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DAV CHAPTER 9 ENTERPRISE-COFFEE COUNTY



COMMANDER COMMENTS

Command team has changed and the chapter is getting ready to have some coordination meetings amongst officers. We need ideas for some fundraisers which will get our chapter noticed in the community. Please submit suggestions to the commander, adjutant or junior vice commander. You can also call the office with suggestions.

Thank you for your confidence in electing me and your officers for this coming year. I am looking forward to what is around the corner for us.

Charlene Swann

CHAPLAIN VESPERS

With the July 4th holiday approaching and the opening of the 9-11 museum, we all should stop and reflect what America really lost that day. I read "A Patriots Prayer" and thought it would be appropriate to share with our chapter.

A Patriots Prayer

by Chaplain David Mansberger

Lord God, as Americans, as members of the military, and as people of faith remember to honor our military comrades; firemen, policemen, medical personnel, and other public servants; and our other American brothers and sisters whose lives were lost in the cowardly terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Though years have passed, our memories are fresh with horrifying images, overwhelming suffering, and inexplicable evil. We remember and offer our humble gratitude this morning for common people who became heroes, public servants whose duty it was to lay down their lives for others, and for our leaders who have called forth the best from us and led us in our firm resolve to combat terrorism.

God of compassion, we do not and will not forget those whose lives have been tragically changed as a result of heinous attacks of terrorism. Comfort those who still suffer from physical injury as well as those whose pain is too deep for words, as they live with the reality that their mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, son, or friend is never returning.

God our hope, in our present and future remembrances lead us beyond the tragedy that has been to the future we can create with your guidance and strength. Comfort and embolden all those who are the front lines in our nation's war against terror. Grant us all determination in our efforts to defeat both the causes and the acts of terrorism, and inspire each of us to serve you and our country with pride, with courage, and with faith.

In your holy and righteous name, the One in whom we trust, we pray. Amen!

I pray that each of you have a safe and relaxing July 4th weekend.

Bill Baker



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SENIOR VICE STAND-TO

Greetings to all my DAV Comrades.

I would like to thank everyone for the confidence to elect me as your Sr. Vice Commander. I accept the office in which I have been elected. I promise to perform the duties of such office to the best of my abilities. I pledge to act and conduct myself in such a matter at all times and places as will only affect the good of the order. I promise to enforce and sustain the Constitution and Bylaws of this great organization.

The reputation of the DAV is the responsibility of everyone in our organization. Often, it's not immediately obvious how the DAV's reputation is at stake when you, our Chapter takes a specific course of action. That's why as a DAV member, we must make a special effort to consider how a proposed action will affect the DAV's good name. Because you're a DAV member, people in our area naturally view anything you say or do as a reflection on our entire organization.

New Members:

George H Corbett 5-16-2014

Tommie J Wright 6-12-2014 Full Paid

Harvey C Williams 6-12-2014 Transfer

Wishing you a safe and wonderful 4th of July Weekend

Be blessed!

Kerry M Edwards

The chapter has a goal for the 2014 recruiting year of 153 new members. Try to sign up life members. Show them the website to join for \$10 and set up a payment schedule! Call someone you know who is a part life member of the chapter and ask them to pay up to life!

DEPARTMENT CRIER

The July DAV Department of Alabama News and Views has been posted at

<http://www.davmembersportal.org/al/Department%20Newsletters/201407%20News%20and%20Views.pdf>



Chapters are reminded to send a current copy of their Constitution and By Laws to the Department Adjutant, Judge Advocate and Webmaster (Commander) as soon as possible. You can also send a copy to the Department Historian and Publicist for historical files. It is recommended that, instead of mailing a copy, you scan a copy into the computer and send it to the following email addresses:

aldavadj@earthlink.net aldavcdr@charter.net michsplace@yahoo.com melissathomas324mt@gmail.com



VAN DRIVERS DISPATCH

Have you noticed the up-tick in van trips, miles driven, volunteer hours and veterans hauled? We, Buddy Keen and Bill Voth, drove the Dothan van five times during this period. One of the three Dothan van drivers has not been able to drive their van due to a health condition that is permanent. This means until they can recruit a new driver or drivers and get them qualified to drive, their van program will have serious difficulty meeting their three day a week Montgomery and Fort Rucker schedule. Some of the Dothan area disabled veterans may miss vital medical appointments. We plan to fill the gap as best we can driving their van to prevent this from happening. If anyone reading this is interested in getting qualified to drive, whether it be our van or the Dothan van (or both!) let one of our drivers or the Dothan or Enterprise DAV office know. You can ride along for an orientation ride Any Monday Wednesday or Friday and then decide if this vital service to our local veterans is something you want to pursue.

Bill Voth

Driver	Trips	Miles	Hrs	Vets
Buddy Keen	2*	458	24	8
Lyle McMullen	1	236	12	0
Tom Ferguson	2	472	24	5
Rex Bass	2	472	24	5
Paul Skyles	3	708	36	8
Sonny Smith	3	708	36	10
Jon Langhammer	1	236	12	3
Bill Voth	4*	411	19	17
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Meetings and Items of Interest

No Chapter Meeting this month!

The next chapter meeting will be on 2 August 2014 at 8:30 AM at 201 West Watts Street, Enterprise, AL.

There will be a Chapter Executive Committee Meeting on 24 July 2014 at 6:00PM at the chapter office. All members are invited to attend. If you are interested in being on the executive committee, please call the office and let them know.

Your chapter needs you to get involved! With a new command team in the mix it is important to get them started on the right foot. Don't stop coming to meetings or volunteering to help the chapter!

Department recruiting goal for the year is 1016 new life members! Holy smokes! Almost 200 more than last year! Get out there and recruit, recruit, recruit, but be sure to recruit members who will become life members!



Don't become a non-participant because non-participation is the virus which may sack your chapter!





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Mission Statement...

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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“NO CHAPTER MEETING THIS MONTH!”