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Chapter Service Officers: Faye Patin, Robert Duprey, Leslie Eglinger, at the Chapter House. Monday, and Friday, from 1000-1400 hours, and Tuesday from 0930-1330 hours. **Tuesday at VA Clinic Southpoint 6900 Southpoint Dr. N. Room 319, Hours 1400 – 1600.**

Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1300.

Florida residents when renewing your driver's license remember to DONATE a dollar to the Disabled American Veterans at the same time.
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Commander's Message

It is my pleasure to serve as your Commander for another year. Thanks for your vote of confidence. The following were elected; Thomas Ayala, Sr. Vice, Richard Arceneaux, First Jr. Vice, Paul Markiewicz, Second Jr. Vice, Thurman Dubberly, Chaplain, Buddy Rickman, Judge Advocate. The following were appointed; Herman Pryor, Officer of the Day, George Idle, Sgt. At Arms, John Markiewicz, Adjutant. We also awarded our first ever awards at our April meeting they are as follows; Member of the Year, Guy Diffenbaugh, Service Officer Award, Faye Patin, and Chapter Commander's Award, Buddy Rickman, Congratulations. We will be having a fundraiser at the Golden Corrals in the area on July 4th, 5th, and 6th. We need volunteers for this event, we have lost one store in our area and that store is the Beach Blvd. store, so as you see we need to put in the extra effort to these other stores. July 12th we will be visiting the Lake City Hospital, for our Bingo Party, help is always needed. Please remember that when you sign up to volunteer for an activity, make every effort to do your commitment, if after you sign the volunteer list and you can't make it Contact the Chairman. Thanks to our hard working Service Officers for a job well done.

Yours in service to our veterans

Robert W. (Bob) Young Commander

We are trying to serve our members in a more state of the times newsletter. We would like you to give us Your E-MAIL Address by either Mailman or by E-Mail. Those of you who don't have a computer will still receive your newsletter by the mailman. Please send your e-mail address to me at arceneauxsr@comcast.net This new system will be slowly adopted over the next few months. This e-mail system will help curb the cost of mailing, so we could possibly make our newsletter monthly instead of quarterly as it is now. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Saturday July 26, 2014 at 1:00p.m., lunch will be served at 12 noon.

CHAPLAIN's CORNER

Gratitude is our response to hope we have. Gratitude fades when we begin to take for granted what God has given or done in our lives, or worse we begin to think it is owed to us. Whenever we feel entitled to have what we've got, we can't be grateful for it. An attitude of entitlement affects us. As long as we feel what we have or what we should have is due to our efforts, we will not be grateful or thankful to God. Gratitude is not based on how good your situation is but on how good you see your situation to be. That's why someone with half of what you have can be twice as thankful as you.

God reminds us that our lives are gifts, expressing gratitude is a choice, but that choice doesn't come without effect. Glory be to God.

Thurman Dubberly, Chaplin

SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

166 hours, 218 clients, 110 claims, 168 counseling's were accrued during 60 days of availability. **Since the office is only open on Mon., Thurs., & Fri., from 1000-1400, Tuesday from 0930-1330. Tuesday at VA Clinic Southpoint 6900 Southpoint Dr. N. Hours 1400-1600. The Service Officers are not available on some days; please call before you come in. If you receive a letter from the Department of VA concerning a claim[s], or a pending Appeal, please let the Service Officer review and advise you.

While you are waiting in the VA clinic to be seen, engage with other vets and reach out if they need help to apply for earned compensation for disabilities. Help them by referring these Vets to our office.

**Robert Duprey
Sr. Service Officer**

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following into the membership of our Chapter. Robert Bassett, Odom J. Blease, Jr., Wayne F. Brown, Larry Bussey, Patrick Dane Conway, William L. Craig, Michael S. Donahue, Lemond W. Fowler, Roland L. Green, Elisha Harris, Ralph E. Hunt, Carl M. Jones, Brian E. Joseph, Salvatore M. Lupo, James McGuire, Christopher Adam Morehead, James C. Nichols, Donna Nixon, Michael J. Pricco, Gerald Ray Roberts, Celinda Roddy, Ramon Rosa, Nathan Savage, Rosenior C. Smith, Michael Bernard Steverson, Michael W. Stoinoff, Also welcome, Wayne T. Bennett, Lee R. Brown, Kevin Davis, Larry L. Hawkins, John E. Schriener, who transferred into our Chapter. As I have written in the past, membership is the backbone of any organization. The **congress counts our numbers before they vote on bills effecting veterans, the more the numbers, the more likely** they will vote the way we ask so please sign up a new

member. Our condolences go out to the following families for the following deceased members; Robert A. Barquist, William E. Hearn, John J. Lammerding, Eugene J. Manahan, Michael Minor, Hayward J. Newell, John P. Reagan, Ruth A. Roderick, George W. Thompson, Juan Tobias, may their souls rest in peace.

Thomas Ayala
Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman

Auxiliary Commanders Message

When our fiscal year ended on March 31, 2014. I was very proud of all the many things our Unit had accomplished. With the help from our Unit members, we provided comfort items, lap robes, duty bags, bingo games, visits and Christmas gift bags to all Veterans in the nursing home wing at the Lake City VA Hospital, the Five-Star Homeless Veterans Center in Jacksonville, and three nursing homes in Jacksonville and one in St. Augustine.

In honor of past chapter commander and present the DAV State Dept. Commander, Guy Diffenbaugh, our Unit made a donation to the Service Officers Foundation. I fully expect our Unit to bring home some first place awards from the State Convention in June.

Some of our active Unit members have passed away, others are getting older and not able to be active as they once were in the past. We need NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS to keep this Unit going STRONG as it has been since 1972 when we were chartered.

Jean Christian
Auxiliary Commander

Individual Donations:

Benjamin Medina, Leslie Eglinger, Buddy Rickman, Robert Duprey, Ernest Russell, Russell Jones, Warrin Bidwell, Larry Eddy, Thomas Ayala, Don Bolina.

Community Donations:

Golden Corral

Upcoming Events:

July 4th, 5th, 6th Golden Corral Mid Year Fund Raising Drive

July 12th Lake City VA Bingo

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 4th,5th,6th	Golden Corral Mid Year Fund Raising Drive
July 12th	Bingo VA Lake City Hospital
July 26th	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
July 26th	DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.
Aug. 23rd	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
Aug. 23rd	DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.
Sept. 27th	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
Sept. 27th	DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.