



### Ellen Timmerman Elected National Commander



Ellen Timmerman was elected National Commander of the DAV Auxiliary at the 2018 National Convention in Reno, Nevada. She is eligible for membership through her husband, Tim, a Viet Nam Veteran, and father, A. Burl Jackson, a WWII Navy Veteran.

Mrs. Timmerman joined the DAV Auxiliary in 2005, and immediately sprang into action. She is a proud member of Eugene P. Long Unit #32, New Mexico, and Clyde E. Seiler Unit #21, Colorado. She has served as Unit Commander, SEC, and eleven terms as Unit Adjutant. She was elected to the offices of Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Commander of the State Department of New Mexico, where she served six terms as State Adjutant, as well convention chairman.

Nationally, Ellen has served as 17<sup>th</sup> District National Executive Committee member, was elected to the organization's National Finance Committee, serving one term as committee chairman. She was elected to each National Junior Vice Commander position and National Senior Vice Commander, serving as the chairman to each respective committee.

Ellen's theme, *"Together, we can achieve more,"* encompasses her passion for DAV and DAV Auxiliary growth, while emphasizing the importance of unity within the organization and also in our communities. She is focused on promoting the organization's programs, including the new Caregiver Initiative which she hopes to see grow and expand in the coming years.

Born and raised in New Mexico, Mrs. Timmerman met her husband a few months before he was deployed to Viet Nam while she attended Eastern New Mexico University located near the Air Force base where he was stationed. They married in 1969 and have two children, Jackie and Chad, and three grandchildren, Dayson, Timothy, and Isabella. All are members of DAV Auxiliary and are dedicated to the mission of the organization.

When not busy representing the organization or cheering on her grandchildren at school events, Ellen is an avid quilter and often times donates them to fund raisers, or gives them to family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman reside in Farmington, New Mexico.

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### 2018-2019 National Officers

*Announcing the newly elected national officers:*

- National Commander – Ellen Timmerman, New Mexico
- Senior Vice Commander – Diane Franz, Florida
- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander – Lynn Helms Prosser, South Carolina
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Commander – Darlene Spence, Texas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Vice Commander – Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, California
- 4<sup>th</sup> Junior Vice Commander – AnnMarie Hurley, Massachusetts
- National Judge Advocate – Paula Raymond, Illinois

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### 2018 National Convention Donations

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| Caregiver Initiative Program - \$4,981.00       | Fall Conference Gift - \$50.00         |
| Education Scholarship Fund - \$2,250.00         | Freedoms Foundation - \$100.00         |
| DAVA 4 Kids - \$650.00                          | Service/Support Fund - \$2,085.00      |
| Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project - \$50.00 | Caregiver Ribbon Campaign - \$2,329.75 |

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

## National Chairmen and Appointees

National Commander Ellen Timmerman made the following appointments with the approval of the National Executive Committee:

National Chaplain – Aura-Lee Nicodemus, New Hampshire  
History Chairman – Jackie Timmerman-Glass, New Mexico  
Interim Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Judy Steinhouse, Chairman, North Dakota  
Chris Easley, Texas; Sylvia Heath, Maine  
Junior Activities – Icilda Marley, Missouri  
Sgt. At Arms – Marilyn Hogue, Colorado  
VAVS Representative – Melissa Pierce, Iowa  
VAVS Deputy Representative – Victoria Salazar, New Mexico; Ann Glende, Kentucky  
Education Scholarship Fund Chrm. – William “Craig” Johniken, Texas  
Caregiver Initiative Program – Melissa Pierce, Iowa  
Caregiver Initiative Program Coordinator – Bunny Clos, Kentucky  
Dispute Resolutions – Sandy Dobmeier, North Dakota; William “Craig” Johniken, Texas  
National Adjutant – Pat Kemper, Kentucky  
National Assistant Adjutant – Bunny Clos, Kentucky

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## 2018 National Fall Conference

The annual National Fall Conference will be held September 27 – 29, 2018, in Lexington, Kentucky. This year we are excited to offer the following:

- Health and Wellness fair on Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Many local and national companies will be joining us to talk one-on-one with members.
- Patriotic Night – To kick-off the conference, on Thursday, September 27, show your patriotism by wearing your red, white, and blue! The more creative, the better.
- Be Good Sports – On Friday, September 28, we will be hosting a series of “Be Good Sports” discussions that will allow members to learn more about each other and their units. Come with an open mind and be ready to learn! All attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite sports attire.
- Hospitality Night – We will once again be hosting a hospitality night on Friday, September 28. After dinner be prepared to be entertained by a local comedian and be amazed as we wrap up the evening with a magician that is not only talented but funny!
- Fun Night – What better way to bring the conference to close than by having a night of relaxation and fun! Put on your dancing shoes as we dance the night away with a local DJ, and be prepared to sing some of your favorite songs during karaoke.

This year we will also be accepting pre-registration for those attending conference! Within a few short weeks, members will be able to access the system, register attendees, and pay. Those who pre-register will be able to bypass the registration line and pick up their conference bag and badge. Online pre-registration will require your membership number, as well as the membership number for anyone they wish to register. Watch social media (Facebook/Twitter) for registration announcement and information.

The registration cost for conference this year will be \$60.00, and will include the conference bag, booklet, flash drive, Friday evening hospitality night, and Saturday evening fun night. Those wishing to only attend the Friday evening hospitality night will be charged \$45.00.

As of the date of this publication, the conference hotel has met capacity. We are diligently working to find an overflow hotel; however, weekend events throughout Lexington are causing some difficulty in finding locations that are near the conference hotel. We will continue to update members via social media of additional hotel accommodations if they are acquired.