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Monthly Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:30 AM  
201 W. Watts Street



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ADDRESSING ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR VETERANS  
IN ENTERPRISE AND THE WIREGRASS AREAS.

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## Commanders Notes!

Charlene Swann

"OH" What a night! The DAV Fundraiser night 5-8 pm on Tuesday 19th, at Zaxby's was a blast. A Big Commander thanks to our 11 chapter members and their families that came out, and ate delicious Zaxby's chicken. It was an enjoyable time of fun and laughter as we all dined together and helped raise money for our DAV chapter.

The community turnout sales were also great. As the chapter commander I introduced myself to many of the guests who were dining, and presented them with a "Why Join DAV" welcome bag I had prepared containing DAV brochures and membership applications. Looking forward to our next DAV Zaxby's fundraiser night out scheduled for September 16. I am hoping to see many more of our DAV member's faces in the place. As your

chapter commander I will be continually encouraging all of you to become involved with what is around the corner for this chapter. Community coordination meetings are taking place for our November Veterans Day Parade, National Peanut Festival fundraiser, and the selling of DAV raffle tickets by all of our members. Feel free to submit ideas and suggestions to your Commander or any of the command team.

Every day is a new (recruiting) opportunity to share with our men and women who served and let them know the DAV in involved in "FULFILLING OUR PROMISES."

My prayer for each of you is to have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.



## Chaplain's Vespers

Bill Baker

Let's remember those comrades recovering and needing recovery in our prayers! Armand Franco – Healing, Herman Brown – WWII Veteran who is hospitalized and the family and friends of Tommy Simmons.



# Senior Vice and Membership News

Kerry Edwards



*...new members can sign up as a DAV member online for only \$10...*

I was pleased with the turnout at the August meeting. I appreciated all the Birthday wishes. I will not be able to attend September's meeting due to total knee replacement surgery on the 2nd of September at the Enterprise Medical Center. Keep me in your prayers as I go through this surgery. I will work hard to be at the October meeting.

Did you know that new members can sign up as a DAV member online for only \$10? All they have to do is log on the DAV web site at [dav.org](http://dav.org), click on membership, click on join a chapter, and fill out the application. Make a \$10 deposit and set up a payment plan. That's all there is to it.

Be Blessed!

## New Members:

Michael S. Brewer	Full Life Member*
Jazzma E. Gwynn	Part Life Member
Gregory Houston	Full Life Member*
David R. Kelley	Full Life Member*
Ray H. Posey	Part Life Member
Mohammed Razavi	Full Life Member*
Bobby A. Smith	Part Life Member
Heidi Ungricht	Full Life Member*
Brian R. White	Part Life Member



Driver	Trips	Miles	Hrs	Vets
Buddy Keen	4*	944	48	14
Lyle McMullen	2	472	24	16
Tom Ferguson	3	708	36	8
Paul Skyles	3	708	36	16
Sonny Smith	2	472	24	4
Jon Langhammer	1	236	12	3
Bill Voth	3*	708	31	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4077</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>61</b>



## Van Driver's Transmission

Bill Voth

Your van program had a busy month. The Dothan Van program currently has only two qualified drivers. During the month of August, one of them attended the DAV National Convention and, in conjunction, went on a month long vacation, that left them with only one driver for the entire month of August. We - Buddy Keen, Tom Ferguson and Bill Voth - drove for them a total of six times to insure there would not be a veteran from Dothan that could not get to either Tuskegee or Montgomery for their appointment.

Recently we have had some bad news with serious health issues for three of our drivers. We have enough dedicated drivers to continue meeting our Monday, Wednesday and Friday runs to Tuskegee but taking on six commitments to drive for Dothan is a challenge. Hopefully our three drivers will fully recover soon and start driving again.

Also, we all pray Dothan can recruit a few new drivers so their program can become as strong as ours and not need us to drive for them.



Commissioned By: The Healthy Caregiver Community Foundation's "Women Veterans Research Consortium" (C) 2010

# The Department Crier

Chad Richmond

The **Alabama All Veterans & Family Reunion** will be held September 26-28, 2014 in Tuscaloosa. See the itinerary and register at <http://www.visittuscaloosa.com>. There will be a ball, breakfast and Veterans marketplace during the weekend.

In line with Secretary McDonald's directive, the Montgomery VA Regional Office will host a **town hall** for Veterans, Servicemembers, their families and survivors, to discuss non-medical VA benefits. Community members and organizations that assist Veterans with their benefits, as well as the general public are also invited to attend. This town hall will be Tuesday,

September 9, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at **City Hall Council Auditorium**, 103 N. Perry Hill in Montgomery.

**National Veterans Day in Birmingham** begins with the National Veterans Award Dinner at 7PM on November 10 in the Sheraton Birmingham Ballroom. On 11 November there will be a World Peace Luncheon at 10:30 AM, in the same location, followed by the Veterans Day Parade. Tickets must be ordered by November 2, 2014. Get more information at <http://nationalveteransday.org/events-schedule/>.

To find out how the VA defines areas of rural health visit, <http://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/>.



## The Auxiliary Update

Anonymous DAV Auxiliary Member

**LeeAnn Karg** Elected National Commander!

New membership format!

National Bylaw Ammendments Approved at National Convention!

**National Fall Conference** September 25-27, 2014 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown, 369 W. Vine St. Lexington, KY at \$109/night (1-859-231-9000) please mention DAV to receive discounted rate. Conference fees of \$35 paid on arrival. \$40 for the Friday night banquet.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Membership Mtg 8:30AM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Veterans Day Parade Mtg				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					POW/MIA Ceremony Rucker 8:30 State Capital 11:00	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Exec Cmtee Mtg 6PM	Alabama All Veterans & Family Reunion Tuscaloosa	Black and White 6PM Shocco Springs/ All Veterans
28	29	30				
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- 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.

**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.

## Important Numbers

**VA Medical Centers**  
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