



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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

**COLD SPRING, Ky.**—DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Auxiliary has selected Shirley Ann Kosisky of Mesa Ariz., for the Past National Commander's DAV Auxiliary Member of the Year Award. The award recognizes her contributions and dedication as an outstanding member of the Auxiliary whose efforts enhance the goals of DAV, Auxiliary and community activities for veterans.

The honor will be bestowed at the 93rd DAV National Convention Aug. 9-12 at Bally's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Kosisky, a member of Auxiliary Unit 8 in Mesa, is a life member with 39 years of service on behalf of injured and ill veterans and has been described by her peers as "passionate and relentless in her service to veterans and their families."

Kosisky has extensive experience within the DAV Auxiliary including positions within Unit 8 such as Treasurer, Adjutant, Vice-Commander and Commander, as well as Department of Arizona Commander in 1989-1990.

She is also the Department Judge Advocate and the 2014 Arizona Department Convention Chairman.

She has addressed several issues affecting her local community. In 1992, Kosisky co-founded the Transitional Living Communities, a program that focuses on the needs of homeless veterans and their families. Since TLC's founding, the program has expanded into eight additional states, and Kosisky remains an active member of the board of directors.

Additionally, Kosisky was honored by the Arizona governor's office for her work combatting drug abuse and was named to the Governor's Substance Abuse Task Force where she continues battling drug-related issues that affect her state.

Auxiliary National Commander Susan Miller said Kosisky has been an inspiring and noble leader through her tenure at DAV Auxiliary.

"Throughout her nearly 40 years of DAV Auxiliary membership, Shirley has demonstrated amazing leadership qualities and a selfless commitment to all veterans and their families," Miller said. "Her actions and accomplishments speak of her dedication to serving others in her local community and within our organization."

### **About DAV**

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