Gone but not forgotten

A legacy of hope for tomorrow’s disabled veterans

Retired Army Maj. Thomas Spencer honors his late wife, Air Force veteran Beverly Spencer, with a legacy gift to DAV.

So many of us naturally desire that our lives continue to count for good after we are gone. We don’t want our values and influence to just evaporate into thin air.

DAV is preparing for the future, because we expect to be serving disabled veterans for generations to come. We plan to be here well beyond today, carrying forth the same mission and values your forebears knew and loved, and that you now appreciate and support.

And that is why some of our supporters, like retired Army Maj. Thomas Spencer, decide to name DAV in their estate plans. “I look around and see a lot of veterans that are not as well off
as me, and I don’t think the government does enough to help them. I go down to the VA, and I see how hard it is to get it all done and done right. I want to do anything I can do to help. After all, they didn’t get disabled of their own volition—they did it fighting for our country.”

Spencer honors his late wife Beverly, who served in the Air Force, through his legacy gift. “I think we’ve got to leave the country better than when we started.”

Whether it’s through your will, trust, or a beneficiary designation of your financial accounts or life insurance policy, you can also make a tremendous impact on the lives of many. If, like Maj. Spencer, you want to ensure the next generation of injured and ill veterans is cared for through your estate plans, please contact the Gift Planning team in the DAV Personal Philanthropy Programs office today. They will help you determine how to make the biggest impact for tomorrow’s disabled veterans while still ensuring your loved ones enjoy the security made possible by your life’s work. The beauty of bequest giving is that anyone can do it. You can make a huge difference by just naming DAV as a contingent beneficiary or even a recipient of a small percentage of your estate.

We are so very grateful for every bequest that comes in, and we never forget why we’re able to do all the great things that we do for veterans. If you’ve already named DAV (P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250) in your estate plans, please let us know. We’d love to thank you for your generous contributions and honor you through the DAV Guardian Society. Even if you prefer anonymity, notifying us of your plans is a great way to ensure that your future wishes are carried out.

Together, we can make a difference.
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