



**Disabled American Veterans**

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From the desk of **Arthur H. Wilson, National Adjutant**

Dear Jim,

I just read about a Marine whose luck ran out during his third tour in Iraq ... that's right, his third combat tour in three years. Two rockets screamed into the position his unit was holding in vicious Anbar Province. One rocket mangled his legs, but he will let no one call him a hero. He cannot forget that the other rocket killed one of his buddies.

With respect to a fellow disabled veteran, I'll disagree with that Marine's measure of his own valor. All the troops coming home maimed and sick from Iraq and Afghanistan are heroes.

You give to the Disabled American Veterans for one reason: to make certain our nation honors its commitment to that Marine who was wounded in Anbar Province. You want to make sure he gets all the help he needs now and for the rest of his life. You do that through the DAV, and I thank you deeply for joining me in this essential cause.

Today I ask you to remember that the war in Iraq will not end any time soon for this newly wounded Marine. The pain of his injuries will go on and on. He'll feel it every day. His suffering will grow worse *for the rest of his life*. He'll not only need the Disabled American Veterans – you and me – in 2009. He'll still need us in the years 2059 and 2069.

Jim, I write to you about the long-term needs that face our youngest disabled veterans because you've been so good to my fellow disabled veterans – so kind and so loyal for so long. And I hope you'll consider something that's crucial to their future.

*After you take care of your family and friends in your estate plans, will you remember America's youngest, most vulnerable disabled heroes in your will or living trust?*

With a bequest to the Disabled American Veterans, you'll reach into the future to change lives, bringing hope and building the dignity of those who purchased your freedom with their blood and their health. Check out the enclosed brochure, and thank you for considering this vital way to secure a sound future for all of America's disabled heroes.

Deepest Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur H. Wilson', written over a white background.

Arthur H. Wilson  
National Adjutant



From the National Archives and Records Administration

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# Your estate plans: crucial to America's disabled veterans!

A mine explodes in Afghanistan, and an American comes home bleeding to a future filled with uncertainty. A leg has been sacrificed in war ... a hand ... or sight.

Right away, to begin life all over again as a disabled veteran, a 19-year-old soldier needs the DAV. But it won't end there. That hero will still need the DAV 60 years from now as disabilities grow worse – more complicated – with age.

Such sacrifices for your freedom never end. And the gift you make through your will or living trust will make sure the DAV is there for the long haul, serving all of our sick and injured heroes.

You'll ensure they get the benefits they need to get life going again when they come home from military service. Then you'll be there at life's every stage helping them get job services, access to medical care, rehabilitation projects, and other vital programs.

Who knows what the lives of our disabled defenders would be without the DAV ... without you!

# Recognizing You through the Disabled American Veterans

*Guardian Society*

Through your generosity to the DAV, you change the lives of heroes.

And through your will or living trust, the amount of change you'll create may exceed anything you could have ever imagined doing during your lifetime!

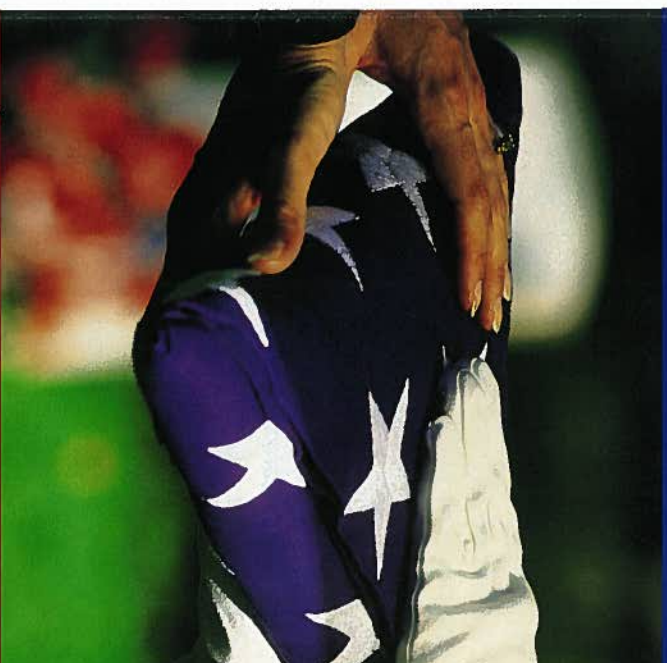
To recognize the incredible power of such gifts in the lives of America's disabled veterans, we created the DAV Guardian Society. By remembering the DAV in their estate plans, the Society's members have shown an extraordinary measure of devotion, ensuring a secure future for our nation's disabled defenders.

Your bequest to the DAV will make this same powerful statement of devotion ... and through it, you will continue to change the lives of heroes for years and years to come.

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The Disabled American Veterans

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"To care for him who shall have  
borne the battle, and for his widow  
and his orphan."

# who purchased America's legacy of freedom with the sacrifice of their blood and their health.

An important way you can leave a legacy to the heroes who shed their blood and sacrificed their health for your freedom is through your *will or living trust*.

These heroes need the services of the Disabled American Veterans not only when they come home from war, bleeding and sick – but all through their lives.

The gift you make through your will or trust, large or small, is critical to the future of these brave Americans. In the years to come, after the generations of the large 20th century wars have passed away, there will be far fewer veterans in America's population. When that time comes, it will be far easier for our citizens to forget our disabled heroes.



That's why it's necessary to act now, building a sound future by including the Disabled American Veterans in our estate plans – our wills and living trusts!

It's essential to take care of your family and loved ones first, but we hope you'll include the DAV in your plans after you care for those closest to you. There are several ways to include the DAV in your will or living trust. You and your attorney can discuss the way that best meets your circumstances.

## How can I help?

It's simple. The most important part is making the decision to remember the Disabled American Veterans in your will or living trust ... then following through on your good intentions.

If you have not yet written your will, these are the steps to take:

First, make a list of your assets – your house, savings, stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, etc. Then list how and to whom you want your possessions and assets distributed. These may include specific amounts of cash, stocks, furniture, collections, real estate and so on.

Second, set up an appointment with an attorney to review your options and tax ramifications and to formalize your wishes in your will or living trust.

*"As a disabled vet and a volunteer, I'm well acquainted with the DAV's work. Through my will, I know my support of that work will live beyond my years."*

Hatlan Plummer,  
Past Commander, DAV  
Department of Ohio

If you decide to make a bequest to the DAV, the following language and legal address may be helpful to your attorney:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_; or the following described property, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

Tax Identification #: 31-0263158

Bequests can be personalized in the following way:

### Bequests that Honor Loved Ones

*Just add a phrase indicating that the bequest is "in honor of/ in memory of (name)." By notifying our office of your intentions, that individual's name, along with your own, can be included in all recognition through the DAV Guardian Society.*

If no specifications are included in the will or trust, bequests are used to fund immediate needs of programs directly benefitting disabled veterans.



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