

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. *—Theodore Roosevelt*



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DAV personal philanthropy programs







giving back by **giving** results.

When you look around you, it isn't hard to realize that your way of life—your family, your community, your nation—**all of them exist today due to the hard work and sacrifices of millions of courageous men and women in America's armed services.** You might even say we owe them a debt that can never actually be repaid. But, we are determined to try, and you can help. DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is the nation's oldest and largest service organization dedicated to helping disabled veterans of all war eras. Through benefits claim assistance, rehabilitation, counseling and employment programs, transportation services and more, **no other organization has helped more veterans live life to the fullest than DAV.**

Every single service offered by DAV is provided to veterans, their families and survivors at absolutely no cost. **But we receive no government funding.** In fact, DAV fills the gap between what America's injured veterans need and what the government provides. **These essential services are made possible only by the extraordinary generosity of caring individuals who want to ensure that America fulfills its promises to the men and women who have served.**

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the various ways DAV impacts veterans' lives. It will become clear how every contribution makes a real, lasting difference.

National Service Officers heroes helping heroes

Each VA disability claim filed by a veteran represents a sacrifice that was made in defense of our American way of life.

Unfortunately, the claims process can be incredibly complex and difficult to navigate. Guidance in this arena is at the core of DAV's services. DAV professionals provide expert assistance with hundreds of thousands of claims annually.

DAV places highly skilled veterans benefits experts, called national service officers, throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. **Our national service officers are themselves wartime,**

service-connected disabled veterans. They truly understand and care about the veterans they serve. Their training is rigorous, including coursework that qualifies for 14 college credit hours from the American Council on Education, plus 16 months of on-the-job training and consistent continuing education.

DAV national service officers assist veterans with disabilities in navigating through the VA claims processes. They respond not just to the needs of returning veterans, but also to the needs of their families—**all at no cost to the veteran.**



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Sponsor one national service office for a month
\$37,917

Sponsor one National Service Office for a year
\$455,004

Sponsor 15 benefits orientation seminars
\$10,950



DAV GIVING RESULTS:

MIKE TARPLEY

Mike Tarpley enlisted in the U.S. Army right out of high school in 1966 and soon was on the way to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. He sustained injuries from a grenade attack at the beginning of the Tet Offensive, but he refused evacuation in order to remain with his unit.

A few weeks later—having just learned of the birth of his first son back home—Mike’s unit was ambushed while patrolling the A Shau Valley in a dense fog. After hours of heavy fighting that nearly destroyed his ankle, help finally arrived. Having survived the first battle of Hamburger Hill, Mike’s days on the battlefield were obviously over. For his courageous service and sacrifice, Mike received the fourth highest military decoration of two Bronze stars for Valor and three purple hearts.

For 35 years, despite extensive injuries, Mike worked several positions on drilling rigs. Then, when he could no longer physically maneuver the rigs, he reached out for help from DAV and received his VA disability rating.

Today, Mike is actively involved with DAV. He epitomizes our motto of “veterans helping veterans,” volunteering his time and efforts to help others.



Left: Mike Tarpley (far right) is recognized for his courageous commitment to his unit. Right: Mike with his collection of numerous awards and medals.

DAV GIVING RESULTS:

MIKE HARMAN

Mike Harman was 22 years old when an explosion changed his life forever. He was in an armored Humvee in Baghdad, waiting for a helicopter to land, when a surface-to-air rocket slammed into the side of his vehicle. The blast knocked him out, injured his back, ruptured his right ear and embedded shrapnel in his scalp and right arm. His window had been open. “The only thing I can attest to... the reason I am alive,” he says now, “is that the hand of God was over that window.”

Surgeons repaired the perforation in his ear and removed shrapnel from his skin, but he still suffers hearing loss. The injury to his back, however, caused increasing pain over time and culminated in three slipped discs and a torn lower disc, which left him in a wheelchair for months. Depression set in, along with the anxiety of post-traumatic stress disorder. Mike’s wife, Amber, was supportive, but he had difficulty finding work that his back could tolerate. Things looked bleak. Finally, nearly depleted of all hope, Mike was referred to DAV.

Mike Harman is just one example of a young man who courageously signed up to serve our country—and paid a steep price. DAV made sure his sacrifices were not forgotten, helped Mike process paperwork to receive the benefits he had earned and provided support to rebuild his life. “Today, it is just me and my wife and kids, as well as DAV. They have helped me through a lot,” says Mike. **“DAV has helped give me a purpose again.”**



Mike Harman (pictured with his wife, Amber, above, and on tour in Iraq, below) is grateful he could turn to DAV for help.



Transition Service Officers welcoming our heroes home

After service ends, the next chapter in veterans' lives is an important one. Many veterans seek assistance from DAV soon after their service ends. Sometimes, though, it takes a long time for a veteran to ask for help. It is not unusual for them to have feelings of guilt asking for aid when there are others, in their minds, who are in much greater need. This speaks to their character, that they often continue to make sacrifices even when their duty is done. Whatever the circumstances, DAV takes the time to understand. Our transition service officers are there for them, providing benefits counseling and assistance with filing claims for VA benefits at nearly 100 military installations across the country.

During World War I and World War II, for every soldier killed, approximately two were injured. While the death toll in war is now lower, and more veterans are able to survive combat, the number of disabled veterans in recent war times has significantly increased. When an improvised explosive device penetrates a soldier's protective gear or causes a traumatic brain injury, he or she returns to an uncertain future. It may be a 19-year-old who has sacrificed a leg, a hand or their eyesight. As the soldier returns home to begin life all over again, DAV is there providing expert counsel, encouragement and support.

In addition to providing immediate assistance to these most deserving veterans, each professionally trained transition service officer offers the assurance that, should complications set in or conditions worsen over time, DAV will be there for them and their families.

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Sponsor transition counseling
at one location for a year **\$17,000**

Sponsor one transition office
for a year **\$50,000**



Mobile Service Offices reaching heroes where they live

Veterans with disabilities live in every corner of America. In fact, many are not close to a DAV national service office. DAV has expanded outreach to these veterans by deploying personnel in specially equipped mobile service offices. These special vehicles travel more than 56,318 miles in 2017, offering free services to thousands of veterans and their families at more than 665 sites.

Mobile service offices are self-contained vehicles capable of generating their own electric power when local power is not available. They're fully equipped for conducting interviews, obtaining and distributing information, and initiating claims for benefits on behalf of veterans and their families. In addition, portable tents provide flexible space

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Fund deployment of one mobile service office for a month

\$5,000

Purchase a new mobile service office

\$100,000

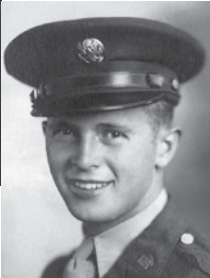
for DAV personnel reaching out to veterans at fairs, shopping centers and other venues.

Ten state-of-the-art mobile service offices are specifically designed and automated with laptop computers to accommodate two national service officers per vehicle. **With veterans in need living all across the country, our mobile service offices rack up mileage quickly and must be maintained and replaced over time.**





Floyd Spaugh in front of a DAV mobile service office (above) and in uniform during World War II (right).



DAV GIVING RESULTS:

FLOYD SPAUGH

During World War II, Floyd Spaugh enlisted in the Army when he was only 19 years old. “I was scared just doing what I was told to do,” he recalls. On March 17, 1945, while driving through a little town in Germany, his jeep hit a land mine. He doesn’t remember a thing about the explosion, but a fellow soldier who saw it happen, told him “I don’t know how far you went in the air in that jeep.” Floyd was unconscious for several days.

Floyd was, in his words, “banged up all over.” He was in the hospital for 18 months, during which time he had many surgeries on his right arm and hand. When he was discharged from service, he was rated 80 percent disabled.

Forty years later, Floyd attended a reunion of his unit. One of the men had a picture of the jeep, which he gave to Floyd. The only recognizable features are a couple of wheels. To this day, Floyd keeps the worn, black and white photo of the mangled wreckage in his wallet. “It was the first time I really knew what happened,” he says. “I said ‘Thank you, Lord.’ I knew I had been saved for some purpose.”

Floyd filed another claim in September 2011, but was not represented by DAV at that time. Several months later, however, confused by a seven-page letter from the VA that included four blank forms, Floyd turned to DAV for help. Acting with power of attorney, DAV responded to the letter for Floyd. The VA granted an increase in benefits with special monthly compensation to this deserving 90-year-old veteran.

Floyd says, “I tell every veteran I meet that they ought to go to DAV. DAV really stands up for veterans. The people they have working for them are dedicated people who really help.”



Employment Services

opening doors of opportunity

The journey from injury to recovery is not complete until a veteran is able to find meaning in his or her life. This makes securing a job, getting back to work and caring for their family among the most critical issues for men and women returning from service. DAV is committed to ensuring that veterans who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment.

DAV implements career fairs to address one of the greatest needs facing our nation's unemployed heroes. These events, held regularly throughout the United States, enable veterans to discuss job

openings with employers who appreciate the skills and dedication America's veterans bring to the work force. Virtual career fairs connect veterans nationwide to employers who are committed to hiring them. In addition, DAV offers veterans online access to job postings and other employment tools and resources to facilitate their search for employment.

After his 15-year naval career, which included eight deployments, Navy veteran Louis Johnson was ready for his next professional chapter. Thanks to a DAV virtual career fair, he found the perfect fit.

"I left the Navy a senior supervisor, and I fit into my new position in Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) like the last piece of a puzzle—perfect," he says. "The DAV virtual career fair was more effective than head-hunter groups that had tried to place me into positions that weren't really what I was looking for."



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Sponsor one career fair
\$10,000

Ronald Kirby says DAV helped him land a job that not only provides an income but also gives him the satisfaction of helping other people.

DAV GIVING RESULTS:

RONALD KIRBY

After 17 years of service and four tours to Iraq, Ronald Kirby was returning to civilian life. He missed putting on that uniform every day, saying, "It made me so proud." He didn't feel like he was being as productive in the civilian world as he had been in the military.

Ron decided to get a bachelor's degree. Not only did he graduate at the top of his class, he was the first in his family to obtain a degree. But he still needed to find a job. Through the VA he learned about the DAV career fairs.

"I landed a good job working in the healthcare system where I can continue to help people as I've done all my life. I'm truly grateful for my accomplishments and couldn't have done it without serving my country first."

"DAV career fairs are one of the greatest resources a veteran could ever use," continues Ronald, "It's something all veterans should take advantage of because they recruit from top employers and are excellent at choosing multiple paths for you to choose from."



Disaster Relief heroes in crisis

Floods. Tornadoes. Fires. Earthquakes. Hurricanes. Whatever the cause of devastation—when tragedy strikes, DAV is there to help veterans facing daunting challenges.

Challenges faced by our nation's wounded heroes may be suddenly compounded by the loss of homes and property. DAV provides immediate relief by distributing supply kits and small grants of up to \$1,000 to disabled veterans impacted by disaster.

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Disaster relief for 10 to 20
disabled veterans
\$10,000

Disaster relief for 50 to 100
disabled veterans
\$50,000

In the wake of disastrous events, DAV rushes to stricken communities to help our injured and ill heroes. In most cases, mobile service offices are deployed to provide on-site DAV emergency relief to veterans in immediate need of assistance.

In recent years, a series of disasters nearly depleted DAV's disaster relief fund. **A reserve of one million dollars is needed to ensure sufficient funds for future disaster relief.**





Veterans in New Orleans applying for disaster relief assistance

DAV GIVING RESULTS:

TORNADOES IN NEW ORLEANS

When tornadoes ripped through New Orleans in 2016, DAV was there to help. In one day, 13 tornadoes devastated New Orleans and neighboring communities, wiping out an RV park with 140 mph winds, leaving a path of up to 350 yards wide on the ground for more than 20 miles. The National Weather Service described it as a historic day for Louisiana, more than doubling the record six tornadoes in 2008.

Knowing veterans would need help, DAV National Service Office Supervisor Craig Brower and his team sprang into action. He went to several locations, then settled in a local church parking lot, handing out business cards to let veterans know how he could be reached and to spread the word that DAV was there to help. Ultimately, social media got the word out to nearby veterans. “Ninety percent of the people who came to us found us through social media,” says Craig. “Once the people knew we were here, they came.”

By March 1, 2016, Craig and his team had given 50 vouchers and ordered another 200, for a total of 250 vouchers at \$500 each.

Craig is no stranger to disaster relief, having worked with DAV in Colorado and responded to the needs of veterans impacted by wildfires and floods. But 13 tornadoes in one day set a new precedent, reminding him that it’s never easy to see the toll a disaster takes on fellow veterans. “It’s a roller coaster of emotions,” says Craig, who on the one hand is proud to be able to help his fellow veterans and be a shoulder they can lean on, but on the other hates seeing what natural disasters do to their lives and the emotional state it puts them in.



DAV GIVING RESULTS:

OLIVER PETTRY, JR.

Oliver Pettry, Jr. served in Vietnam as an Army machine gun squad leader. “I was disabled when I was struck in the chest with splinters from a tree shattered by an explosion,” he said. Oliver was sent to a hospital to heal and then returned to his unit. “I was sent out on patrol the day I got back. I was still bandaged and oozing with blood, but they sent me out.”

When Oliver was discharged, he came home with the Gallantry Cross and memories of nearly constant combat. As the years passed, his injuries and complications due to exposure to Agent Orange began to worsen his health. In 2007, DAV helped Oliver get care and compensation for his service-related deteriorating health. Four years later, he would again need DAV’s help.

In 2011, Oliver was injured in an automobile accident, suffering several broken bones in his leg, hip and chest. He recalls: “I couldn’t even walk around the house, and I lived alone. I had no food in the house because I couldn’t get to the supermarket. I was starving. I dropped to 140 pounds.”

Oliver’s children lived too far away to provide daily care, but his son—also a veteran—sent an email message to DAV pleading for help. Upon learning of the dire conditions, the local DAV commander obtained groceries, a wheelchair and a walker with a seat, courtesy of his chapter. He then alerted a social worker at the VA medical center, who assigned Oliver a caregiver.

Oliver is now connected with benefits and receives delivered meals. He’s seen at the VA, and the state provides a regular caregiver. His son expressed his gratitude, saying “I didn’t know if we could find help for our father. DAV stepped up, and it was reassuring. I felt the thanks of a grateful nation had been realized by DAV.”



Oliver Pettry, Jr. is accompanied by his son Pete (above) on a visit to the New River Gorge Bridge, which Oliver helped build in the mid-1970s. (Left) Oliver as a young soldier in the 1960s.

Transportation and Volunteer Services

a little help goes a long way

Transportation Network

Many veterans needing medical care also need transportation to and from medical appointments. DAV volunteer drivers have driven 717,288,217 miles—equivalent to more than 100,000 round trips across the United States from Maine to California—since the program's inception!

Volunteer Services Program

DAV's volunteer network also encompasses a large number of men and women serving and visiting patients in VA facilities. Our volunteers bring

friendship and a touch of home to veterans during difficult days of therapy and illness. Others may assist VA professional staff in ways that involve little patient contact. DAV volunteers annually donate more than 1 million hours of service to veterans in VA medical centers, clinics and nursing homes.

Local and State Volunteers

DAV's commitment to veterans with disabilities includes special initiatives in communities across the country for homeless veterans, household assistance and other pressing needs.



DAV National Adjutant/CEO Marc Burgess shaking hands with a fellow veteran and recipient of the Transportation Network services we offer.

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Purchase a vehicle for the DAV Transportation Network **\$30,000**



Just B Kids Summer Camp Scholarships

DAV’s “Just B Kids” program provides scholarship opportunities for children of injured and fallen service men and women to attend a very special summer camp—Camp Corral.

The mother of a 9-year-old camper wrote, “Our daughter really struggled with anxiety last year due to her dad’s injuries, and being with other kids who understand exactly how she feels was HUGE for her!”

This is an opportunity for youth ages 8 to 15 to be exposed to positive experiences that help them overcome their unique challenges. It’s a place where they can make new friends, develop skills and build character that will enable them to lead successful lives.

Capacity is limited, but DAV is doing everything it can to give more kids the opportunity to attend Camp Corral.

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Provide scholarships for 10 children to attend Camp Corral

\$6,000

Provide a scholarship for 25 children to attend Camp Corral

\$15,000

“You connect with people here who’ve been through similar experiences with you. Everyone here is from the military... and they understand. This is a place where you can open your arms and everyone will be around you and support you.”

—Vera Quarshie, Camp Corral attendee





DAV TRUE LEADER:

AL NARDSLICO

Al Nardslico did not seek recognition for his support of disabled veterans, but DAV is deeply grateful to him for his commitment. He not only contributes generously to assist veterans in need, but he also challenges and invites other patriotic Americans to do likewise.

Al is himself a disabled veteran of the Navy. Following his service, he went on to become a successful entrepreneur and businessman. With gratitude for the blessings in his life, Al actively gives back to help America's wounded heroes live life to the fullest. We salute Al Nardslico for his inspiring generosity.

*"Camp Corral is like my second home. The first day I felt like I knew everybody for like six years!"
—Braylon Murray, Camp Corral attendee*



A Brief History of DAV

nearly a century of keeping the promise

DAV FOUNDED

More than 250 members form the Disabled American Veterans for the World Wars (DAVWW)

1920

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR VETERANS

Judge Robert S. Marx of Cincinnati hosts party for disabled veterans where conversations focused on need for veterans to make their voices heard in the halls of government.

1919

WWI ENDS

Disabled vets return to a country ill-prepared to provide the help that they need.

1918

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

DAV creates nationwide transportation network to take veterans to VA medical centers.

1987

MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE ACT

DAV fights for reform through this act enabling the VA to improve care for all veterans.

1999

HOMELESS VETERANS INITIATIVE

DAV partners with other organizations to fight for legislation and deliver care to help growing numbers of homeless veterans.

2000

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS EXPANSION

DAV opens the National Service & Legislative HQ in Washington, D.C.

1974

FIELD SERVICE UNIT

Motor homes are converted to offices, allowing national service officers to aid veterans in rural areas—known today as the Mobile Service Office Program.

1976

OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY

DAV launches training academy, consisting of 4 months at the academy at the University of Colorado in Denver, followed by 12 months of on-the-job training.

1994

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Veterans from across the country meet to elect Judge Marx the first National Commander and establish goal of helping disabled veterans and their families build better lives.

1921

DAVWW AUXILIARY

The DAVWW Auxiliary is founded to help the families of veterans disabled during the war.

1922

FEDERAL CHARTER

Congress recognizes DAVWW as the voice of the nation's wartime disabled veterans.

1932

DAVWW BECOMES DAV

After the start of WWII, the name of the organization is shortened to Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

1942

NEW TRAINING PROGRAM

DAV launches program at American University in Washington, D.C., to train disabled veterans on how to advocate for benefits on behalf of injured veterans returning from WWII.

1944

G.I. BILL

DAV fights for passage of the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act to ensure benefits for Vietnam War veterans are similar to those provided to WWII and Korean War veterans.

1966

TRANSITION SERVICE PROGRAM

DAV's first Transition Service Office (TSO) is established at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to provide free service to troops ending their military careers and making the often challenging transition back to civilian life. DAV now has TSOs at more than 100 military installations across the country.

2001

MOBILE SERVICE OFFICES

Since its inception, DAV's Mobile Service Offices have traveled thousands of miles throughout the country to small towns, rural communities and college campuses to counsel, assist and educate veterans and their families on the benefits they are eligible for through their service. Today, DAV has 10 MSOs that have logged over 96,000 miles across the United States filing 11,479 claims along the way.

DAV 5K

The inaugural DAV 5K is a success and has since expanded to five additional cities across the country.

2013

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

DAV's National Employment Program is established to ensure the men and women who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment. The program supports transitioning active duty, Guard and reserve members, veterans and their spouses. Since its launch, DAV has connected over 136,000 veterans and spouses with employers through our traditional and virtual career fairs, resulting in over 62,000 job offers.

2014

Rooted in tradition, DAV is growing in step with the changing face of our armed forces. Now and in the future, we are dedicated to finding even more ways to support those who have served.

PRESENT

DAV's Legislative Priorities

encouraging policy our heroes deserve

Providing services and claims assistance for individual veterans is just one part of our mission. Partnering with other veterans services organizations and relying upon the strength of grassroots members and supporters, DAV works deliberately and proactively to advance key legislative priorities. We are nonpartisan and focus on reasonable legislation that honors the service and sacrifices made by our nation's heroes.

A Robust VA Health Care System for all Eligible Veterans

- DAV believes that Congress and the Administration must work together to ensure that advance appropriations estimates are sufficient to meet the projected demand for veterans' health care and authorize those amounts in the VA's appropriations.

A Properly Working VA Benefits Claims Processing System

- Veterans and their dependents have a right to have their benefits claims decided as quickly as possible, and DAV continues to work with the VA to improve the accuracy, timeliness and accountability within the Veterans Benefits Administration.





(Left) The parents of Clay Hunt, Richard and Susan Selke and DAV Washington Headquarters Executive Director Garry Augustine were in attendance when President Obama signed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act on February 12, 2015. (Center) Augustine (second row, second from left) was also in attendance when President Donald Trump signed into law the Veterans Choice Program Improvement Act, which extended services for veterans to access medical care through community providers outside the VA system. Without the extension, veterans could have experienced disruptions in their care. (Right) DAV members at Mid-Winter Conference for Operation: Keep the Promise 2015, sharing key legislative priorities with Congress.

Improved Access to and Quality of VA Health Care Services

- Currently, the VA only provides comprehensive benefits to caregivers of veterans severely disabled on or after September 11, 2001. DAV urges Congress to correct this inequity by making VA support benefits and services available to caregivers of veterans from all eras.
- Strengthen and expand women veterans health care programs and services. Significantly increasing numbers of women veterans coming to the VA for care has created a challenge for the VA to provide consistent, comprehensive, quality health care that meets their unique needs.
- Improve timely access to mental health care and counseling services, with particular focus on newer veterans in transition. Suicide prevention is a special concern in the veteran population, especially among war veterans and veterans recently separated from military service.

Improved Delivery of Benefits to Veterans, Dependents and Survivors

- Much of the VA's infrastructure is more than 60 years old and is in urgent need of modernization to ensure the Veterans Health Administration can provide accessible, high-quality health care to our nation's veterans.
- DAV urges the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense to integrate their respective policies and procedures of medical care coordination and case management programs.
- Work with the VA and Congress to ensure that any revisions to the VA schedule for Rating Disabilities remain faithful to longstanding statutory policy underlying the purpose and integrity of the VA disability compensation system.
- Work with Congress to end policies prohibiting concurrent receipt of VA disability compensation and military retired pay for those rated 40% or less, and that require Dependency Indemnity Compensation and military Survivor Benefit Plan payments to be offset.

giving results by the numbers

DAV's services provide valuable assistance to America's veterans in a number of important ways. And speaking of numbers, here are some examples of specific statistics that paint a clearer picture of just how impactful these special services are.



MOBILE SERVICE OFFICE

- **6,335** claimant interviews
- **665** sites visited
- **37** colleges and universities visited
- **56,318** miles driven

DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM

DAV has provided a total of **3,988** emergency relief drafts totaling **\$1,372,370** and roughly **2,215** supply kits. Since 1968, nearly **\$11.6 million** has been disbursed to victims.

DAV disaster relief programs have been conducted throughout Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Texas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, California, Utah, South Dakota, Kansas, and North Carolina.

LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Since 2007, **14,977 volunteers** have donated nearly **6.2 million** hours.



VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Since the program's inception in 1987, DAV departments and chapters have donated **3,178 vehicles** at a cost of more than **\$71.3 million**.

In 2017, volunteer drivers spent nearly **1.5 million** hours transporting veterans. These volunteers logged nearly **18.5 million** miles.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- Career fairs in **40 cities** across the country
- **140** traditional and virtual career fairs sponsored in partnership with RecruitMilitary and Veteran Recruiting
- **43,000+** attendees

Since inception in 2014, there have been nearly 119,000 attendees with 57,000 job offers.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

- **Over 100** offices throughout the nation
- **262** national service officers and **33** transition service officers
- **11,303,902 claims** for benefits have been filed since DAV was chartered by Congress in 1932.

With the help of DAV, service members and their families received more than **\$4.3 billion** in retroactive and annual benefits in 2017.

giving results with DAV

You've seen how DAV makes a world of difference in the lives of courageous men and women who put their very lives on the line to protect and preserve the freedoms we cherish. But DAV does not receive government funding. **The truth is, we can't do our work without your support.** There are many ways to help. The sponsorship opportunities listed here are real examples of how your giving results in tangible benefits that help wounded veterans and their families live their lives to the fullest.

Support disaster relief for
10 to 20 disabled veterans
\$10,000



Provide scholarships for
25 children to attend
Camp Corral **\$15,000**

Sponsor transition
counseling at one
military site for
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Support disaster relief
for 50 to 100 disabled
veterans **\$50,000**



Fund deployment of
one mobile service
office for a month
\$5,000

Purchase a new
mobile service
office **\$100,000**

DAV RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

With deep appreciation of the contributors who give from the heart and provide essential support, DAV has established several recognition societies to honor donors for their extraordinary generosity.

1920 Society

The 1920 Society honors donors with cumulative gift totals in the range of \$50,000 – \$99,999. The Society takes its name from the year DAV was founded in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Judge Robert Marx Society

The Judge Robert Marx Society honors donors with cumulative gift totals in the range of \$100,000 – \$499,999. Judge Marx, a World War I veteran injured during the Meuse Argonne Offensive in France, was instrumental in the founding of DAV.

National Adjutant's Council

The National Adjutant's Council honors donors with cumulative gift totals of \$500,000 and more. Members receive exclusive visibility, with their names prominently displayed on an Honor Roll at DAV's National Headquarters.

DAV Guardian Society

The DAV Guardian Society honors individuals who have named DAV in their estate plans or who have funded a charitable gift annuity. Members receive an engraved certificate, a lapel pin and a window decal.

Members of all DAV giving societies are recognized in DAV publications unless anonymity is preferred. They also receive periodic communications from the National Adjutant regarding current issues and are welcome at special gatherings organized for DAV's leadership-level donors.

Great options for **giving results**. Choose the one that is right for you

Cash Contributions

Outright gifts provided by check, money order or credit card are particularly helpful and deeply appreciated. These gifts enable DAV to provide immediate assistance to veterans with injuries that are severe and grievous.

Stock Gifts

You may wish to contribute publicly traded stocks held more than one year. If you choose to help this way, please be sure to contact DAV Personal Philanthropy Programs first for stock-transfer instructions to protect your potential tax savings.

Bequests

Gifts through your will or trust can be a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar gift, a contingent gift or a residual gift. To make a bequest, please use our legal name and address as noted in the box at the bottom of this page.

Life Insurance and Retirement Policies

Simply by obtaining a beneficiary form from your plan's administrator and using our legal address in the box to the right, you may designate DAV as a primary, partial or contingent beneficiary.

Charitable Gift Annuities

In exchange for your gift of \$10,000 or more, this program provides you (and a survivor, if you wish) a fixed lifetime income, partly tax-free for a number of years. Rates range from 4% for a 60-year-old to 9% for a 90-year-old; two-life rates are slightly lower. A partial, one-time charitable deduction can be claimed. After the income beneficiaries' lifetimes, the remaining principal becomes a gift to the DAV Charitable Service Trust.

Other Assets

You may also designate DAV as a beneficiary of CDs, savings and checking accounts and other investments by obtaining a beneficiary form from your bank or financial institution. Again, you will need to use our legal address, noted below.

Please notify us if you've named DAV in your will or trust, or as beneficiary of your life insurance, retirement policies or other account.

Disabled American Veterans

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giving results begins with you

They stood up for our country, and now we need to stand up for them. **Our work is only possible through your continued support.** With your help, DAV's services will ensure that America's ill and injured veterans can build better lives for themselves and their families.

Contact DAV Personal Philanthropy Programs to start giving today.

call 1-800-216-9802, ext. 2
visit dav.org or
ihelpveterans.org





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