2022 Annual Report
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Dear Friend,

This is my first time having the honor of presenting the DAV National Service Foundation's annual report to you, and I do so with gratitude. You have trusted us to be good stewards of your resources, and because of your generosity, we continue to serve veterans in impactful ways.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to succeed our dear friend and colleague Arthur Wilson as Foundation president. For almost a decade, he led the Foundation with the same level of devotion and diligence he has given in every aspect of his nearly 60 years with DAV. He leaves big shoes to fill, and I hope to build upon his legacy.

One thing I have learned from Art’s example and leadership is that we serve veterans best when we first have a clear understanding of our mission. With that understanding, we can allocate our resources accordingly while remaining flexible to adjust our priorities as the needs of disabled veterans and their families change.

The Foundation’s mission is clear: Develop financial resources to assist, aid, maintain, care for, support and rehabilitate sick and injured veterans and their families. It’s you who help us meet that mission.

Your support to DAV’s service department gives our benefits advocates the most up-to-date tools, resources and training they need to provide no-cost help to veterans filing their Department of Veterans Affairs claims. Because of this, DAV remains the benchmark for this service.

Your gifts also provide tangible ways for veterans to know that people see and care about them. The DAV Transportation Network is a great example of this, providing free rides to veterans who may otherwise have no way of getting to their VA medical appointments. Another example is our outreach to veterans experiencing homelessness, where we provide meals, health screenings, and connections to local and veteran resources.

Your contributions also help DAV chapters. Not only do our chapters foster community and connection among fellow veterans, but they also are incubators for local volunteer efforts. The financial gifts chapters receive allow them to bring their initiatives to reality to meet the specific needs of the veterans they serve locally.

There is no higher calling than serving others. And, like you, I believe there is no better organization that serves those forever changed by service than DAV.

We have made a promise to America’s veterans. Your support allows us to keep that promise.

Joseph W. Johnston
President
The DAV National Service Foundation develops financial resources for the assistance, aid, maintenance, care, support and rehabilitation of ill and injured veterans and their families. In doing so, the Foundation offers direct services while also contributing to the established service programs of DAV offices nationwide.

Within these pages, veterans who have served and sacrificed in our armed forces are featured. While many were injured physically, all have carried with them the emotional scars of trauma experienced in the line of duty. In order to help them heal, the Foundation is ensuring it provides them with a lifetime of support.
Since DAV (Disabled American Veterans) was founded in 1920 as an organization of veterans helping veterans, it has served the nation’s ill and injured heroes tirelessly and has become the most trusted advocate for this population.

NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION
Incorporated originally in 1931 as the Disabled American Veterans Service Foundation, the DAV National Service Foundation was formally renamed and concurrently reincorporated in 1986. The Foundation’s core mission is to support DAV’s daily work to meet the most significant and immediate needs of veterans by providing free, professional assistance with disability claims; no-cost transportation to and from medical appointments; assistance finding meaningful employment and navigating earned benefits; and other vital services imperative to enhancing the quality of life of veterans and their families.

Increasing public awareness about DAV’s mission to help veterans is an extremely important component of what we do. When we are able to open the hearts and minds of the American people, they better understand the needs of ill and injured veterans and their families, enabling us all to help do our part to ensure they are properly cared for in the long term. It’s also essential that veterans understand the services available at no cost to them and their families. Your support of the Foundation allows us to be there whenever our ill and injured veterans need us.

DAV’s commitment to helping fellow veterans reinforces the common bond of military service shared by all veterans, no matter which conflict or era they served in. We’ve all faced the challenges of transitioning to civilian life and securing benefits earned through service, which is why our organization is so effective in serving our fellow veterans.

Recent polling by the Pew Research Center revealed that nearly half of post-9/11 veterans say they’ve experienced difficulty transitioning to civilian life after the military.

Veterans should not have to struggle or be on their own after their lives are forever changed in service. DAV benefits advocates expertly guide veterans to a successful transition and set them up for long-term success.
Yet, there are many reasons some veterans never receive the benefits they earned. Many are simply unaware of what is available to them. Some can’t apply on their own because their injuries are too severe. Studies show that many women who’ve served don’t recognize themselves as veterans and never even pursue earned benefits. Other veterans live in rural areas or otherwise lack transportation to meet with a claims specialist.

In any case, DAV is ready to help, as it has a long history of advocating for veterans to get the care and benefits they have earned. As veterans themselves, DAV benefits advocates not only have firsthand experience with the claims process but also spend a year in specialized, on-the-job training. They continue training and education throughout their careers to keep them at the leading edge of their field.

In 2022, DAV submitted more than 174,000 new claims for over 512,000 specific injuries and illnesses on behalf of veterans. DAV’s service program took more than 2.4 million actions to advocate for veterans and their families, such as representing claimants in hearings and appeals for benefits, reviewing and developing records, providing professional advice and responding to inquiries, and establishing new claims for earned benefits. To meet the needs of as many veterans as possible, DAV retains virtual capabilities, including its toll-free hotline.

ANTHONY PINO

It’s dedication and commitment that helps people like Marine veteran Anthony Pino, who worked with DAV benefits advocate Kenneth Andrade for three years to gather the proper military documents, file the appropriate paperwork and submit an appeal so he could receive the benefits he earned. Andrade’s steadfast commitment to justice for a fellow veteran was life-changing for Pino. “I’ve gone through the whole process on my own and failed,” said Pino. “And with DAV, I was very successful.”

Pino’s case is just one of the thousands that DAV representatives handle each year.
THE COLUMBIA TRUST

The National Service Foundation’s Columbia Trust is a restricted fund that provides direct support to help veterans and their families at the state and local levels. Through the Trust, funds support DAV departments and chapters that lack the financial resources needed to implement and maintain critical service projects for veterans and their families. Initiatives supported by the Trust are evaluated extensively to ensure service projects exhibit a compelling need and funds are used in the most efficient way possible.

Grants awarded from the Trust focus on four areas of service: transportation for veterans to and from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; hospital service coordination; department or chapter service officer programs, including service school expenses; and assistance for initiatives combating veteran homelessness. New and unique veteran service initiatives are also encouraged. In 2022, the Trust awarded grants totaling $830,000 to DAV chapters and departments.

One of those grants went to the Department of Wyoming to support its hospital service coordinators at VA medical centers in the state. Floyd Watson, the department’s hospital service coordinator program director, said that without financial assistance from the Columbia Trust, the vital role of running the DAV Transportation Network in the region would go unfilled. Veterans who rely on the network’s no-cost rides would not be able to get to and from their VA medical appointments, which could greatly affect their personal health outcomes.

Watson said the DAV Transportation Network is especially important in rural areas like those around Cheyenne, Wyoming, where the population is spread out and only a few VA medical facilities are available. The hospital service coordinator there has to make sure that veterans as far away as western Nebraska and northern Colorado have transportation to their appointments in Cheyenne. This means the coordinator has the important responsibility of arranging and coordinating enough volunteers daily to have seven vehicles supporting veterans five days a week, often over long distances, to serve people in need.

“We put veterans first in this program,” said Watson. “Without our coordinators, the program dries up.”
TRANSPORTATION

In 2022, the Columbia Trust helped chapters and departments purchase 49 new vehicles, which were donated to the VA as part of the DAV Transportation Network program. The Transportation Network allows ill and injured veterans to access lifesaving care at VA medical facilities and is one of the most vital services our organization offers.

DAV, Auxiliary and nonmember volunteers logged nearly 556,000 hours to keep this program running last year. These individuals drove over 9.2 million miles, providing almost 210,000 no-cost rides for veterans. Without this service, many veterans would go without the care they need.

HOSPITAL SERVICE COORDINATORS

The Transportation Network would not be able to function without the effort of DAV hospital service coordinators. At 243 VA medical centers around the country, 156 hospital service coordinators match volunteer drivers with transportation requests from veterans, as needed. Thanks to the continued efforts of hospital service coordinators, Transportation Network drivers have traveled over 741 million miles transporting more than 19.7 million veterans since the program began in 1987.

STATE AND LOCAL SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAMS

To ensure as many veterans as possible can get assistance with their claims, 191 state-level department service officers and 2,448 chapter service officers support DAV’s primary mission of benefits advocacy in their local communities. Working with these volunteers is often the first interaction veterans and their families have with DAV and is instrumental in ensuring veterans are represented in their fight to achieve justice for service-connected disabilities. These claims are forwarded to accredited DAV national service officers for professional development to help veterans and their families receive the benefits they earned.
HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE

The Foundation helps support programs to end veteran homelessness, an epidemic that has affected far too many of our nation’s heroes. While there is more work left to do, progress has been made. During the 2022 national point-in-time count, the Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated that 33,129 veterans experienced homelessness on a single night in January, which is an 11% decrease from 2020, the last time a full point-in-time count was completed.

The Foundation supports efforts to get veterans off the streets and into VA facilities, where they are provided a free hot meal, medical and dental care, health screenings, warm clothing and access to benefits information. Through efforts such as these, the estimated number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has declined by more than 55% since 2010.

THE DAV NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

Throughout 2022, the Foundation disbursed nearly $5.4 million to assist DAV in providing vital services to veterans and their families. Mostly, this support aided DAV’s National Service Program, which delivers no-cost professional claims service to veterans throughout the nation.

These funds helped DAV benefits advocates receive essential supplies and equipment, including laptops, webcams and headsets; more frequent Code of Federal Regulations updates; and a public-facing disability combination tool accessible from DAV’s website, dav.org. Financial resources also helped enhance the online training platform, iTRAK (Interactive Training, Research, Advocacy and Knowledge), which extends the institutional knowledge of our professional corps of advocates nationwide.

Contributors to the DAV National Service Foundation are truly humbling in their compassion and generosity. During 2022, the Foundation’s supporters donated over $1.8 million in contributions and bequests.

Veterans can be best honored through wise stewardship of each dollar entrusted to the Foundation. The Foundation clearly demonstrated its unwavering commitment to this model through the more than $6.2 million of total expenditures that went toward direct program services for veterans and their families last year. Fundraising and administrative costs accounted for just 4% of total expenditures.

Even throughout a continued period of economic uncertainty and a turbulent securities market, prudent investment strategies and fastidious management have continued to guide the Foundation. Because of careful management, the Foundation’s investments totaled $152 million in 2022. At year-end, the Foundation reported approximately $154.6 million in net assets, which helps to ensure the longevity of services to our nation’s heroes.

In January 2022, 33,129 veterans experienced homelessness

Program Services Overview continued

Expenses

- 96% Total program services
- 2% Management & General Expenses
- 2% Fundraising
## SUPPORT AND REVENUE

### Support
- Contributions—Without Donor Restrictions: $1,249,576
- Contributions—Donor Purpose Restricted Mission: 2,500
- Contributions—Donor Purpose Restricted Mission, The Columbia Trust: 540,106
- Contributions—Donor Purpose Restricted Mission, DAV Legislative Fund: 0
- Bequests: 10,033

**Total Support**: $1,802,215

### Revenue
- Interest and Dividends Income—Net: $3,877,627
- Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investment Securities: 3,633,684

**Total Revenue**: $7,511,311

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE**: $9,313,526

## EXPENSES

### Program Services
- Grants—The Columbia Trust: $829,992
- Appropriations—DAV National Service Program and Other Service Programs: 5,398,261

**Total Program Services**: $6,228,253 (96%)

### Supporting Services
- Management and General: $139,845 (2%)
- Fundraising: 126,379 (2%)

**Total Supporting Services**: $266,224

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $6,494,477

**Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses**: $2,819,049

**Change in Unrealized Depreciation of Investments**: ($30,075,571)

## NET ASSETS

### Change in Net Assets
- **Net Assets—Beginning of Year**: 181,828,979
- **Net Assets—End of Year**: 154,572,457

**Total Without Donor Restrictions**: $80,738,332

**Total With Donor Restrictions**: $73,834,125

**TOTAL NET ASSETS—End of Year**: $154,572,457

The complete financial statements have been audited and received an unqualified statement. A copy of the audited statement is available online at nsf.dav.org/resources.
Recognizing Our Supporters

It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize donors who have given so generously to support the DAV National Service Foundation. Within these pages, you will view varying levels of exceptional generosity and recognition of donors who achieved special giving thresholds in 2022.

The Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks for all gifts, no matter the amount, as each one plays an important role in the advocacy and rehabilitation of injured veterans across the nation. These generous supporters are the reason why the Foundation can execute its mission and continue to benefit veterans and their families.

PERPETUAL REHABILITATION FUND

The Foundation's Perpetual Rehabilitation Fund is designed to ensure funds are available to serve America's veterans and their families today, tomorrow and well into the future.

Many gifts are given to honor DAV national service officers, departments, chapters, Auxiliary units and individual members, and some are made in honor or memory of friends and family. Moreover, some gifts are given as part of living trusts, life insurance policies or other estate plans. As a component of our appreciation, the Foundation has established a program to recognize those who have donated $100 or more during a given year, and these gifts are reflected annually in the Foundation's Honor Roll of Benefactors.

The National Service Foundation's Honor Roll of Benefactors was established in 1986 as the Judge John B. McClernan Grand Memorial Honor Roll and The Honor Roll. It recognized DAV department and chapter donors. The program eventually evolved into an all-inclusive donor recognition program and was renamed the Grand Memorial Honor Roll of Distinguished Donors and Honor Roll of Benefactors.
Honor Roll of Benefactors

If it weren’t for the continued, outstanding support of the individuals and organizations who contribute to the Foundation, veterans and their families simply would not be able to access the same level of unparalleled and vital services needed for progress.

Each of these individuals—every veteran and family member—owes thanks to the supporters of this Foundation. The Foundation’s Honor Roll of Benefactors is only one small expression of gratitude for these individuals’ part in helping to keep the nation’s promise to veterans.

Caring for our nation’s injured heroes is a progressively challenging task that requires incredible compassion and understanding on a personal level. What follows is a tribute to the individuals and organizations who have answered the call to aid in this meaningful mission. If you know someone who has made an important contribution, do not hesitate to thank them for their commitment and support. Individuals who are part of a contributing organization—be it a DAV chapter, Auxiliary unit, department or other group—can take pride in knowing that their contributions greatly affected others in a significant way.

The Foundation recognizes donors—both individuals and organizations—based on the generous contributions received annually and, in total, over time. A contribution of $100 or more in cumulative giving will be recognized in the year in which the donor meets that threshold. This benchmark establishes an individual fund within the Perpetual Rehabilitation Fund and earns donors a spot on the Honor Roll of Benefactors Virtual Wall, located at nsf.dav.org/donor-recognition.

To those individuals listed, DAV offers its most sincere appreciation. The kindness of the Foundation’s benefactors will never get overlooked, as it is their support that has helped to change the lives of countless veterans and their family members. The support enables DAV to provide continual services to those who’ve served.

On the next few pages, you will find listings for various awards, along with a description of what Honor Roll members have done to achieve those awards. These individuals have years to achieve a given goal and are an example of what others can accomplish if they begin working toward one now. We have made every effort to ensure each listing is accurate. If we have inadvertently made an error or omitted any individual or organization, please accept our sincerest apologies.
DISTINGUISHED DONOR CERTIFICATE
Donors with a lifetime giving total of $250 to $999 achieved during a given year will earn the Distinguished Donor Certificate and be recognized on the Honor Roll of Benefactors Virtual Wall.

COMMENDATION AWARD
Donors with a lifetime giving total of $1,000 to $4,999 achieved during a given year will earn the National Service Foundation Commendation Award and be recognized on the Honor Roll of Benefactors Virtual Wall and in the printed annual report.

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   Sun Valley Unit 520
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63
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Bruce K. White
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GRAND MEMORIAL HONOR ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED DONORS

The following exceptional supporters of the Foundation achieved recognition on the Grand Memorial Honor Roll of Distinguished Donors for total contributions that reached the levels shown below during 2022.

2022 Inductees

Peter S. Bowman .............................................. $5,000
Cranberry Elks Lodge #2249 .................................. $5,000
Arthur Davis ................................................... $5,000
Mary J. Mars .................................................. $5,000
Michael J. Martin ............................................. $5,000
Linda M. Stugelmeyer ........................................ $5,000
John F. Kennedy #6, ME ................................... $5,150
Michael R. Stith .............................................. $5,250
William E. Ranger ........................................... $5,500
Felice D. Frank ............................................... $6,000
Department of Puerto Rico ................................ $10,150
Summit County #35, OH ................................... $10,150
Department of DC .............................................. $10,300
Metro #7, AK .................................................. $10,600
Bob Weiner ..................................................... $15,950
David Voytukhov ......................................... $17,302
David C. Pasco ................................................ $20,000
Department of Arizona ..................................... $27,200
Department of Michigan .................................. $27,424
Department of New York ................................ $57,800
Department of Virginia .................................. $109,134
Department of Ohio ....................................... $252,585

BRONZE LEVEL

Donors achieve Bronze Level recognition for cumulative giving at various tiers ranging from $5,000 to $250,000. Donors with a lifetime giving total of $5,000 achieved during a given year will earn a Star Award plaque and be recognized on the Grand Memorial Honor Roll of Distinguished Donors Virtual Wall and in the printed annual report.

Donors can earn bronze stars to add to the plaque as contribution totals increase. Recognition on the virtual wall will also be updated to reflect the most current Bronze Level achievement.
SILVER LEVEL
Donors achieve Silver Level recognition for cumulative giving at various tiers ranging from $500,000 to $999,000. Donors with a lifetime giving total of $500,000 achieved during a given year will earn the Silver Level award and be recognized on the Grand Memorial Honor Roll of Distinguished Donors Virtual Wall and in the printed annual report.

As contributions increase, donors can earn dark gray acrylic stars to add to the award. Recognition on the virtual wall will also be updated to reflect the most current Silver Level achievement.

Ernestine Schumann-Heink Chapter 2 in Kansas City, Missouri, has displayed overwhelming commitment to the Foundation since 1979 and, in 2019, the chapter became the first recipient of the Silver Level Star Award. The award featured two stars to represent cumulative giving of $650,000 or more. The chapter’s loyalty is reflected in its annual donations, which exceeded $777,000 in 2022, thereby earning its third star.

Donors receive a Silver Level Star Award upon reaching $500,000 and earn a dark gray acrylic star for each of the following (cumulative) giving thresholds thereafter:

- ★ $575,000
- ★★ $650,000
- ★★★ $725,000
- ★★★★ $800,000
- ★★★★★ $875,000

Ernestine Schumann-Heink Chapter 2, MO

$777,020
**GOLD LEVEL**

Donors achieve Gold Level recognition for cumulative giving at various tiers ranging from $1,000,000 to $4,999,999. Donors with a lifetime giving total of $1,000,000 achieved during a given year will earn the Gold Level award and be recognized on the Grand Memorial Honor Roll of Distinguished Donors Virtual Wall and in the printed annual report. Subsequently, donors can earn a new Gold Level award at each $1,000,000 threshold. Recognition on the virtual wall will be updated to reflect the most current Gold Level achievement.

In 2013, the Washington, D.C.-based law firm Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP was the first donor to receive the DAV National Service Foundation Exceptional Donor Award for its remarkable contributions to the Foundation. The firm’s legendary generosity continues to this day, with its total contributions exceeding the $2.8 million mark. In addition, Finnegan participates in DAV’s pro bono program for veterans requiring legal representation at the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

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