



Mary E. Davis, of Lacey, Wash., was elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) during the organization's 96th National Convention in Cincinnati, held Aug. 26-Sept. 1. Davis will serve the world's largest women's patriotic service organization as national president for a one-year term.

Davis has held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district, and department levels. At the national level, she chaired many committees and served special appointments, including work on the ALA's 5-Year Centennial Strategic Plan and designated director for the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. She is a member of Pat Tillman Memorial Unit 53 in DuPont, Wash.

As a member of the ALA for 40 years, Davis has chosen to highlight ALA Member Pride for her term as national president. "Each and every day as we work our programs, serve our veterans, help our military families, or make a difference in the life of a child, we swell with pride because of the difference we make," Davis said during her inaugural speech. "I call that ALA Member Pride. Pride in one's accomplishments, pride in making a difference in another's life, and pride in belonging to an organization that embodies the mission work of the American Legion Auxiliary."

Davis is an accredited service officer through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for The American Legion and the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs. She has served as a service officer for 20 years, including eight years as a training officer for The American Legion Service Division. Davis is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Beta Sigma Phi, and the Military and Veterans Caregiver Peer Support Network Advisory Council. She holds a bachelor's degree from The Evergreen State College.

Davis is eligible for membership through her late father R. Garnett Boots, an Army Air Corps veteran of WWII; her mother Helen Babb Boots, also a WWII veteran who served in the Women's Army Corps; her husband Dale Davis, retired Army, Vietnam-era veteran; and her son Robert Davis, a Desert Storm Air Force veteran.