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

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## Commanders Notes!

Tom Ferguson

It gives me a great honor to serve as your commander of Chapter 9. I want to thank you for putting your faith and trust in electing me to serve you again. I've enjoyed my time in chapter 9 and have come to enjoy the fellowship of my fellow comrades who served our great nation with honor and dignity.

This year I will serve this chapter as best as I possibly can as your commander and as the Senior Chapter Service Officer (CSO). If you need anything or have any suggestions on how this chapter can run more efficiently, please call me at (334) 470-6655 or visit me in person at the office during the week from Monday though Thursday from 8am till 11am.

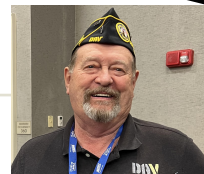
I would like to encourage everyone that is a member in good standing or thier spouse to please consider volunteering in our chapter as a van driver. Our primary mission is to

support the veteran to including taking them to their VA appointments. Not everyone can afford a car or can physically drive on the road and they need our help to get the medical treatments from the VA.

I would also like to extend an invitation to any member in good standing to consider volunteering as a Chapter Service Officer (CSO), assistant to any position in the chapter, and help in fundraising events to include the National Peanut Festival starting on the first weekend in October.

Good news! The chapter office now has a new paved park lot, and we are looking forward in the near future to get a new roof put on as well.

I look forward to a great new year for chapter 9 and thank you for your service!



## Chaplain's Vespers

Buddy Keen

Let's remember those comrades recovering and needing recovery in our prayers! Please contact me for any members of our chapter if they are in the hospital or need prayer.

Our website is back up and running! <http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/al/09/default.aspx> or on Facebook

# Senior Vice and Membership News

Gerry Merrihew



*...new members can sign up as a DAV member online, anyone older than 80 can join for free!*

I'm honored to be sworn in as the Senior Vice Commander for chapter 9. As the Senior Vice, I will perform the duties of my station set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. I will encourage friendship among the members of chapter 9, discourage discord and promote harmony.

I shall act as chairman of membership solicitation activities to the end that every veteran may become a member!

I look forward to serving our members.

Thank you, Gerry



**New Members:**  
Coming soon to the newsletter!



## Van Driver's Transmission

Kerry Edwards

Chapter 9 starting driving the van back in March of this year. Your van program had a busy month. During the month of June and July, we have 5 drivers for the chapter that drove 1,442 miles with a total of 72 hours! We assisted 12 veterans to the Tuskegee VA.

The van currently runs three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). It may appear that 5 drivers is a lot of drivers, but we do need more drivers so we can spread out the drivers more efficiently thereby our volunteer drivers wont have

such a busy schedule.

It is my honor to serve as your new Van coordinator, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at (334) 596-5217. Your support in our program will be greatly appreciated!

Kerry



Driver	Trips	Miles	Hrs	Vets
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Monthly report coming soon!



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

# Color/Honor Guard

Armond Franco

Our Color guard has been very busy lately! We provided a color guard for the VA Home Ceremony in Enterprise on 17 June; Tomato Festival and Parade in Solcomb on the 18th of June, and the Independence Celebration in Geneva on the 2nd of July.

Please consider joining our group so we can help represent the veteran community and our chapter with pride and dignity! All you have to do is contact me at (334) 475-0619 and I can help make you part of the team!

Thank you for your support!

Armond



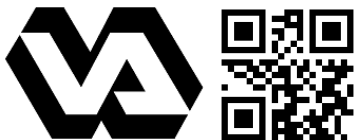
## The Auxiliary Update

DAV CH9 Adjutant Derrick Rainwater

Chapter 9 does not have an Auxiliary charter. However, interested veterans and their spouses can get together and start a new auxiliary. Chapter 9 did have an auxiliary in the past, but later was dissolved. You can help make a difference and support this effort. Please contact the adjutant at (334) 477-4381 if you are interested.

Since 1922 the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) has partnered with the DAV parent organization in their mission of service to disabled veterans and their families. That relationship has continued to flourish and the blended organizations have achieved many victories in their quest to improve the quality of life our veterans rightly deserve.

With nearly a quarter-million members, the DAVA programs are far-reaching and the personal rewards fulfilling. Our members are diverse in their interests which is what has made the DAVA so successful. Our programs include Americanism, Community Service, Junior Activities, Legislative, and VA Voluntary Services. Foremost in our hearts is the goal of assuring benefit entitlement and compassion for our disabled veterans and their families.



**DAV Chapter 9  
Enterprise-Coffee  
County**



### Chapter #9 Officers DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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Contact Information will be on the next newsletter

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# Geneva Satellite Office

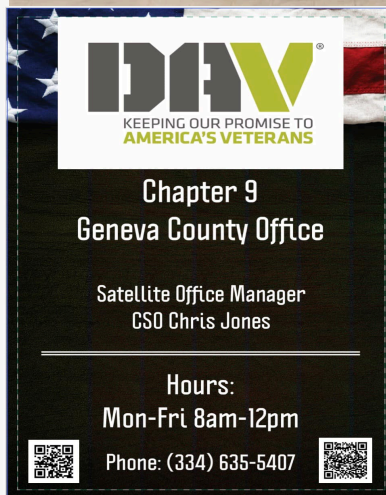
Chris Jones

Hi Comrades:

The satellite office in Geneva had its official grand opening on the 13th of July. Thank you to all that were able to attend. We have been seeing veterans and family members since the 6th of June. I am pleased to inform you that we have help around 20 vets. The chamber and Geneva County officials are very happy that we have an office in Geneva County. We have also attended the Tomato Festival in Slocomb and the Geneva Independence Day festival.

Geneva Satellite Office Manager,

Chris Jones



# Fundraising

Steve Restevio

Our Lowe's Fundraiser is the first Saturday of every month! Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact me at (334) 806-4436.



# Executive Committee

Mike Sutterfield

Hello, Team! As we move into this coming DAV operational year, I was asked to introduce myself for our newly reinstated newsletter.

My name is Mike Sutterfield and am a retired Soldier. I served 28 and a half years. I am heavily engaged with our Veteran Service Organizations and Military Organizations within the Wiregrass and look forward to serving the Chapter on the Executive Committee. The Commander has also pinned the rose on me as the Chairperson for our Annual Golf Tournament. If you would like to assist with this event, just let me know.

Mike



Newsletter Submissions are due every month by the 28th to the Adjutant

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Geneva Festival 4 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Lowe's Fundraiser 9am - 2pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Geneva Office Grand Opening! 10am	Chapter Meeting Shane's Rib Shack at 6:30 pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Military Affairs Breakfast 7:30am American Legion			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Finance Co Mtg 5pm Executive Co Mtg 6pm		



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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, 8:00 – 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**  
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)  
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