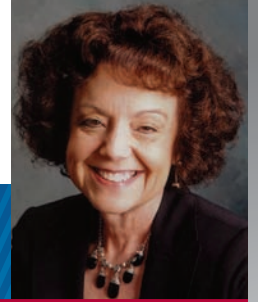


## 90 Years Ago



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Ninety years ago the 19th Amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote. Ninety years ago Prohibition was in full swing.

**N**inety years ago plans were perfected for the formation of the Women's Auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, now known officially as the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary was composed of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of war's disabled and the gold star relatives of those who had given their lives in defense of their country.

Beginning in 1922 when National Commander Mrs. John Paul Jones first assembled the Women's Auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans of the World War and continuing through decades of transformations, the DAV Auxiliary has focused on the changing needs of disabled veterans and their families. Throughout our history, the DAV Auxiliary has recruited people who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to create a better life for all.

Since our founding, the DAV Auxiliary has been an agent of change. Yet our role as a leader to alleviate the sufferings of those who sacrificed so much and to provide for their families has remained unchanged. In 2012, our organization celebrates its 90th anniversary by celebrating with the idea that together we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

So we are celebrating commitment, love and loyalty. We are celebrating responsibility, devotion and dedication. We are celebrating success and accomplishment. Looking back over the years, we celebrate our contributions as volunteers. Many hours have been given as caregivers and volunteers in our programs. Monetary

contributions have been made to our programs. We have established programs for hospital work in both VA and non-VA medical facilities. We have created projects in the areas of Americanism, Community Service, Freedoms Foundation and Junior Activities. We help our own through the Service Support Fund. We have expanded our eligibility so more people have the honor of giving time to our cause. There are other Auxiliary programs that have been added and have grown due to the need and the times.

Don't forget our partnership with the Disabled American Veterans. In our partnership, we have supported grassroots legislative efforts to ensure all disabled veterans receive the benefits that they have earned. Sharing the responsibility of keeping our legislators informed and showing our support of disabled veterans is especially important. We celebrate our valuable relationship with the DAV. Through our joint collaboration we have achieved much through our undertakings.

Throughout the years and the changes, we have never lost sight of our goals to serve disabled veterans and their families. We have done the best we could, and we shine. As we honor our veterans, we can say that we have added to the greater achievement of our organization.

I would like to thank each of you for your service to the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. You have definitely left your fingerprint in history. It has been an exciting journey.

Happy 90th anniversary to the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary!