



**Auxiliary**  
*Making a Difference*

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***Mission Statement***

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

# 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.

# 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.

# DAV Auxiliary Membership

- 115,686 Life members
- 3,570 Junior members
- Total membership = 119,256
- Currently we have approximate 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, the 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.

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

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. We highly encourage member, as they are our future.

## **Ways to sign up for membership:**

- **Paper application.**
- **Online at [www.davauxiliary.org](http://www.davauxiliary.org).**
- **Mobile application.**
- **Contact our office where we can take your information and credit card number.**

# DAV Auxiliary Programs

**DAVA 4 Kids Program** – Brand new program! Established in December 2022, this program offers a one-time grant, per year, up to \$500 to children of a disabled veteran (living or deceased) or legal guardian to attend a summer camp, or special activity or have a special circumstance that the family may not be able to afford.

**Service Program** – This program was created in 2021, to offer assistance to a surviving spouse of a service-connected disabled veteran. This is one-time emergency assistance that allows up to \$500 to help with utilities, mortgage/rent, medical bill, etc.

**Caregiver Support** – We were supporting the Caregiver's Event at the Golf Clinic. However, this event has been discontinued. We will be working with TCARE to see how we can provide a service to caregivers to assist with a form or respite care.

# 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.

***2023 – 29 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 (dependents) 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.

***2023 - \$3,000 awarded reimbursement since inception in 2021***

# DAV Auxiliary Volunteers

- **VAVS Volunteers**
  - Since January 1, 2023, 312 DAV Auxiliary volunteers at VA Medical Centers across the nation have volunteered more than 31,280 hours. This is a value of \$936,523 in support to the VA Medical Centers.
- **Community Service program**
  - DAV Auxiliary volunteers also assist veterans and their families in the community. Since January 2023, volunteers have logged more than 350,000 hours, driven more than 700,000 miles and provided more than \$1,508,000 in donations.



# DAV Auxiliary in Action

So far in 2023, DAV Auxiliary State Departments, Units, and Members have donated to our following programs:

- Education Program - \$6,240
- Service Program - \$7,230
- Camp Corral - \$8,885
- DAVA 4 Kids - \$6,250
- Caregiver Initiative Program - \$14,995
- Winter Sports Clinic - \$2,380
- Disaster Relief Fund - \$6,947
- Total = \$52,927

What we do with these funds.....

# What Auxiliary donations are used for?

- **Camp Corral** - \$6,000 towards the travel for children attending camp
- **Disaster Relief** - \$5,000 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 three children to attend camps and activities, valued at \$1,350
- **Education Fund** – Awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to veteran volunteers seeking higher education.

# 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

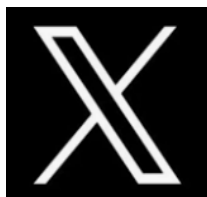
- National Constitution and Bylaw book.
- Procedure and Program Manual. Excellent resource guide of all our programs and organizational information. Currently, this manual is sold out. You can find this resource on our website. In the next few months, this manual will be updated.
- Fall Conference booklet. 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).

# Social Media

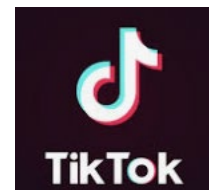
- Almost 10,000 Facebook followers.
- Join the page if you haven't already.
- Making several postings a week. Always encouraging our units to brag a little about what they are doing so we can showcase them in e-newsletters and/or social media.
- They don't like to brag, but sometimes we find something on social media that we can follow up on.
- Sample analytics from a one week period of September 4 – 10, 2023:
  - 1,391 visits
  - 34.11% new visitors
  - 43.9% returning visitors



# 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?