



### ***Mission Statement***

*Making a difference in the lives  
of disabled veterans and their  
families*

# About DAV Auxiliary

Since 1922, the DAV Auxiliary has partnered with the DAV parent organization in their mission of service to disabled veterans and their families. This relationship has flourished and the blended organizations have achieved many victories together to improve the quality of life our veterans rightfully deserve.



# What is DAV Auxiliary

- DAV Auxiliary is an organization of men, women and children with a desire to assist disabled veterans and their families.
- Members:
  - Volunteer at VAMC's (Veteran Administration VA Medical Centers)
  - Volunteer in nursing homes
  - Visit schools
  - Volunteer in the community
  - Promote patriotism
  - Reach out to legislators for concerns related to veterans and their families.

# DAV Auxiliary Membership

- 115,000 Life members
- 3,400 Junior members
- Total membership = 119,000
- Currently we have 500 Auxiliary units nationwide.
- Three full time staff members.
- Auxiliary members participate in six main programs: Americanism, Community Service, Junior Activities, Legislative, Membership, and VAVS.
- Promotes and supports all DAV efforts to include: VA Voluntary Services, volunteer efforts, CAN, 5K, and DAV's newest program, Caregiver Support Program.

# Who is Eligible?

Answer: Almost anyone! Eligibility can come from parent, spouse, child, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, in-law, Auxiliary member, etc. If you look for it, almost everyone has eligibility.

A life membership can be secured with a \$20 down payment, we offer an affordable and flexible payment plan. Currently, our life membership rate is \$250. At this past national convention, our delegates voted and approved to increase the life rate to \$300, effective January 1, 2025. We will still offer our very flexible payment plan.

Children who are 17 or younger and those that are 80 and over receive a complimentary membership. Once the junior turns 18 years old, they will be required to start paying on a life membership. All new junior members and junior membership payments **MUST** have a parent or legal guardian signature and they **CAN** pay the \$20 down payment now to secure the lower life rate!

Those who join DAV Auxiliary lend a voice to our legislative efforts on behalf of all veterans and their families.

## Ways to sign up for membership:

- Paper application.
- Online at [www.davauxiliary.org](http://www.davauxiliary.org).
- Mobile application.
- Sponsor A Supporter link
- Contact our office where we can take your information and credit card number.
- **Sponsor A Supporter** – this is your very own individual DAV Auxiliary personalized recruiting link. This is just like the Recruit a Warrior link that you are already familiar with. You can now sign up auxiliary members!

# DAV Auxiliary Programs

**DAVA 4 Kids Program** - This program offers a one-time grant, per year, up to \$500 to children of ill or injured veterans or their legal guardian to attend a summer camp, or special activity or have a special circumstance that the family may not be able to afford.

**Family Assistance Program** - This program offers financial assistance up to \$1,000 to ill or injured veterans, their spouse or their child in dire emergency need. The program can help with items such as rent, mortgage, utilities, medical bills, hotels for homeless or near homelessness, etc.

**Caregiver Program** – This program is not established yet. We hope to have this program created and available by the end of the year.

With that being said, we support, share and advocate for the DAV Caregivers Support Program.

# DAV Auxiliary Education Program

- **Scholarships** – Awarded up to \$2,500 for full time students and up to \$750 for part-time students. Those who apply must meet the eligibility requirements.

***2024 – 17 students received scholarships for a total of \$40,000***

- **Vocational/Training Assistance Program** – Provides financial assistance to ill and injured veterans and their immediate family members seeking educational opportunities at educational facilities other than accredited colleges/universities. This program would offer assistance such as a trade school, career enhancement training class, skill improvement, personal development. Reimbursement up to \$500 after completion of the class.



# DAV Auxiliary Volunteers

- **VAVS Volunteers**
  - During 2023-2024, over 300 DAV Auxiliary members volunteered at VA Medical Centers across the nation and have volunteered more than 15,000 hours. This is a value of more than \$525,000 in support to the VA Medical Centers. Our volunteers also donated more than \$100,000 in items to veterans within the facilities.
- **Community Service program**
  - DAV Auxiliary volunteers also assist veterans and their families in the community. During the 2023-2024, 21 states reported that volunteers have logged more than 148,000 hours, driven approximately 343,000 miles, and donated over \$500,000 in goods and services.
- **Junior Members**
  - Junior members are the future of DAV Auxiliary! This year, junior members have provided more than 24,480 hours of services to their community.

*We are very proud and thankful for our dedicated volunteers!*

# DAV Auxiliary in Action

In the past year, DAV Auxiliary State Departments, Units, and Members have donated to our following programs:

- Education Program - \$25,094
- Service Program - \$27,907
- Camp Corral - \$6,130
- DAVA 4 Kids - \$23,833
- Caregiver Initiative Program - \$13,805
- Winter Sports Clinic - \$6,130
- Disaster Relief Fund - \$18,975
- Total = \$124,350

What we do with these funds.....

# What Auxiliary donations are used for?

*As of October 2023*

- **Camp Corral** - \$14,000 towards the travel for children attending camp
- **Disaster Relief** - \$33,000 towards vouchers for veterans and their families
- **Winter Sports Clinic** - \$2,500 bronze sponsor
- **Friday Night Dinners** – Donated first aid travel cases to be given out at the dinners, valued at \$2,000
- **DAVA 4 Kids** – Provided grants for twenty-six children to attend camps and activities, valued at almost \$12,000
- **Education Fund** – Awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to veteran volunteers seeking higher education.
- **Family Assistance** – Provided grants to fifteen veterans and/or their families in need, valued at \$13,000. (This program is new, went live in February of this year!)

# DAV Auxiliary Events

- **Annual DAV and DAV Auxiliary National Convention** – conducts the business of the organization, including adopting a budget, amending the Constitution and Bylaws, and electing new officers.
- **Annual DAV Auxiliary National Fall Conference** – Presentations given by the national officers and chairmen provide information about the various DAV Auxiliary programs. DAV leadership, including National Commander, are invited to speak to the conference attendees. Conference is open to all who are interested in attending.



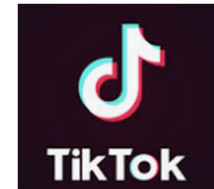
# Available Resources

- National Constitution and Bylaw book.
- Procedure and Program Manual. Excellent resource guide of all our programs and organizational information. This manual can be purchased online or by calling the DAV Store. You can find this resource on our website.
- Fall Conference booklet. This booklet has any updated changes to annual reports and up to date information.
- Of course, our website. [www.davauxiliary.org](http://www.davauxiliary.org).
- If you would like to receive our newsletter that includes updates and important information, please feel free to send us an email at [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org). We would be happy to include you!

## Ways to connect with us!



One day, maybe you will see us on



- Key word on Social Media – DAV Auxiliary
- DAV Auxiliary website – [www.davauxiliary.org](http://www.davauxiliary.org)
- Email – [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org)
- Phone – 833.368.1220



# Questions?