



DAV Orange Blossom Gardens #150
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
9 February 2021

Dennis Storey	Commander
Jan Schmeichel	Sr Vice Commander
Joseph (Joe) Thompson	Jr Vice Commander
Larry Steven Grzanich	Treasurer
Robert L. Wallace	3 Year Trustee
Jack Johnson	1 Year Trustee
Robert Kobac	Judge Advocate
*Rhonda L. Storey	Adjutant

Note: *= Nonvoting member.

Michael Summers, 2 Year Trustee and Andrew Vasaturo, Chaplain were excused.

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Acting Commander Dennis Storey. Sign in sheets showed 28 attendees: 21 members, three Auxiliary members and four guests (Ann Lyons, Linda Thomas, Cindy Brown (on behalf of Senator Daniel Webster) and our guest speaker Ford Olinger).
2. Robert Wallace opened the meeting in prayer.
3. Commander Storey asked, if there were any 1st time Visitors – Gary Senseney (USAF).
4. Minutes of the January 2021, General Membership Meeting – Rhonda Storey – They are posted on the website. Jan Schmeichel made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Jim Meyer 2nd. The E-Board Minutes for 4 February meeting were read. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Jan Schmeichel, and Robert Wallace 2nd. All agree. So moved. Link to Chapter 150 website:
[:http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/150/Web_Pages/news.aspx](http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/150/Web_Pages/news.aspx)
5. Unfinished Business:

a. **By-Laws update.** The Constitution and By-Laws have been posted on the website for 30 days. Some administrative changes to the page numbering and paragraph numbering, plus a spelling error were corrected. The motion before the membership is to publish the minutes as corrected and submit them to Department for review and approval. Robert Wallace made a motion to approve, Joe Thompson 2nd. All agreed. So moved.

b. Jack Johnson, recognized John Verville, our Sergeant at Arms, at our last meeting, 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. Commander Storey presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

6. New Business:

a. **Interim Nominations and Elections:** Because Commander Butler and AJ Welch resigned, in accordance with the By Laws – Bobby Wallace (Nomination Committee Chair)

- Dennis Storey was installed as Commander.
- Jan Schmeichel moved into the Sr Vice Commander position
- The vacant Jr Vice Commander was advertised and filled by Joseph Thompson
- Robert Kobac will be the Judge Advocate

b. **Annual Officer Nominations and Election**

1) **Elections** – The nomination Committee lead by Robert Wallace submitted recommendation to the E-Board at the 4 February meeting. Nominations from the floor begin at the 9 February 2021 meeting. Those willing to run, contact Bobby Wallace. We will continue to accept Nominations from the floor through March and April then have Elections on 13 April with Installations on 11 May for all positions and appointees.

a) Bobby Wallace announced we are look for nominations for all Officer Positions.

b) All elected Offices will be open for nomination, in accordance with Department and National Constitution and By-Laws as well as Chapter's.

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

d) Commander Storey said we have a Webmaster Assistant -- Mike Watson.

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

f) Robert Wallace will move into the 2nd Trustee Position (per bi-laws)

g) We also have openings for several appointed positions that are available; we need volunteers now:

- POW/MIA team lead
- Community Outreach Team Member to assist the JR Vice
- Benefits Protection Team Lead & Legislative Chair

c. **Fundraising** - Joseph Thompson -- Our Community Outreach Committee Lead, presented four ideas that are possibilities. (Reference attachment A, which was briefed to the Membership) Additionally, Ford Olinger, Golf pro at Stonecrest Golf Club, presented his recommendations on how they can assist us with a Golf Fundraiser at Stonecrest. He had a lot of good ideas, we just need to let them know what it is we want to do and they will help were they can. If we wish to have food with our event, the Stonecrest Restaurant, Cheer, can assist us with that as well. If we want golf shirts with tournament logo and event information, whatever we want. Any prizes ect the Chapter will have to get together and check with local facilities and request gift certificates, ect.

1) Past Commander Chapter 31 in Sanford, Patrick Lyons, who recently transferred-in, identified himself as a volunteer to assist Joe with Community Outreach projects.

d. **Donations/Giving** -

1) One of the three Segway's presented to our DAV veterans requires a battery replacement. The battery is \$840.00. The Villages Segway Club will pay half if we pay the other \$420.00. A motion to approve this expenditure was made by Robert Wallace and 2nd by Jan Schmeichel. All agreed. So moved.

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 need of a computer and cannot afford to buy one, let us know.
- Dennis Storey will assist in setting it up for whoever gets it.

3) Donations at 12 January 2021 Member Meeting.

- Our loose change donation 12 January 2021 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. **Flags for Fallen Veterans.** Joseph Thompson is the Point of Contact for this. 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. Contact Joe at (352)444-0968 or email: majorjet27@gmail.com.

f. Membership -- Jack Johnson -- We have 1389 members as of 31 January 2021.

1) We have four new members: Liz Flesher (USA), Bruce Newstat (ANG), James Parrish (USA), and Joseph Smallwood (USAF). No transfer-ins this month.

2) We need members to talk up our group and help solicit new members. Our membership is hurting with attrition and increased costs. However, when you think about it \$300 lifetime membership is not bad as compared to other Veteran organizations. We require an initial payment of \$40.00 for part life membership and the rest can be paid off in any increments that an individual can handle, \$10, \$20...a month. Once paid off member becomes full life member.

g. From the Commander:

- 1) **Vaccines** are being given at the American Legion by the Veterans Administration (VA). They are calling people on their list to make appointments starting with **75 and over**. Once they exhaust their list, they will start with **65 and over**. These shots are for veterans who are in the VA system.
- 2) Next week they have scheduled people who had their 1st shots already to give them their second dose.

4. Correspondence: NTR

5. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – Larry Steven Grzanich – Beginning Balance as of 1 January 2021, \$119,808.47 (General Fund – \$89,808.47, Van Fund - \$30,000.00); Income \$217.11; Expenses \$283.07; Net Decrease in value \$65.96. Ending Balance as of 31 January 2021 is \$119,742.51. Motion to approve, Jim Meyer, and 2nd by Jan Schmeichel. All agreed. So Moved.

b. Chaplain Report – Jack Johnson reported that we had one lost member: Clifford L. Hembree who passed away on 2 February 2021. The death was due to COVID complications. We also lost another member Richard Frates.

Obituary
Clifford L. Hembree (USN)
December 11, 1949- February 2, 2021

Clifford Lee Hembree went to be with the Lord on February 2, 2021 after suffering from complications of COVID-19. Clifford was born on December 11, 1949 in Middletown, Ohio to parents James Hembree and Ester Wyatt Hembree.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Constance T. Hembree of Lady Lake, Florida; daughters, Kimberly Hill (David), and Mistina Cox (Charles), sons, Calvin Harpe (Cindy) and Travis Hembree; grandchildren, Chelsea Hill(Nick), Sarah Hill(Clay), Carly Shafer(Tim), Tristan Kelley, Tyler Hembree, Chloe Hembree, Trevor Hembree and Kenny Cox; great grandsons, Bryce Haught and Owen Gehring; brothers Bradly Hembree and Mark Hembree and sister Golda Lorayne Bailey. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Lorrie Leforce and his first wife, Phyllis Hembree.

Clifford joined the Navy after high school and served during the Vietnam era. He was a machinist by trade, working for several companies in the Middletown, Ohio area. He was a Godly man and an active member of Central Baptist Church of Ocala. He was also a member of the DAV color guard. Clifford was an avid reader and enjoyed watching movies and listening to music. Many referred to him as a Gentle Giant.

A memorial service will be held at Central Baptist Church of Ocala. 1714 South East 36th Ave. Ocala, Florida 34471 on Saturday February 13th, 2021 at 1:00. A separate memorial service will be held at a later date in Ohio.

Obituary
Richard Edmund Frates

Richard Frates 72 born on 17 September 1948. Before moving to Huachuca City, AZ, Richard lived in Leesburg FL.

c. Service Officer Report -- Dennis Storey

Interviews	33
Power of Attorney	8
Intent to file	6
New Claims/Increases/Supplemental	18
Appeals	
Phone Calls with miscellaneous status of claims/General Questions/Records Request	155
Partial DAV Membership	6
Full Membership	1
Aid and Attendance	2

c. Legislative Report -- Joe Thompson – Members, if you pass on before your spouse, please make sure you have your “stuff” in order. Make sure you tell them where you keep your important papers, and make them aware of Specifically, your vital papers, such as your DD214, will ect. Tell them if you have specific arrangements you want them to follow. So many times a service member passes on, they may be on a second marriage and the spouse is left without any guidance, they do not even know what a DD214 is. It is important that they know. Please do not let this happen to your spouse.

c. POW/MIA Report -- Rhonda Storey – See Attachment B. Commander Storey -- Moment of silence for our POW/MIAs.

6. For the Good of the Order

a. **2021 Department of Florida Convention: June 16-18:** At the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary FL

- o CSO Training: June 16-18, 2021.
- o Joint Opening Session: June 18, 2021 9:30 am-4:00 pm
- o Joint Opening Session: June 19, 2021 8:30 am-4:00 pm
- o National DAVA Auxiliary Commander’s Dinner Saturday: June 19, 2021 7:00 pm
 - Dennis Storey, Rhonda Storey, and Larry Steven Grzanich will be Chapter 150 delegates, Jack Johnson and Bobby Wallace will be National delegates.

b. **DAV National Convention 24-27 July 2021:** Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada 89595. Group Name: Disabled American Veterans or DAV, \$105 Summit Room Rate Single/Double \$115. Telephone: (800) 648-5080. Bobby Wallace and Jack Johnson will be delegates for National, Dennis Storey and Rhonda Storey will be Chapter 150 delegates.

c. Next E-Board Meeting 4 March 2021

d. Next General Membership Meeting 9 March 2021

7. Motion to close the meeting made by Bobby Wallace 2nd by Joe Thompson. Meeting was closed in prayer by Bobby Wallace at 2:04.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda L. Storey". The signature is written in a cursive style and extends to the right with a long, thin flourish.

Rhonda L. Storey
DAV Chapter 150
Adjutant

Attachment A

POW/MIA Report Rhonda L. Storey, SMSgt, USAF (Ret) 9 February 2021

Twenty-One (21) POW/MIA remains were found between 10 December and 9 February. Three (3) are from the Korean War and eighteen (18) are from World War II. Additionally, Five (5) Army, Thirteen (13) Navy, one (1) Marine, and two (2) Army Air Force.

Jan. 27, 2021

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Burger, O.)

Jan. 27, 2021

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Brown, W.)

Jan. 27, 2021

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Corzatt, B.)

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USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Bailey, G.)

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USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Bailey, R.)

Jan. 27, 2021

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Ellis, E.)

Jan. 22, 2021

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Griffith, T.)

Jan. 22, 2021

USS West Virginia Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Ashby, W.)

Jan. 22, 2021

Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Hathaway, A.)

Jan. 22, 2021

Airman Accounted For From World War II (Norris, F.)

Jan. 19, 2021

Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Smisek, L.)

Jan. 14, 2021

Airman Accounted For From World War II (Turgeon, A.)

Jan. 5, 2021

USS West Virginia Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Barnett, W.)

Dec. 23, 2020

Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Thomas, R.)

Dec. 23, 2020

Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Sharp, W.)

Dec. 22, 2020

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Parker, I.)

Dec. 17, 2020

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Jones, C.)

Dec. 17, 2020

USS Oklahoma Marine Accounted For From World War II (Drefahl, E.)

Dec. 17, 2020

Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Rodgers, B.)

Dec. 17, 2020

Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Soileau, H.)

Dec. 10, 2020

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Saylor, P.)

Attachment B

Joseph E Thompson JR
DAV Chapter 150, Orange Blossom
JR VICE Commander
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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

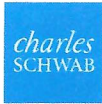
3) Pancake Breakfast - Spoke to Dennis Demshar, MGR restaurant CHEERS at Stonecrest. 352-245-1061

- 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



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Status
Scheduled

Monday, March 01, 2021
4:30 PM EST
I will call you

Reschedule Meeting

Cancel Meeting

Attendees



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Organizer Notes

Attachments