



Auxiliary

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Linda Stake

National Commander

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary



Linda Stake was elected DAV Auxiliary National Commander at the 93rd National Convention held in Denver, Colorado, in August 2015.

Linda became a life member of the DAV Auxiliary in 1998. She is a life-member of G.P. Houston Memorial, Unit 57, Heber Springs, Arkansas. Her eligibility for membership is through her husband, SFC Charles Stake, a night-vision goggles instructor and flight engineer aboard the UH-60 Blackhawk, injured during Operation Desert Storm.

At the local level, Linda has held all elected offices of Unit #57. At the state level, she was elected State 2nd Junior Vice Commander in 2002 and State Commander in 2003. She was appointed State Adjutant, Department of Arkansas, in 2005 and currently holds the positions of Adjutant/Treasurer. At the national level, she has held the position of 21st District NEC, National 4th Junior Vice Commander, National 3rd Junior Vice Commander, National 2nd Jr. Vice Commander, and National 1st Jr. Vice Commander, and in these capacities as Community Service, Americanism, Legislative and Membership Chairman.

Linda's first experience in dealing with the VA and Congress concerning disabled veterans was in 1991 when her husband came home from Desert Storm with excruciating back pain and was unable to sit or stand. Because of being deployed from Ft. Campbell, KY, he was not allowed to see a doctor at the VA Hospital in Little Rock, AR, because he was not in the system. After five months of continuous effort and congressional contact by Linda he had back surgery at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH. Linda has been an advocate for disabled veterans even before her membership began in the DAV Auxiliary.

Linda is a graduate of Arkansas State University holding two degrees - a Bachelor of Science in Business Education and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Her graduate hours toward a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) were from Webster University, St. Louis, MO. She was a teacher for twenty-one years in Missouri and business owner of Crystal Ice Company for fourteen years in Heber Springs, Arkansas.

Linda has three daughters; Kim, Carol, and Penny, three grandchildren; Casey, Austin, and Macy, and two great grandsons; Jaden and Tyler, who are all very active members of the DAV Auxiliary and DAV Jr. Auxiliary. Linda encourages her children and grandchildren to do work for the Disabled American Veterans and their families. She supports the good works of all members and wants each one to understand: It is you, the member, who makes our organization successful!

God Bless You – God Bless America – God Bless our Veterans!