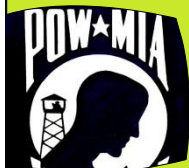




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ADDRESSING ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR VETERANS  
IN ENTERPRISE AND THE WIREGRASS AREAS.

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## Commanders Notes!

Charlene Swann

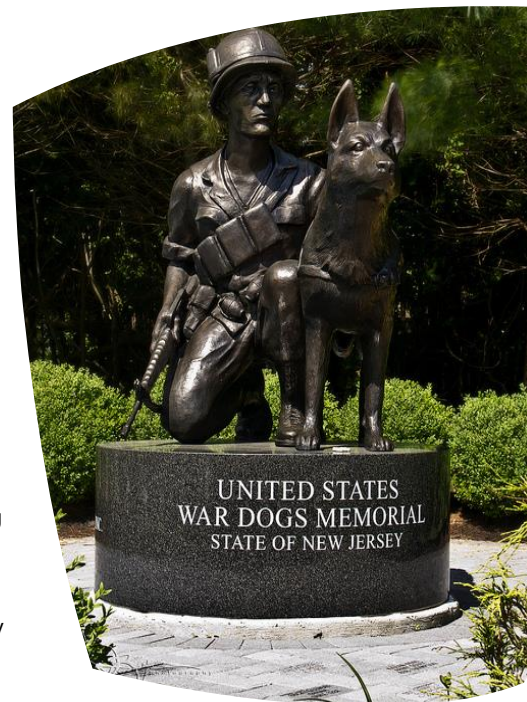
Greetings fellow Veterans and members of Chapter 9

Another corner has been turned within the DAV Chapter called October Street. There has been much business of the DAV that has taken place this month. The Downtown Enterprise Fall Festival took place on October 18, while on that same day the Commander attended the DAV/DAVA Department of Alabama Leadership Seminar conducted in Clanton, AL by Laird and Becky Culver, Commanders, DAV/DAVA Auxiliary. The Commander/Adjutant Seminar topics of discussion were very helpful and gained a wealth of learning. Topics included both the Officer/Adjutant Duties and Responsibilities, Chapter Conduct, Communication/Publicity Website, Fundraising, and Community Involvement Volunteerism LVAP.

The annual National Peanut Festival fundraiser has again arrived on October Street beginning Oct 31st through November 9. This will be the first DAV peanut festival event for our newly appointed Fundraising Chairperson, Comrade Gail has signed up to really get involved with this event along with other projects she has volunteered for. Commrades LET'S all step up to the DAV Chapter volunteer plate and pitch in some time in helping and supporting this Chapter. There is much to be done. First, Signing up to fundraise at the Peanut festival; Second, Selling DAV Raffle Tickets; Third, Assist with decorating the "DAV Chapter 9 Women in Military Float" that will ride in the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 6; and Last the Chapter has a DAV table again this year for the Ft. Rucker Retiree Health Fair held on October 31st from 8AM-12N. Along with the Commander being present, the Chapter still needs about 4-5 members to volunteer some time at the Health Fair.

The Chapter Office Manager will be glad to receive your phone calls to volunteer for the above mentioned projects. Many of you may be receiving a phone call to volunteer, if you have not done so. The DAV Chapter thanks the General Manager of Zaxby for all her support as we dine together in raising money for our Veteran's lives. I am looking forward to the next DAV Chapter's Zaxby fundraiser on November 18, 2014.

Thanking you in advance for all your support and Love.  
HAPPY HALLOWEEN



# Senior Vice and Membership News

Kerry Edwards

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No Article Submitted as of 27 October 2014



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## Van Driver's Transmission

Bill Voth

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|----------------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| Buddy Keen     | 4*    | 944   | 48  | 24   |
| Lyle McMullen  | 2     | 472   | 24  | 13   |
| Tom Ferguson   | 3*    | 708   | 36  | 16   |
| Paul Skyles    | 3     | 708   | 36  | 9    |
| Jon Langhammer | 2     | 708   | 24  | 13   |
| Bill Voth      | 3*    | 708   | 31  | 5    |
| TOTALS         | 15    | 3540  | 292 | 80   |

*Last Month's Table*

Robert Says:  
 Stand and be recognized by the commander or  
 chair in membership meetings before you open  
 your mouth to speak. Discussion of issues only  
 come after the motion and second. Don't feign  
 ignorance when you are called out of order!

# The Department Crier

Chad Richmond

Go to the DAV Department of Alabama Website to find out what is going on in your department. Here are some items of interest:

- The Columbia Trust Grant information for Van Purchasing is now posted under NEWS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> District Junior Vice Commanders have scheduled their dates as 11 April and 18 April 2014, respectively, for their Annual District Meetings.
- National Veterans Day information is available on the National Veteran Day website as well as on the department website.
- Veteran of the Year nominations from the districts/chapters is

very sparse, you have to nominate someone for them to receive recognition!

- Director of Employment should be posting the LVER of the Year, VAVS Employee of the Year, Veteran of the Year, DVOP of the Year and Large and Small Employer of the Year information this month.
- The CAVHCS Director has been fired and you can read about it on the website on the DAV Department of Alabama Facebook site.
- Harley's Heroes and DAV will be having an event in Montgomery, check it out online.

Information changes often so you should check out the websites often!

## The Auxiliary Update

Anonymous DAV Auxiliary Member

Did you know you could be a DAV Auxiliary member? If you would like to join and help this subordinate of the DAV, please see any auxiliary member for an application. If you join you can help the auxiliary out by being involved and helping them have a quorum when there are not enough of the stalwarts present. This is only if you are not an elected or appointed officer of the chapter.



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



The Enterprise Zaxby's will donate a portion of their profits every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday     | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------|--|--|---|
|  |   |                                  |               | 30<br>1300 NPF Set Up  | 31<br>1600 NPF Begins                              | 1<br>0830 Membership Meeting<br>0900 Harley's Heroes Montgomery<br>1200 NPF Continues |
| 2<br>1200 NPF  | 3<br>1600 NPF                                       | 4<br>1600 NPF<br><br><b>Vote</b> | 5<br>1600 NPF | 6<br>1600 NPF<br>1800 Enterprise Vet Day Par<br>1900 Enterprise Vet Day Ceremony | 7<br>1530 Fort Rucker Vet Day Ceremony<br>1600 NPF | 8<br>1200 NPF<br>Bill Nichols Chap #13 Car Show                                       |
| 9<br>1200 NPF Tear Down Veterans Recognition Banquet B'ham | 10<br>World Peace Luncheon B'ham                    | 11<br>National Veterans Day      | 12            | 13   | 14   | 15  |
| 16   | 17  | 18<br>Zaxby's Give Back Program  | 19            | 20   | 21   | 22  |
| 23   | 24  | 25                               | 26            | 27<br>1830 Exec. Mtg   | 28   | 29  |
| 30   | 1<br>Deadline for Early Bird MidWinter Registration |                                  |               |  |  |   |



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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.

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