

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership is encouraged for those who want to be permanent members of DAV Auxiliary. The life membership fee includes all dues, fees and assessments for the member's lifetime. Fees are based on the member's age as follows:

Ages 30 and under... \$250	Ages 61-70 ..... \$180
Ages 31-45..... \$230	Ages 71-79 ..... \$140
Ages 46-60..... \$200	Ages 80 and older.... Free

Junior membership is complimentary through age 17, or start a life membership for \$20 down.

State \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
REQUIRED

NEW LIFE (\$20 down payment)  JUNIOR LIFE (\$20 down payment)

LIFE PAYMENT  NEW JUNIOR (complimentary)  JUNIOR LIFE PAYMENT

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*IF THIS IS A LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT, SKIP TO THE SIGNATURE LINE.*

Eligibility Through:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR'S CODE # \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

AE/ VISA/ MC/ DISCOVER # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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COLD SPRING, KY 41076**

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## Who Belongs in the DAV Auxiliary?

- Family and extended family members of veterans who were disabled or died in military service.
- Family and extended family members of veterans who have served in the military without sustaining injury.
- Family and extended family members of those in active military service.
- Family and extended family of Auxiliary members who are not otherwise eligible for membership.
- DAV members.

Every person who is eligible should belong to the DAV Auxiliary if they believe in protecting the rights of disabled veterans and their families.

## DAV Auxiliary Membership

By joining DAV Auxiliary, your support lends 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. This life membership seals your commitment to the Auxiliary, your veteran and your family.

## Junior Membership

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.

Remember, if you or a member of your family needs help with veterans benefits or services, contact the DAV National Service Office nearest you. If you need the address and phone number of your nearest DAV National Service Office, call 202-554-3501, write to: National Service Department, DAV, 807 Maine Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20024, or visit our website at [dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office](http://dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office).



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## Auxiliary

*Making a Difference*

**For more information about DAV Auxiliary programs and services contact:**

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**H**ave you ever felt as if injured and ill veterans have been forgotten? Sadly, when the guns of battle fall silent, too many people tend to forget about war...and about those who fought. Even our politicians begin to forget. Our injured heroes are a constant reminder of their sacrifices in defense of our ideals—the quality and fullness of our American way of life. We can never forget that.

The DAV Auxiliary was founded in 1922 by those driven by a mission to fulfill our promises to the men and women who served, by assuring they were not forgotten by our nation and its policy-makers. The DAV Auxiliary still serves today, helping the families of veterans who sacrificed so much for our country.

Making sure America remembers its veterans is critical, and the Auxiliary is a powerful voice in safeguarding benefits promised to our nation's heroes. We are a strong and influential advocate for veterans' rights. We fight for those rights on Capitol Hill, promoting policies that ensure veterans and their families can live with respect and dignity. When it comes to veteran families and the caregivers who dedicate their lives to caring for their beloved veterans, DAV Auxiliary recognizes this unwavering commitment and encourages members to remind legislators of the benefits all veteran caregivers deserve.

There are many great reasons to join the DAV Auxiliary: exclusive member benefits, exceptional volunteer programs, an opportunity to serve veterans and their families directly, a chance to help others in your community and much, much more. But the most important reason for joining the DAV Auxiliary is the pressing need to protect the benefits veterans have earned for the people they care most about—their families.

Your membership strengthens the DAV Auxiliary in its ongoing efforts to defend against benefit deterioration. Just belonging to the Auxiliary accomplishes so much—long before you attend your first meeting.

Join us in standing up for veterans by making sure their voices are heard in Congress. Together we can send a strong and clear message to all national leaders who would ignore the sacrifices made in defense of our country. Help keep our nation mindful of the needs of the families of injured and ill veterans.

## Be as active as you want to be...

You decide how active you want to be in the DAV Auxiliary. Everyone has different demands on their time. Many who work and have families to care for have precious little time. Others have considerable time and welcome opportunities to serve. If you have time to help in the Auxiliary's work, there is plenty for you to do. But if you can only support the Auxiliary through your membership, we welcome you!

Activities in the DAV Auxiliary's local Units vary widely. Several examples of service you can be involved in are:

### Volunteer Work at Veterans Hospitals

In 2014, DAV Auxiliary members donated 121,958 hours of their time to work with patients at veterans hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and domiciliaries. Some are regularly scheduled volunteers with an amazing variety of assigned duties. Others share in entertainment functions organized by their Auxiliary Units. Either way, nothing says more about our Auxiliary members' commitment to serving those who have paid the price for America's freedom.

### Community Service

Auxiliary Units provide various direct-service programs to help veterans and their families in communities nationwide.

### Educational Assistance

Fully paid Auxiliary life members meeting the eligibility requirements can apply for a National DAV Auxiliary scholarship. Many Auxiliary state Departments and local Units conduct similar educational programs.

### Americanism

Many Auxiliary members are involved in non-political programs to encourage good citizenship and patriotism.

### Legislative Action

Whenever the rights and benefits of wounded, ill and injured veterans and their families are under threat, the DAV Auxiliary stands strong. Nowhere is this more evident than in the arena of legislation affecting disabled veterans and their families. Time and again, DAV Auxiliary members save the day when measures being considered in Washington, D.C., endanger the benefits our families need. They do it by writing the letters, sending the e-mails and

making the phone calls to convince elected officials that our injured heroes and their families deserve only the best treatment a grateful nation can provide.

### Service Program

DAV Auxiliary and service go hand-in-hand. Service is the commodity all Auxiliary members are prepared to offer when called upon to do so. This service fund is made up of a portion of the mandate from every unit and state department, plus generous donations from units, state departments and individuals.

The Service Program has helped many members with nowhere else to turn and was established to assist DAV Auxiliary senior members who may be in need of temporary financial assistance, provided they have been a member for at least one year.

## A Tradition of Service

The programs above are but a sample of what you can do through the DAV Auxiliary. The best way to find out more about how you can make a difference is to get involved yourself. Go to a DAV Auxiliary Unit meeting and you will see what we mean.

## Gifts

The DAV Auxiliary functions through the generosity of its members and donors. Our growth is a direct indication of those generous contributors and the support they show for the Auxiliary. You can give to our organization by becoming a member, donating what you can to fund our programs, or through bequests. A bequest is a legacy, one that reveals impactful dedication and serves as a monumental gift for the organization. The DAV Auxiliary would be honored to be a representation of that legacy.

**Vision Statement:** The DAV Auxiliary is committed to supporting the principles of DAV and fulfilling the purpose and goals to which our organization is devoted. As advocates for the well-being of disabled veterans and their families, we are dedicated to the pursuance of veterans legislative initiatives, instilling patriotism in our fellow Americans, promoting youth involvement in all programs and encouraging voluntary service.