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## **Arizona Woman Named DAV Auxiliary Member of the Year**

NEW ORLEANS—The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary has selected Valerie Lintz of Phoenix, Ariz., as its Member of the Year. The award recognizes her contributions and dedication as an outstanding member of the Auxiliary whose efforts have enhanced the goals of the Auxiliary, the Disabled American Veterans and community activities for veterans.

“Valerie is a tremendous volunteer,” said DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant Judy Hezlep. “Everything she does supports the DAV’s programs and volunteerism on behalf of veterans. She supports so many programs for the Phoenix VA medical center and volunteer services that most people would wither under the pressure, but she performs every duty with expert professionalism.”

“What makes Valerie even more remarkable is that she is visually impaired,” Hezlep said. “She relies on public transportation to travel around the city and never allows her disability to affect her work. She is truly a remarkable person.”

Lintz also volunteers to help aging and homeless veterans seeking benefits assistance. She assists them in applying for Medicare and other state and federal benefits for seniors. She provides her expertise in completing tedious, complicated and time-consuming forms to help veterans obtain Social Security, VA benefits and health care. Many of her clients are veterans who have physical and mental disabilities.

“Valerie is a caring supporter for veterans wherever she goes,” said Hezlep. “We are very proud of her accomplishments as a volunteer and a leader in the DAV Auxiliary. Her career as an Auxiliary member is exemplary among those who have received our most prestigious award.”

The Auxiliary Member of the Year Award will be presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> DAV National Convention at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, La., August 6, 2011.

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, represent our nation’s disabled veterans. They are 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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