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## **DAV Auxiliary Elects Susan Henry National Commander**

ATLANTA—Pledging support to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and its mission of building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families, Susan Henry, a charter member of Auxiliary Unit 116, in Millington, Tenn., was elected National Commander of the quarter-million-member DAV Auxiliary today. The election of National Officers culminated the 89<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the DAV and Auxiliary in Atlanta.

Commander Henry joined the Auxiliary as a senior member in 1981. Her membership eligibility is through her late father, Robert F. Henry, a Korean War era Marine Corps veteran.

Highly active since joining the Auxiliary as a junior member, Commander Henry has held all elected Unit offices and most Unit committee chairmanships. At the State Department level, she has held an office or chairmanship since 1989 and served as State Auxiliary Commander in 1999-2000.

Nationally, she was elected 4<sup>th</sup> through 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander prior to her election as National Commander. She currently serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and has served as Chairman of the Interim Constitution and Bylaws Committee and as a member of various other convention committees.

A recipient of the Tennessee Volunteer Commendation Award, Commander Henry is a regularly scheduled volunteer at the VA medical center in Memphis and at the Millington Healthcare Center. She also volunteers for the Millington Crisis Center and the Bogota Community Center.

Commander Henry is employed as a Human Resources Business Advisor for the Safety Department of FedEx Express. Her employee volunteerism in projects such as United Way, Operation Feed and Toys for Tots earned her the FedEx Express "Walk of Fame" award in 2001. She was one of eight worldwide recipients of the award given for outstanding volunteerism in the community and professional service.

Commander Henry earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, with Honors, from Middle Tennessee State University; and her master's degree in social psychology from Purdue. She lives in Memphis.

The quarter-million-member DAV Auxiliary is a nonprofit auxiliary organization of the 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, which represents this nation's disabled veterans. The DAV and its Auxiliary are dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. For more information, visit the organization's Web site at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

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