

# DAV Auxiliary Headquarters News



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*This Halloween, treat disabled Veterans and their families with a Halloween gift bag filled with items such as: gift cards for meals or groceries or even a cup of coffee. Sweet treats for those who can have them. A deck of cards, gloves for the coming winter months, package of tissues, hand sanitizer. The list goes on! Be creative!*

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## From the Desk of National Commander Lynn Helms Prosser

Once in a LIFETIME!!! It was an honor and privilege to attend the DAV Building Dedication and Centennial Celebration that began Monday, September 27, 2021, at the amazing new DAV/DAVA Headquarters in Erlanger, Kentucky. Very few words can describe the ingenuity of the entire complex. Not only is it modern, beautiful, and efficient, the entire history of the DAV and Auxiliary is revealed throughout the building, courtyard, and honor garden, giving tribute to the service and sacrifices of disabled veterans. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, honored guest, Erlanger Mayor Jessica Fette, welcomed and embraced the DAV Headquarters moving to her city. Please visit the DAV website for more information and pictures.



The Centennial Celebration, marking 100 years of service and support for America's injured and ill veterans and their families was held September 28, 2021, at the Cincinnati Music Hall featuring the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra conducted by John Russell, vocalist Melinda Doolittle and the West Point Glee Club. The beauty of the Music Hall, the reception, the patriotic speeches, and music was again an experience that words can hardly describe. The entire event celebrated the DAV's historical milestone and gave honor to the millions of brave men and women that served, sacrificed and protected our country.

National DAV Auxiliary Fall Conference held in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, started September 29, 2021, and was my next exciting event. I want to thank our members and guests that attended and a big "thank you" to National Adjutant Pat Kemper, Assistant National Adjutant Bunny Clos and their staff, National Officers and Committee Chairmen for making it all happen. We had a great attendance and I personally, as your Commander, want to thank all of you for making the conference a great success. Members received the new DAVA Bylaws book and newly revised Procedure Manual filled with valuable information. You can find them on our DAVA website and/or order copies from [davstore.org](http://davstore.org). These two sources of information are priceless and will aid members at all levels to successfully navigate and understand all facets of our DAV Auxiliary. Working together as a team will make us stronger and ensure we fulfill our Mission: Making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families. "We are committed to supporting the principles of the Disabled American Veterans and fulfilling the purpose and goals to which our organization cherishes and is devoted."

## COMRADESHIP, LOYALTY, DEVOTION and SERVICE

Thank you for all that you are doing in your communities to assist veterans and their families and your dedication to ensuring our organization's success.

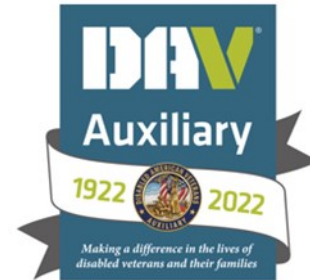
May God bless our veterans, our military, especially those serving in harms way, their families and may we always stay "America Strong"!



**Auxiliary**  
*Making a Difference*

Sign up a new life member with a minimum \$20 down payment and be entered into a cash drawing on July 1, 2022!

Don't forget about Junior life members!



*A century of making a difference  
in the lives of disabled veterans  
and their families.*

**Recruiters can win one of the following cash prizes!**

**\$250 ~ \$100 ~ \$100 ~ \$50**

*Your chance of winning increases with each new member you recruit!*

Share the incentive news and encourage others to sign up new members for a chance to win, but more importantly to build a strong membership to carry out our mission. Membership is vital to fulfilling our organization's mission of service.

**Life membership rate is \$250.**

A \$20 down payment starts a new life membership with an indefinite period of time to pay the balance. Options are available for automatic withdrawal for monthly or quarterly payments.

Visit [davauxiliary.org](http://davauxiliary.org) to sign up.

Remember: Membership is complimentary for those 80 years of age and older, and for Juniors through age 17.

Families are encouraged to start a life membership for junior members

## Ask your National Commander!

Welcome to the “Ask your Commander” corner! Each month, we will dedicate time to answer questions that we most commonly receive. If you have a questions, please send it to us at [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org). No question is too big or too small.

**Q: Who are the authorized signers on unit bank account(s)?**

**A:** The Treasurer establishes and maintains a bank account in the name of the Unit, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. The three required authorized Unit signatures shall be the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Treasurer.

**Q: Who can contact the bank concerning the unit bank account?**

**A:** Any of the three authorized account signers have the authority to check or review the account status.

**Q: Can a grandchild of a disabled veteran apply for the DAV Auxiliary Scholarship or Vocational/Training Assistance Reimbursement Program?**

**A:** A grandchild may apply for the Education Scholarship. Applicants for the Vocational/Training Assistance Reimbursement Program must be a disabled veteran, their spouse or child. (See pages 37-38 in the Procedure and Program Manual for requirements and information for application forms or call the National DAVA office.)

**Q: Can units have debit cards or credit cards?**

**A:** No. Debit/credit cards may not be used.

**Q: If our unit has internal problems, who can we contact for guidance?**

**A:** Even though this question was answered last month, it is worth reiterating. The unit should always follow the chain of command. If the issue cannot be resolved at the unit level, the auxiliary state department should be contacted. Should a state department not be able to resolve the issue, it should then be brought to the attention of national headquarters. Any request should be submitted in writing with as much detail as possible.

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## Past National Commander Barbara Maldet

DAV Auxiliary Past National Commander Barbara Maldet of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, passed away September 3, 2021. She help many unit, state, and national offices culminating in her 1992 election to the organization’s highest office at the 70th national convention in Reno, Nevada.

After joining DAV Auxiliary in 1980, Barbara became mindful of the needs of disabled veterans and their families and, along with her husband, Joseph, a U.S. Navy veteran, worked tirelessly to carry out the DAV/DAV Auxiliary mission. While her husband served as State Adjutant for the DAV State Department of Pennsylvania, she became their office manager, a position she held for ten years. Later, she was appointed Administrative Assistant at the DAV Auxiliary national headquarters office in Cold Spring, Ky.

Always possessing a fervency for compassion, Mrs. Maldet was a registered nurse and prior to her involvement in DAV/DAV Auxiliary, she cared for geriatric and terminally ill patients. It was that compassion that inspired her advocacy and care for ill and injured veterans and their families.

Barbara was mother to Matthew and Mark Maldet, and doted on her two grandsons.



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## Reminders

- Annual Financial Reports for the 2020-2021 financial year were due September 30, 2021.
- DAV Auxiliary bylaw books are available for purchase through [davstore.org](http://davstore.org).

*"You make a living  
by what you get.  
You make a life by  
what you give."*

~Winston Churchill

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

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**"Lighting the Pathway for DAV and DAV Auxiliary"**

### Save the Date:

2022 National Convention  
August 6—9, 2022  
Hyatt Regency Orlando  
9801 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Telephone: 407.284.1234

\$149 Single/Double

*The Auxiliary NEC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, and the District meetings will be Friday, August 5. Please plan accordingly.*

**Make your reservations early to avoid sell out! They can be cancelled in the future if you're unable to attend!**

### Save the Date:

2022 National Fall Conference  
September 29—October 1, 2022  
Lexington Embassy Suites  
1801 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY 40511  
Telephone: 859.455.5000

\$149.00 Single/Double  
\$169.00 Triple/Quad

All rates will include complimentary parking, Wi-Fi, breakfast, and evening manager reception.

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### National Commander Testimonial Dinner

The testimonial dinner honoring National Commander Lynn Helms Prosser will be held March 19, 2022, at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Room rates are \$150 per night plus applicable taxes. For reservations, call 800.876.0010; identify yourself as an attendee of the "DAV Auxiliary" and use SRP Code "DAV."

Additional information will be forthcoming.

### Tell us your Story!

Every unit has a "story." While we are still living with social distancing measures and other COVID-related restrictions, units are finding ways to serve the veteran community. If your unit is one of those, tell us your story. We'd love to share your project so that others can adopt some of those successful experiences and spread the love and appreciation to ill and injured veterans and their families. We are in this together! Send photos and project description to [dava@dav.org](mailto:dava@dav.org).