the goals of the organization and promote community service.

McBride's Auxiliary membership eligibility is through her Great Grandfather William H. Burris, a service-connected disabled veteran who served in World War I. She has served as both a junior and senior Auxiliary member for more than 29 years.

Working to help build better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families, McBride is serving her third term as Unit Commander and has held nearly all elected offices and chaired most Unit committees in the organization. She also serves as Junior Activities Chairman and Community Service Chairman.

Countless disabled veterans and their families have benefitted from Jenni's dedication, love and compassion. Her volunteer activities include functions at the VA medical center in Ft. Thomas, Ky., encouraging youth volunteerism through various projects and activities, and volunteering in her community, in projects such as Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity.

Additionally, Jenni is a woman of courage who battled breast cancer after the birth of her fourth child. She is now more than three years cancer-free and uses her experience to counsel and encourage other breast cancer patients, as well as raise funds and awareness to combat the disease.

For her outstanding service and continued enthusiasm toward building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families, Jenni McBride is the 2009 Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year.

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation's disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families. For more information, visit the organization's Web site [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

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