



DAV Orange Blossom Gardens #150
E-BOARD MEETING
4 February 2021

1. The meeting was held at City Fire in Lake Sumter Landing at 10:30 and opened with Invocation by Andy Vasaturo. The following E-Board members were present:

Dennis Storey	Acting Commander
Jan Schmeichel	Acting SR Vice Commander
Joe Thompson	Acting JR Vice Commander
Larry Steven Grzanich	Treasurer
Robert L. Wallace	3 Year Trustee
Michael Summers	2 Year Trustee
*Rhonda L. Storey	Adjutant
Robert Kobac	Acting Judge Advocate and Past Commander
Andy Vasaturo	Chaplain
Jack Johnson	1 Year Trustee
Michael Watson	Assistant Web Master

Note: *= Nonvoting member.

2. **Unfinished Business:**

a. **Status of the "part life" member's opportunity to become "full life" members Project.** – Jack Johnson. We received 5 letters return to sender of the 39 we sent out. Rhonda Storey will look up the email address, send them a note to find out their new address.

b. **Status of Constitution and By-Laws Review**

- o Email sent out to General Membership for review.
- o Rhonda Storey received comment that there was an issue with wording, ran spellcheck and modified one sentence and corrected one spelling error.
- o Also noticed there was an issue with the page numbers and some paragraph numbers.
- o Believe this is ready to send to or Department Adjutant.

c. **Status of Financial Planning** – Bob Kobac – Believe we left off last meeting with adding project income otherwise we are looking good.

d. **Status of Display Case tags and Plaques for Segway & Arnett Environmental, LLC** --

1) Dennis Storey requests anyone having a unit patch who would like to donate it to the Display case please get them to Dennis Storey or Joe Morales our DSO's at the VA Clinic.

2) Bob Kobac will coordinate with Mike to find status on the brass plates that indicate the two cases that were donated to the VA by the DAV Additionally we ordered plaques for our large donors from the same place. We need to get these picked up. At this point Mike Summers joined the meeting.

3) Dennis asked about nametags for new officers, and Mike Summers said they need to be ordered from Custom Apparel.

e. Jack Johnson, Recognized John Verville, our Sergeant at Arms, for 11 years of service he has been bringing our DAV flag to all of our meetings and takes it out to every event at Memorial Park.

- o We have a certificate to present to him.

f. Dennis Storey – I'm still trying to find guidance on the rules by which we can and can't associate ourselves with other 5013c organizations either directly, indirectly, or in partnership where funds are not exchanged. Bob Kobac said that with the verbal guidance we received to date, we can no longer fulfill our obligation to our local veterans which is a violation to our charter. Bobby Wallace said he would take the action to talk to the national Judge Advocate. We have been told that it is on the web site but no one seems to know where it is. Both Dennis Store and Bob Kobac have researched the website to no avail.

2. New Business

a. Interim Officer Election

- Dennis Storey Commander
 - o Bobby Wallace will install Dennis as Commander at the next general meeting
- Jan Schmeichel SR Vice Commander
- Joseph Thompson JR Vice Commander
- Bob Kobac Judge Advocate

b. Annual Officer / Appointed positions / Nominations and Election

1) Nomination Committee Lead, Bobby Wallace recommended we keep the recent interim officers in place.

2) We will entertain nominations from the floor at the February, March, April and have our Election in April and Installation in May for all positions and appointees.

3) Anyone interested in staying in their current positions let Bobby Wallace know.

4) Webmaster Assistant position volunteer -- Mike Watson

5) Jack Johnson has volunteered for the 3rd year Trustee Position

6) Mike Summers will move into the 1st Trustee Position (per bi-laws)

7) Bobby Wallace will move into the 2nd Trustee Position (per bi-laws)

c. **Fundraising** - Joseph Thompson -- Our Community Outreach Committee Lead, presented four ideas that are possibilities. The E-Board agreed that all are good ideas. Bob Kobac recommended that we go with the one with the least risk involved at this point and concentrate our efforts on that one. (See attached input which will be briefed to the Membership on 9 February 2021.)

d. **Donations/Giving**

1) Segway -- Mike Summers -- one of the three Segway's we presented to our veterans requires battery replacement. The battery is \$840.00. Segway said they would be willing to pay half if we pay the other \$420.00. Michael made the motion, and Jan Schmeichel 2nd. Motion passed.

2) Charitable giving.

- We received an **Apple Computer from the Villages Apple Computer Club** on 25 January 2021 to Donate to a Veteran.
 - This desktop computer went to one of our past DAV Commanders, Albert Gomes.
- We received a call from the Villages Apple Computer Club on 3 February 2021 to donate a second Apple Desk-top computer for us to give to a veteran.
 - If you know anyone who is in needs of a computer and cannot afford to by one, let us know.
 - Dennis Storey will assist in setting it up for whoever gets it.

3) Donations.

- Our loose change donation yielded \$7.11.
- Our 50/50 donation yielded \$35.00 as one individual donated their winnings back to the chapter--Thank You!
 - \$42.11 total

e. **Chapter Commander's Report**

- 1) Report must be Completed and returned to Department prior to the Department Convention in June at the Lake Mary Marriott.
- 2) Bob Kobac will work with the Dennis Storey on this.

f. **Flags for Fallen Veterans.** Joseph Thompson is the Point of Contact for this. Bob Kobac made a recommendation that we forgo getting a bus, this time as, let's be honest, it is just too expensive. We can collect a caravan of cars to meet at a central location, on 26 May 2021 in time to be at Bushnell by 9:30 which is their begin time, and caravan over there. If someone needs a ride, we can work with those who wish to drive. Last time we had almost a full bus 40/50 people, this way, we can take even more and not have that cost.

- Need to have a sign-up sheet for our meeting on Tuesday.

- Need to advertise in the paper “Daily Sun” – Dennis said we have a new Veteran representative; we need to find out who that is.

g. From the Commander:

- 1) I want every position to have two people up to speed on the processes--no more single point of failures. Jack Johnson, please work with Jan Schmeichel on the membership processes.
- 2) **Vaccines** are being given at the American Legion by the Veterans Administration (VA). They are calling people on their list to making appointments starting with **75 and over**. Once they exhaust their list, they will start with **65 and over**.
- 3) Next week they have scheduled the people who had their 1st shots already to give them their second dose. They are even notifying people by email—in some cases.
- 4) Preconditions are bubbling up on the list as well.

4. Correspondence: NTR

5. For the Good of the Order:

a. The 2021 National Convention July 24-27 2021 at Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada is still on schedule. Bobby Wallace and Jack Johnson will be delegate for National, Dennis Storey and Rhonda Storey will be our delegates.

b. Florida Department Convention

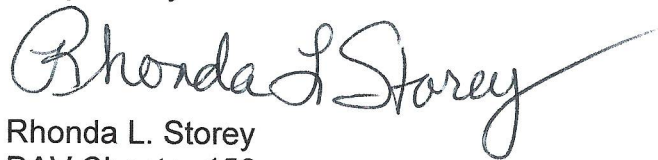
- CSO Training: June 16-18, 2021.
- Joint Opening Session: June 19, 2021 8:30 am-4:00 pm
- National DAVA Auxiliary Commander’s Dinner Saturday: June 19, 2021 7:00 pm
- Joint Opening Session: June 18, 2021 9:30 am-4:00 pm
- 2021 Department Convention: June 16-18 at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary FL
 - Larry Steven Grzanich will attend for the Chapter, Jack Johnson and Bobby Wallace will attend for the National?

c. Next E-Board Meeting 4 March 2021

d. Next General Membership Meeting 9 February 2021

6. Andy Vasaturo closed the meeting in prayer at 11:28.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda L. Storey". The signature is written in black ink and features a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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Adjutant

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February 4, 2021

Fund raising opportunities:

1) Golf Cart Chance

- a. Contacted - Wholesale Golf Carts, 15740 US HWY 441, Summerfield, FLA. 352-347-7273.
- b. Very willing to assist DAV with a golf cart chance off.
 - i. DAV must pay for the cart. \$5000-\$6000 (+/-) range (base price)
 - ii. Ticket = \$20.00 - must sell between 250 to 300 tickets for profit
 - iii. Cart will be delivered to the winner with a standard warranty package that comes with any cart from Wholesale.
 - iv. Chase Frye - Owner will assist with ticket sales at the store.
 - v. Ron Nemish - Sales MGR – *Viet Vet /Huey Crew Chief*

2) DAV Golf Outing - Contacted Stone Crest Golf Club, 352-245-0565

- a. Ford Olinger Will brief the Chapter on different avenues of approach to a successful Golf Outing on FEB 9th.
- b. First \$20.00 of ticket money goes to the Golf Club. \$10.00 of the ticket goes to golf store prizes.
- c. Need Sponsors – Critical to success

3) Pancake Breakfast - Spoke to Dennis Demshar, MGR restaurant CHEERS at Stonecrest. 352-245-1061

- a. Potential to make \$5500.00 (tickets @ \$10.00)
- b. Marketing plan to the public.
- c. Need money sponsors!
- d. Need DAV volunteers to assist on day of event.
- e. Door Prize Donations!

4) Reverse Raffle –

- a. Only 300 tickets sold - @ \$100.00 per – Grand Prize = \$10,000.
- b. Evening will include light snacks, music and dancing

Profit of \$20,000 less monies needed to pay for all the above