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 17th 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.

2018-2019 National Officers

Announcing the newly elected national officers:

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

2018 National Convention Donations

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