

DAV AUXILIARY



DAV Auxiliary Mission Statement

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

What is the DAV Auxiliary

- At DAV's first national convention in 1921, the formation of an Auxiliary was approved after an impassioned speech by one of the convention delegates.
- We are a nonprofit association founded in 1922 by those who saw a need for assistance to the families, widows and orphans of disabled veterans, as well as the veterans themselves.
- The national Auxiliary programs are not funded by the United States government, but depend totally on dues and contributions of its membership.
- The DAV Auxiliary is nonpolitical and does not endorse political candidates.

The DAV Auxiliary

- National headquarters is located in the DAV headquarters building.
- Two full-time staff members presently.
- As of June 6, 2023, there were 3,530 junior members and 128,189 life members, for a total of 131,719 members.
- Approximately 510 auxiliary units nationwide.
- Members participate in six main programs: Membership, Americanism, Community Service, Legislative, Junior Activities, and VAVS.

Who Can Belong

- Family and extended family members of:
 - any person (or any deceased person) eligible for membership in the DAV.
 - any person injured and may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States of America and eligible for membership in the DAV.
 - any person who served with the armed forces of any nation associated with the United States of America as an ally, was honorably discharged, and became an American citizen.
 - any person who has served in the armed forces of the United States of America and has not been dishonorably discharged or separated from such service.
- The family and extended family of Auxiliary members.
- No honorary or social members.



DAV Auxiliary Membership

Those who join DAV Auxiliary, lend voice to our legislative efforts on behalf of all veterans and their families. A life membership can be secured at any age with a \$20 down payment and a flexible membership payment plan.

The DAV Auxiliary encourages junior member involvement in all programs of the organization. Learning by example, juniors experience first-hand the rewards of volunteerism and service to the community as well as the significance of honoring our nation's veterans. Children who are age 17 or younger may belong to the Auxiliary's Junior organization free of charge.

DAV Auxiliary in Action

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

- **Education Program - \$510**
- **Service Program - \$630**
- **Camp Corral - \$1,030**
- **DAVA 4 Kids - \$1,700**
- **Caregiver Initiative Program - \$1,630**
- **Winter Sports Clinic - \$450**
- **Disaster Relief Fund - \$1,522**
- **Total - \$7,472**



What we do with these funds....

DAV Auxiliary in Action

Take a glimpse into what we have been able to support!

Camp Corral - \$5,000 towards the travel for children attendees

Disaster Relief - \$20,000 towards vouchers for veterans and their families

COVID-19 Relief - \$5,000 towards veterans who lost their employment during the pandemic

Winter Sports Clinic - \$2,500 bronze sponsor

National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic - \$5,000 bronze sponsor for Caregiver Events

Friday Night Dinners – Donated travel cases with various first aid supplies valued at over \$2,000

DAVA 4 Kids – Provided grants for two children to attend summer camps*

Education Fund – Awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to veteran volunteers seeking higher education

DAV Auxiliary Programs

- **Service Program:** While all of our programs are considered service to advance the interests and work for the betterment of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans and their families, we offer an emergency financial assistance program for a surviving spouse of a service-connected disabled veteran. This one-time emergency assistance allows up to \$500 (utilities, mortgage/rent, medical, etc.)

Since the programs inception in late 2021, we have helped with direct aid!

- **Caregiver Support:** We understand the sacrifices made by veteran caregivers and advocate on their behalf in favor of legislation benefiting caregivers.

Since the programs inception, we have supported in-person caregiver events held in conjunction with adaptive sporting events. We are looking to expand this program in 2023.

DAV Auxiliary Education Program

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

\$40,000 awarded to 29 students in 2023

- ▶ **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 such as trade schools, career enhancement training, skill improvement, personal development. Reimbursement after course completion up to \$500.

▶ *\$2,500 awarded since inception in 2021*

- ▶ **DAVA 4 Kids**: Provides grants to youth 3-17 with financial need who desire to attend a camp or extra curricular activity. Applicants may receive up to \$500, and must be the child of a service connected disabled veteran or guardian.

▶ *\$1,000 awarded since inception in December 2022*

DAV Auxiliary Volunteers



▶ VAVS Volunteers

- ▶ Since January 1, 2021, 312 DAV Auxiliary volunteers at VA Medical Centers across the nation have volunteered more than 19,650 hours. This is a value of \$588,517 in support to the VA Medical Centers!

▶ Community Service Program

- ▶ DAV Auxiliary volunteers also assist veterans and their families in the community. Since 2022, volunteers have logged more than 415,000 hours, driven more than 900,000 miles, and donated \$1,275,015.98 in donations.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers!

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.



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