

Membership Application

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Annual Membership

Annual membership is offered on a fiscal year basis, July 1 through June 30. Dues for this type of membership are **\$15 a year**. Dues must be paid each year to continue this type of membership.

Life Membership

Life membership is encouraged for those who want to be permanent members of the 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:

- Age 18-30 \$250
- Age 31-45 \$230
- Age 46-60 \$200
- Age 61-70 \$180
- Age 71 - 79 \$140
- Age 80 or older Free

Join the DAV Auxiliary Today!

The DAV Auxiliary... Serving the families of disabled veterans!

Have you ever felt as if the disabled veteran in your life has 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. But, you can't forget. The disabled veteran in your life is a constant reminder of the blood spilled, bodies maimed and minds scarred in defense of our nation and loved ones. You'll never forget that.

That's why women related to disabled veterans got together in 1922 to found the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. The DAV Auxiliary still serves today, helping the families of veterans who sacrificed so much for our country in the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and other armed conflicts.

Making sure America remembers its disabled defenders is a challenging mission, especially when powerful people in Washington, D.C., attack benefits families of disabled veterans depend on. The process of forgetting was all too swift in the aftermath of Vietnam. The erosion of veterans' programs continued right through the Persian Gulf War and still goes on. Benefits your family counts on face immediate danger, right now.

There are lots of great reasons to join the DAV Auxiliary: terrific volunteer programs, an opportunity to serve disabled 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 quite simple. There's a pressing need to protect the benefits the disabled veteran in your life has earned for the people you care most about - your family!

Your membership strengthens the DAV Auxiliary in its battle to defend your family from the deterioration of the benefits which help buy the groceries and pay the rent or mortgage. Just belonging to the Auxiliary accomplishes so much - long before you attend your first meeting. It also helps protect families of other disabled vets, many of whom are less fortunate than yours.

Take a stand against those who want to forget about what war has done to the lives of so many veterans, including the veteran you love. Send a strong and clear message to all national leaders who would ignore the sacrifices that your loved one has made for our country. Keep our nation mindful of the needs of your family and the families of other disabled vets.

*Service for veterans and families
past, present and future.*

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Last Name _____ Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Name of Related Disabled Veteran _____ Your Relationship to Veteran _____ Veteran's Service Dates, VA Claim Number, and DAV Membership Number, if known: _____ Applicant's Date of Birth (required) _____ Amount Paid \$ _____ Auxiliary Unit Number _____ State _____ Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____ Sponsor's Membership Number _____	First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ <input type="checkbox"/> New Life Membership (Min. \$40 down payment) <input type="checkbox"/> New Annual Membership Year: July 1, 20__ to June 30, 20__ <input type="checkbox"/> My check is enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Charge my credit card in the amount of: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> AE <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____ Telephone _____
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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's plenty for you to do. But if you can only support the Auxiliary through your membership, we welcome you too.

Activities in the DAV Auxiliary's 1,000 local units vary widely. Several examples of service you can be involved in are:

Volunteer work at veterans' hospitals

DAV Auxiliary members donate more than one and a half million hours of their time each year to volunteer work with patients at veterans' hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and domiciliaries. Some are regularly scheduled volunteers with an amazing variety of assigned volunteer 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've paid the price for America's freedom.

Legislative action

Whenever rights and benefits of disabled veterans and their families are under threat, the DAV Auxiliary is in there fighting. Nowhere is this more evident than in the arena of legislation affecting 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 telegrams, and making the phone calls which convince elected officials that disabled veterans and their families deserve only the best treatment a grateful nation can provide.

Community Service

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

Educational assistance

The National DAV Auxiliary provides interest-free loans to full-paid Auxiliary life members through an education loan fund. Many Auxiliary state departments and local units conduct similar educational loan and grant programs.

Americanism

Many Auxiliary members are involved in non-political programs to encourage good citizenship and patriotism. For example, we support the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, through workshops and seminars for teachers.



Service Program

The 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. The Auxiliary Service Program began with a bylaw amendment approved on the floor of the National Convention in San Francisco, California, in August of 1993.



This service fund is made up of a portion of the mandate from every unit and state department, plus generous donations from units, departments and individuals.

The Service Program helps any senior member of the DAV Auxiliary who may need temporary financial assistance.

The Service Program has helped many members with nowhere else to turn.

A tradition of service

The programs above are but an inkling 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'll see what we mean.

Who belongs in the DAV Auxiliary?

Spouses, surviving spouses, parents, siblings, children, grandparents, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of vets who were disabled or died in military service, as well as veterans who belong to the DAV.

Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Auxiliary members, who are 17 or under, may belong to the Auxiliary's



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

The Auxiliary needs you and you need the DAV Auxiliary.

There are two types of membership in the DAV Auxiliary – annual membership and life membership. Information about both are on the application on the back of this brochure. Your annual membership will lend strong support to our battle to defend disabled veterans and families like your own. And with a life membership, you'll seal your commitment to the Auxiliary, your veteran and your family for life.

For more information about DAV Auxiliary programs and services contact:



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Remember too ~ 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, write to: National Service Department, Disabled American Veterans, 807 Maine Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC. 20024 or call (202) 554-3501.