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

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 need of veterans transitioning back to civilian life...

Commanders Notes!

Hello Comrades,

Our largest fundraiser of the year at the National Peanut Festival in Dothan will be here before you know it! The dates of the Festival is on 4-13 November. All Volunteers will get in the Festival for free. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer. Along with that, we are selling Raffle Tickets to the Iron Bowl Game for \$1.00 per ticket. If you would like to sign out some tickets to sell for the chapter please contact me at (334) 470-6655.

The DAV Department of Alabama will conduct their annual Commander and Adjutants training on September 10th at 9am in Alexander city at the City Hall. Any DAV member may attend.

Tom Ferguson

The next Annual Chapter Service Officer (CSO) Certification Training will be in Montgomery at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center on 5-6 January 2023. If your interested in volunteering to be a CSO, please let me know and I will add you to the list. The DAV Department of Alabama Mid-Winter Conference will be on 6-8 January starting right at the end of the CSO training. We have alot of fun fellowshiping with all of the other chapters in the state at convention and the connections we have with them can benefit the chapter immensely. Please join us in this opportunity!



**Iron Bowl
Raffle Tickets
\$1 each**

Winner will be notified on
14 November
You do not have to present to win!

Proceeds go to support
Disabled American Veterans



Chapter 9
704 Crawford Street, Enterprise, Alabama
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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

Department of Alabama 2nd Jr Vice Commander Update

Gerry Merrihew



or 988 Then dial 1.

Greetings Comrades,

I am writing this as your 2nd District Junior Vice Commander. Chapter 9 has exceeded our goal of 7 new members in this recruiting year which started on 1 July. We are currently at 100.26%. The total members for the chapter is 1,906. Chapter 9 is now the second largest chapter in the State of Alabama! The largest chapter is Montgomery with a membership count of 2,658. So Chapter 9 isn't far behind from being the largest chapter.

You probably would think that since the chapter made the annual goal and there is no need to try to recruit. However, the largest issue most chapters have, is not membership, but rather the lack of active volunteers. Volunteerism is the bread and butter of the organization.

Without volunteerism, there would be no:

- * Chapter Service Officers (CSO) to do claims.
- * Van drivers to take Veterans to their VA doctor's appointment.
- * Honor Guard to honor our fallen brother and sisters that served our nation with honor.


Your support to help bring in more volunteers would help us to do all the above with a the main focus of our mission statement by "empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity."

Thank you and Go Recruiting!
Gerry




Transportation Network


DAV volunteer drivers spent **508,652** hours logging over **7.9 million** miles, providing no-cost rides for ill and injured veterans to VA medical facilities.



Since 1987, at a cost over **\$90 million**


 has donated
3,618 vehicles

+


 has donated
248 vehicles

Van Driver's Transmission

Kerry Edwards

The Van is running 3 days a week. We have 5 drivers at this time, and we have 2 candidates currently working on their physicals and background checks with the VA. It is our goal to have at least 10 drivers to run 5 days a week. Anyone interested to transport veterans to Tuskegee and Montgomery VAMC please call me at (334) 596-5217. There is no requirement for a Commerical Driver's License and all you will need is a valid driver's license.

You do not have to be a chapter member nor a Veteran to drive our vans. Remember our mission states that we are "Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs." Your help as a Volunteer can help change the lives of the Veterans in our community!

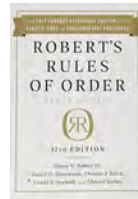
Chapter Van Coordinator,
Kerry Edwards



Driver	Trips	Miles	Hrs
Kerry Edwards	6	1,585	84
Jason Hogan	0	0	0
George Martin	3	430	36
Ken Donahue	4	847	48
Malcom Wise	0	0	0
Total	13	2,862	168

Judge Advocate

Armand Franco



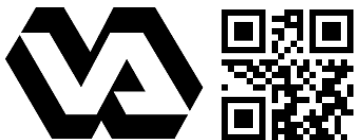
We use Roberts Rule of Order as our guide for conducting all of our meetings (Parliamentary Procedures). It would be advantageous for members to learn this process. One of the procedures misunderstood often is how to make a point of order. As such, the proper procedure is the following:

- 1- Get the attention of the Commander for example: "Commander Point of Order"
- 2- Wait for the Commander to recognize you. Remember he/she is our elected Moderator, and we need to assist to keep the meeting running smoothly by doing it right ourselves.
- 3- Once recognized by the Commander state the point, or correction you need to make. Ensure that your correction is in accordance with Roberts Rules, "don't guess".
- 4- When the point is made don't debate it, clarify "if requested".
- 5- Sit back down quietly.

NOTE: the point of the exercise is to ensure that we as a body are not deviating from Parliamentary Procedure. If we don't follow the steps above, we are then part of the problem. Remember that if we take the time to make the point, we need to do the research (Read Roberts Rules). Otherwise we by virtue of standing up to make the point we are setting the example. Let's make sure it is a good example and our meetings will only get better and smoother.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at armand.franco@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Armando



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County**



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Geneva Satellite Office

Chris Jones

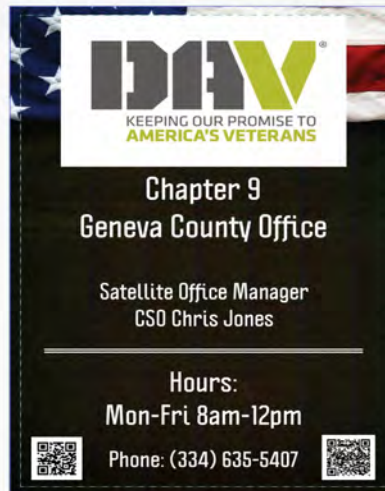
Hi Comrades:

We are continuing to see Veterans for their claims. Since we've returned from the DAV National Convention we have seen 15 Veterans that needed assistance in the month of August. We have advertised our office to all 4 major cities in Geneva County. Please come see our new office and let us know if you would like to volunteer with us!

The paperwork for the Dothan National Peanut Festival has been turned in and we are ready to support the biggest fundraiser of the year for our chapter on November 4-13!

Geneva Satellite Office Manager,
Peanut Festival Committee Chair,

Chris Jones



VA Update

PDC Bill Baker

The signing of the Honoring our PACT Act into law is a signal to thousands of veterans to pursue their toxic exposure claims with the VA beginning right now. But that is just half of the battle. Many exposed veterans will need a nudge to even think about their own history with military toxic exposures. We must make sure they know DAV provides free VA benefits claims assistance, and that attorney advertisements offering to help are far from a veteran's best or only option. As always, DAV stands ready to help with no fees or gimmicks. I strongly encourage veterans to talk with one of our benefits advocates. It's important that veterans know that this is not only for them, but also to ensure their family does not have to bear a heavy burden in the future because of unforeseen medical conditions.

DAV brought the issue of burn pits to the public's attention, fought for this legislation, and will continue to be there to help veterans exposed to toxic exposures receive justice for their sacrifices. With the signing of the law, asthma diagnosed after service is covered, as are respiratory cancer of any type, brain cancer, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease, pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, chronic rhinitis, chronic sinusitis and glioblastoma. The legislation will cover chronic bronchitis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, head cancer of any type, neck cancer of any type, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, reproductive cancer of any type, lymphoma cancer of any type, pancreatic cancer, kidney cancer and melanoma.

The legislation doesn't just affect those exposed to burn pits in our most recent wars. New locations were conceded for Agent Orange exposure in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam or American Samoa and Johnston Atoll. Hypertension will be covered under Agent Orange exposure.

The new law also calls for the study of jet fuel on veterans' health outcomes, so watch for the future publication of those results as well. Please have your Chapter Service Officers learn all about the new presumptive conditions (VA.GOV or DAV.ORG) and talk to our community of veterans about reaching out to DAV for assistance filing a claim.

Executive Committee

Mike Sutterfield

Happy September, Team! While we are still 7 months away from the scheduled benefit golf tournament on 15 April We need EVERYONE's assistance to make it a SUCCESS! First and foremost, we need volunteers to assist in getting sponsors and door prizes. We also need volunteers to help with the actual execution of the tournament. We will be making an assessment at the December meeting on whether we move forward with the execution of a golf tournament. Everyone's assistance between now and then will inform that decision. I look forward to hearing from anyone and everyone that wants to assist. Please feel free to reach out to me via email, text, phone call, telegram, carrier pigeon, smoke signals, or any other communication method you desire.

Thank you,

Mike



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			September 8		9	10
				Chapter Meeting Shane's Rib Shack	DAV Van	C & A Training 9am Alexander City, AL
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9/11 Ceremony 7:30am Johnny Henderson Park	DAV Van	CG Reception 6pm Enterprise Civic Center	DAV Van	DAV Van		POW/MIA Banquet 5pm Talladega, AL
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
DAV Van			DAV Van	Chamber of Commerce Member Awards Banquet Civic Center 5pm	DAV Van	*DAV Townhall Meeting Online or phone 8am
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 October
DAV Van			Military Affairs Breakfast VFW Enterprise 7:30am	Finance Com Mtg 5pm Exec Com Mtg 6pm	Oktoberfest 4:30pm Fort Rucker	Lowe's Fundraiser 9am - 2pm
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*24th: The DAV Department of Alabama has a monthly town-hall meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month that is open to all DAV members. Dial in: 319-527-4759 / To view the training Online: <https://join.startmeeting.com/debbwalk32> / The online meeting ID: debbwalk32 Please mute your microphone.



Who is Eligible?

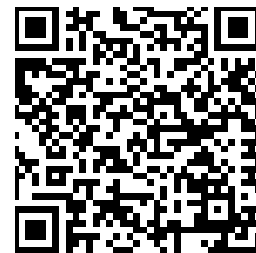
Any man or woman:

who served in the armed forces during a period of war or under conditions simulating war, and was wounded, disabled to any degree, or left with long-term illness as a result of military service, and was discharged or retired from military service under honorable conditions.

Member Advantages

As a DAV Member, in addition to our programs and free services, you are entitled to Member Advantages, which gives you access to a variety of important programs, products and services. Also included with your membership is a FREE subscription to DAV Magazine.

To join Chapter 9, please scan the QR code below with your cell phone camera app open. Then click on the link that pops up.



After a minimum down payment of \$40 toward your life membership, you will receive your membership card. The remaining balance is paid in interest-free installments. All dues payments received are applied to your life membership account. Apply online for as little as \$10 with a recurring monthly credit card payment at the QR code above. Thank you for becoming a member!

Mission Statement...

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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)
CBOC** (334) 503-7836
or 503-7831

To submit a message in the monthly chapter newsletter, please contact Adjutant Derrick Rainwater at adjutant@dav9enterprise.com or (334) 477-4381. Any member of the chapter can submit something that can benefit the members of the chapter, Veterans, and their families in our community.

DAV Member Benefits



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To see more benefits of being a DAV member please go to:
<https://dav.enjoymydeals.com/>

