



MONTHLY MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP

8:30 AM
Saturday
1 March 2014

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6:00 PM
Thursday
27 March 2014

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT:

201 W. Watts Street
Enterprise, AL

FUNDRAISERS!!!

Check it out! We are having a fundraiser you can sink your teeth into and help the chapter at the same time. Be sure to check out the Ruby Tuesdays Give Back flyer contained in this newsletter! Send the newsletter to friends and let them know we are having a PARTY!!!! All they have to do is show up, order and pay the bill and we get 20%. Get the word out!

Who is interested in another "Pot-o-Gold" fundraiser? \$200.00 worth of scratch offs and all you have to do is donate a single one note! Anyone interested? Let the chapter commander know at the next meeting!

EVENTS

Department of Alabama Convention in June. We need to get our supporters to purchase ads for the program. 10% of the chapter collection comes back to the chapter. Information will be available at the next two chapter meetings.

NOTR Dugout 625 will have a meeting after executive committee this month. Bring a Scavvie!



Command Comments

Hopefully Southern Alabama is done with the Artic blasts for the winter and we can start getting ready for the spring which will bring some much needed warmth to our area. During the cold snap, the chapter's office manager and crew found out the hard way that the heater in our chapter building isn't made for the frigid temps we've seen this year. At the last chapter meeting, the chapter voted to install a gas line to our heater so it would actually heat. However, we have since found out that the 50+ year old gas heating unit has some cracked chambers, which may or may not get fixed depending on the quote. This issue may be put on the back burner till next winter if the temps stay above freezing, but the chapter will need to deal with it sooner or later.

Chaplains Notes

I have been remiss most of the year in not providing an article for our chapter newsletter. I know that we have many of our members who have health problems and need our prayers. I ask that you keep our DAV family in your thoughts and prayers as we continue about our daily routines.

I have been doing some reading lately about how to challenge your perspective to change attitude. I came across the information below and did what I normally do, tweaked it to fit into my way of thinking. I would ask you to do the same and see if the exercise changes how you will look at tomorrow.

Your Attitude is the Key to Your Success!
Many of us wake up early and are excited about all the many things we need to accomplish before the end of our busy days. We each have many responsibilities to fulfill every day. However, our first priority should be to choose what kind of day we are going to have.

- We can complain because the weather is rainy or we can be thankful that the grass is getting watered free.
- We can feel sad that we don't have more money in our pockets or we can be glad that our finances encourage us to plan each purchase wisely and

Fundraising will start heating up again and the chapter is in desperate need of volunteers. If you have some time to dedicate to the helping the chapter to raise funds needed to help veterans in need, please call our chapter office @ 334 308-2480 or leave a message on our chapter Facebook page and we'll get back to you. Also, if you would like to Fundraise for the chapter and get a good meal at the same time, our next Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack slot is Friday March 21st through Sunday the 23rd at the Enterprise Ruby Tuesdays. Ruby Tuesdays will give back 20% of your purchase to the chapter. This is a great way to participate in a fundraiser and get a good meal at the same time.

TODD McVICKAR

guide us away from waste.

- We can grumble about my health or rejoice that we are still alive.
- We can lament over all that our parents didn't give us when we were growing up or we can feel grateful that they allowed us to be born.
- We can cry because roses have thorns or celebrate that thorns have roses.
- We can mourn our lack of friends or we can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.
- We can whine because we have to work or shout for joy because we have a job to do.

I understand that each day stretches ahead waiting to be shaped, and here we are the sculptor who gets to do the shaping. What today will be like is up to each of us. We get to choose what kind of day we will have.

Your attitude on those things that God has provided does make a difference in how we look at changes our personal attitudes.

I extend to all of you God's blessings.

BILL BAKER

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Veterans Crisis Line

(1-800-273-8255 press 1) connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text (Text 838255). Veterans and their loved ones can call, chat online, and text message.



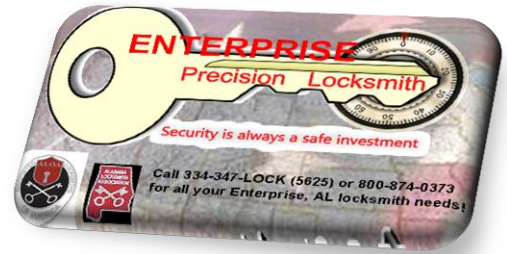
Van Drivers Dispatch

We had two weather, non-driving, days this period due to icy county roads which were closed. Still, having transported 36 disabled veterans to their appointments in Tuskegee we provided a very essential service to our local veterans.

The old van that was returned to our chapter has been sold. This money has been placed in our chapter's van fund for purchase of a new one when the one we currently are driving needs replacement.

Sonny Smith recruited a new driver. Jon Langhammer has completed his initial processing and has only his physical exam and a few minor administrative tasks to complete before he will be cleared to drive. With his addition and Rex Bass returning to duty next month we currently have 9. drivers. Eight active and one recuperating from a

	Trips	Miles	Hours	Vets
Lyle McMullen	1	236	12	6
Paul Skyles	3	708	12	5
Sonny Smith	3	708	12	14
Bill Voth *	3	708	36	11
TOTALS	10	2360	120	36



Department Crier

Department Townhall Meetings happen on 2nd Saturday at 8AM and Department Training is on 4th Saturday at 8AM. It is free to all and all are welcome to attend.

Conference Dial-in Number: (805) 360-1000
Participant Access Code: 991969#

The next training meeting will be a makeup meeting on the 3rd Saturday at 8AM and it will be on "Veterans Welfare" and how we do it! Come enjoy the class and ask questions!



LVAP Coordinator Request

Helping around town volunteering? Going to meetings in the community? Going to church and volunteering in the choir, classroom or nursery?

If you are doing anything like this or even attending our chapter meetings you can log that time as LVAP reportable volunteer hours. You will be helping the department in

showing the Alabama State Government what we are doing in the community as veterans.

If not for the department, why not do it for the volunteer hour pin for your cap and the items you can purchase with your hours? [CLICK HERE](#) to download and fill out form and then email form to culverla1@yahoo.com.

Parting Shot



Becky Culver, Carl Bailey and Bill Baker prepare to charge Capitol Hill during C&A Mid-Winter Conference in D.C.



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Memories



She Wore These



Tuskegee Airmen



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Ruby Tuesday

COMMUNITY **GiveBack** PROGRAM

100% OF THE GIVEBACK AMOUNT IS DONATED DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION.

Ruby Tuesday is extremely proud to be part of your hometown and believes in giving back. As a fellow member of the community, we invite you to participate in...

Ruby Tuesday's Community **GiveBack** Program.

Grab your family and friends and join us at the 625 BOLL WEEVIL CIRCLE location on the dates listed below. Please present this flyer to your server, and we will give back **20%** of your purchase to the organization.

HOW IT WORKS

(We apologize but we cannot accommodate coupon usage or other discounts in conjunction with our GiveBack Program.)



To make a reservation, call us at 334-347-5549 or visit us online at rubytuesday.com

Organization's Name: **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DAV**

Event Name: **DAV FUNDRAISER FOR CHAPTER 9**

Date(s) of Visit: 2/14/2014 2/15/2014 2/16/2014 3/21/2014
3/22/2014 3/23/2014

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu,
visit rubytuesday.com

Ruby Tuesday

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Mission Statement..



Important Numbers

VA Medical Centers
1-800-214-8387

Coffee County Veteran
Service Officer:
(334) 894-5858

Birmingham VA Medical
Center (205) 933-8101

Dothan CBOC
(334) 673-4166

Wiregrass (Lyster)
CBOC (334) 503-7836 or
503-7831

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life by:

- Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government;
- Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically;
- Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government;
- Extending DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local Chapters; and
- Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

About Our Organization...

OFFICE HOURS/READING FILE: The office is currently open Mon thru Thurs, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Service officer assistance is appointment only. Contact the Commander or Service Officer ...telephone numbers provided in the newsletter.

Chapter Reading File: In the office for you to stop by and read. The office is also open during each executive meeting for you to come by and visit.

DAV VAN (Enterprise to Tuskegee): Our DAV Van operates from Enterprise to Tuskegee, departing Hardees at 5:15 Monday - Wednesday – Friday, arriving at Tuskegee at approximately 08:00. Please assist our drivers by having your hospital appointment notification for that day with you; a picture ID is also required. We take passengers on a first come first serve basis unless the Tuskegee HSC directs otherwise.

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