

DAV Auxiliary Newsletter



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Membership by Kathleen Wenthe, National Membership Chairman

DAV Auxiliary Membership: The Heartbeat of Our Mission

The DAV Auxiliary is more than just an organization—it's a family united in service, compassion, and support for America's disabled veterans and their families. Our strength has always come from our members, and today more than ever, we need to grow that strength. Membership is not just a number—it's a lifeline to the programs and advocacy that make a difference in the lives of those who served.

Every member brings value. Whether you're active in your Unit or a quiet supporter, your membership keeps our voice loud, our efforts visible, and our mission moving forward. Without new members, our ability to serve and advocate diminishes over time. That's why recruitment isn't just a task—it's essential.

We must grow to stay strong, vibrant, and effective. New members ensure fresh energy, new ideas, and continuity of our mission. When you ask someone to join, you're inviting them into a legacy of service and giving them the opportunity to help make a meaningful impact.

Recruiting has never been more rewarding! When you bring in just five (5) new members, you'll be entered for a chance to **win a 5-day, 4-night luxurious vacation stay in Fort Myers Beach, Florida**—just minutes from San Carlos Island. Relax in style and enjoy two **airfare credits up to \$500 each** to make your journey even easier.

When someone joins as a **life member**, they can apply **\$50 toward the lifetime membership cost of \$300**. That's a head start toward becoming part of our community. Plus, all new life members recruited with \$50 down before **June 30, 2025**, will be entered into a **drawing where two lucky winners will have the remainder of their life membership paid in full by DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters!**

It's Easy to Recruit—Just Ask! Recruiting doesn't need to be complicated. Sometimes all it takes is **just asking** someone to join. Let them know why you're a member and how they can make a difference too.

To sponsor a supporter, simply go to auxiliary.dav.org/sponsor-a-supporter, input your membership number, and you'll find the QR code that makes signing up quick and easy.

Our mission depends on the strength of our membership. By bringing in new members, you're not just growing our numbers—you're ensuring that the DAV Auxiliary continues to be a powerful force for good for years to come.

Let's move forward together. Let's recruit. Let's grow. Let's continue to stand strong for our veterans and their families.

VAVS by Patty Davis, National VAVS Chairman

Have you ever approached your CDCE (Voluntary Services) Office and the Program Manager told you, "sorry, we don't have a need for donations right now?" Did it make your unit feel defeated? Well, has your unit ever thought about starting their own program within the VA?

Believe it or not, programs can be easy to start. Whether it's bingo with patients on the 3rd Tuesday, coffee carts in the waiting rooms on Mondays, or stopping by patient rooms with everyday needed items that they can choose from, with the approval from the CDCE (Voluntary Services), the sky is the limit. You can even include your chapter and neighboring units/chapters to help in making your program a success. As a reminder, be sure to follow all guidelines set forth by the VA before starting any project. Once you have your project started, don't forget to share it so others can build off of it, too.

I'd like to thank units in New Mexico and Florida for their outstanding work within the VA's in their area. They always keep the veterans first and are helping when they can. Keep up the great job!

Americanism by Carolyn Harris, National Americanism Chairman

We started out the year with this simple question, “Where is Americanism?” Throughout the year, units and members have promoted Americanism, shown Americanism and shared Americanism.

Americanism is:

- at local schools where units sponsored essay contest
- hosting programs like the meaning of Flag Day and the history behind Veterans Day
- hosting Special Americanism events honoring Veterans and their families
- observing all patriotic holidays and displaying the American Flag
- encouraging members and others to vote, promoting civic awareness
- working within your community to remember and support our veterans

Yes, we started this year with the question, “Where is Americanism?” The answer to that question is Americanism is everywhere. As this fiscal year for the DAV Auxiliary comes to an end on June 30, Americanism will continue on.

In the upcoming days and month we will celebrate and remember many more days where Americanism is shown.

June—PTSD Awareness Month

June 6 – Anniversary of the D-Day Landing at Normandy

June 14 – U.S. Army Birthday

June 14 – Flag Day

June 23 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

July 4 – Independence Day

The list goes on and on with many more Military Holidays and observances through out the remainder of the year. Let us continue to observe and promote these days with pride. Let us continue to show Americanism in everything that we do and invite and share the spirit of Americanism with others.

The spotlight remains on Americanism—promote it, show it, share it!

2025 National Convention

Join us for the 2025 DAV and DAV Auxiliary National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 9-12, 2025. The convention will take place at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, which includes the Horseshoe Las Vegas, 3655 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV, 89109. Room rates are \$159 for single or double occupancy, plus applicable taxes. To make a reservation, please call 702-946-7000 or 877-796-2096. The group name is **Disabled American Veterans**, the Standard Block Code is **SPDAV5** or the Accessible Block Code is **SPDAV5E**. You can also reserve your room [online](#). Accessible rooms are available in the block at either Paris or Horseshoe. Please note that upon booking your reservation, your credit card will be charged a deposit equal to the first night’s room and tax. **This one night deposit is non-refundable.**

The DAV room block will remain open until one of the following occurs: the rooms sell out or upon reaching the cut-off date of Monday, July 7, 2025. If you book your room within the DAV room block, you will qualify for these discounts:

- ♦ DAV discounted room rate of \$159/night
- ♦ Waived \$49.95 (plus tax) daily Resort Fee which entitles guests to unlimited local calls, two (2) guest admission to fitness center (does not include use of the hotel spa), and in-room internet access for two devices
- ♦ Complimentary self-parking over program dates of 8/4—8/14/25
- ♦ Waived fees for additional occupants in the room, up to four (4) maximum

DAV rate **discounts** cannot be combined with any other Caesars Rewards/Salute discounts. However, charges paid by you are eligible to earn credits to your Caesars Rewards account.

Scooter rentals are available at a reduced rate through Desert Medical Equipment. For reservations, please call 866-711-9171. Electric wheelchairs start at \$152 for the week, and manual wheelchairs start at \$85 for the week.

NEW FOR 2025—Join us for, “A Legacy of Service—the Forget-Me-Not National Commanders Testimonial Luncheon.” DAV Auxiliary National Commander Christopher Easley has elected to combine his testimonial dinner with the Forget-Me-Not luncheon. We hope you will plan to join us on Monday, August 11, in the Skyview Rooms 5-6, 26th Floor, Horseshoe Hotel, as we celebrate Commander Easley. The luncheon is \$65 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance, and no later than July 11, 2025.

Watch [Facebook](#), our [website](#), and the newsletter for convention information! See you in Vegas!