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### *-Chaplain's Chat*

The elections are over, so let's pray for all of our elected officials. Let's all keep hope live. In the Bible, Romans 4:4 tells us that perseverance produces character and character produces hope.

Yes, hope gives us courage to remain committed. Hope produces positive motivation and builds momentum towards success. This is what we need in our organization to help all of our Veterans and to make this world a better place. We must continue to have faith that good things happen when we all focus on doing good.

To all that are ill and suffering, our prayers go out to you and your families.

Keep the faith, because we have a God that cares about you.

The recent Veterans Day events were truly wonderful. The fireworks were fantastic and of course the hog roast was great as well. A great big thank you to comrade Hines and his crew.

I hope that all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas Season.

May our DAV continue to have passion to help people stretch and grow into greatness! Keep the Faith! Hebrews 11:6 and 1st Corinthians 15: 57

*-Chaplain Andy*



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Elkhart Chapter & Auxiliary #19



Dec 2012/Jan 2013

*-From Commander Jim Gills*

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This years Veterans Day ceremonies for 2012 were a great success; the great weather really helped too! We started the day with 67 local students and a dozen or so adults performing the 4th annual Echo Taps. Then we attended the annual and emotional ceremony at Rice Cemetery. The next event of the day involved the many people who showed up at our Chapter to enjoy Karla Schwartz's ham and beans; this allowed the opportunity to visit with our Veterans, families and supporters of Veterans. This last summer's local burn ban had caused us to postpone our usual July 4th fireworks display until the evening of Veteran's Day, and that was truly a sight to see. Thank you to Tom Hines and Damon Swoape for donating and roasting a 200 pound hog to sell as a fundraiser for our chapter. The pulled pork was delicious and we made money to support the Veterans.

Those whom have recently visited our chapter have likely noticed the new DAV logo colors painted in the entrance hallway. Under the new DAV National directive, we can no longer use the red, white and blue DAV logo. I have had numerous comments ... mainly positive for the changes we have made. Why the changes to our chapter? As the commander, I truly believe that we need to move our Chapter into a new era of embracing the younger generations of Veterans or we will no longer be able to help serve the Veteran needs of today and tomorrow. A club will live or die based on its membership, volunteerism, and the support of the auxiliary.

Why the logo change?

The following is an excerpt from the DAV official brand stylebook:

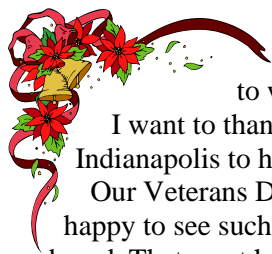
### Same Great Organization, New Visual Identity

*DAV's redesigned logo takes a bold step into the modern era, while reinforcing the familiar military motifs of chevrons and stencil lettering.*

*The new identity's original artwork honors traditions by reimagining olive drab as a vibrant hue alongside gunmetal grey. Custom letterforms evoke service theme. The contemporary look and feel strives to differentiate DAV as a trail-blazing organization that remains dedicated to its mission.*

I want to acknowledge and thank all of the dedicated volunteers that make Elkhart DAV Chapter 19 a vehicle to continue to help meet the needs of our Veterans.

*Your Comrade, Jim Gills*



Hello everyone, this year has flown by so far. It is hard to believe the Holidays are upon us. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I want to thank everyone who helped with our spotlight fundraiser. Even the two non-members that drove from Indianapolis to help! We raised over \$800 for our Veterans!

Our Veterans Day events turned out spectacular. Echo Taps and the service at Rice Cemetery was wonderful. I was happy to see such a big turn out at the cemetery. We went back to the DAV for the traditional ham and beans and corn-bread. That must have been successful because all three roasters of beans were gone : ) Later that day we had the hog roast (thanks Damon and Tom for cooking it) and later we had the fireworks for our grand finale for the day (thanks to Phil and his helpers). I also want to thank everyone else who helped make our Veterans Day 2012 very successful (you know who you are).

Our Auxiliary Christmas Party is December 6 at 6 PM. This is in place of our meeting. Don't forget to bring a white elephant gift and a Christmas ornament to share. Bring a dish, enough so that after the chapter meeting, they can enjoy the food too.

The Kid's Christmas Party will be December 15 from 1 to 4 PM. Please sign up in the foyer so we are able to make sure that every child gets a present from Santa. The Adult Christmas party will be the same evening at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share and the Chapter will provide the meat. The band that evening will be CMR. Let's celebrate Christmas together.

New Year's Eve at the DAV we will be having the band Unfinished Business. They will play from 8 PM until 1 AM. We are going to make this a carry in so that no one has to work in the kitchen the entire night and everyone may enjoy the festivities. The Chapter will be providing ham, roast beef and buns, and we can bring in side dishes and desserts. Auxiliary will be providing breakfast right after to ring in the New Year with biscuits and gravy and a breakfast casserole. Tickets will be available behind the bar and at the door that evening. The cost will be \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. I hope to see all of you there!

January 3, 2013 will be our next Auxiliary business meeting. Please come so we can start planning the year ahead.

If anyone knows someone who may need a holiday basket, please let Tony or I know. We have forms for the information behind the bar.

God Bless Our Veterans and all of our Auxiliary members.

*Yours in Comradeship, Karla Schwartz*



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*-Lady's Auxiliary News*

Our prayer list is growing fast. Patsy Seigler's husband, Richard, passed away September 30th. Dick and Patsy are lifetime members. We also lost Doris DeGraff and Vesta Blevins. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Sharon Howey, Bernice Mangus, Polly Billey and Mary Harris all could use a phone call or a card.

This has been a very busy Fall season.

Hopefully we can all see one another at our Christmas Party.

I'm looking forward to a good time.

God Bless our shut-ins.

*-Lady's Auxiliary Chaplain,  
Judy Butler*

*Christmas Parties!*

Kid's Party  
Dec. 15: 1-4 PM

SIGN-UP  
for presents  
in the foyer!!

Adult's Party  
Dec. 15: 6 PM

New Year's  
Eve Party  
Dec. 31:  
8PM-1AM

# December 2012

Mon: Texas Hold'em, Cash games 4PM. Tournament 6:30PM, Raffles: Sales until 6:30PM, Drawing 7PM.

Tues: Weekly Drawing 7PM  
Wed: Euchre 6PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Rebel Pride
2	3	4	5	6  Exec. 6:15 Aux. Christmas 6PM, Reg. 7PM	7  Pearl Harbor Day	8  All Stars
9	10	11	12	13	14	15  CMR Kid's 1-4PM, Adult's 6PM Christmas*
16	17	18	19	20	21  Winter Begins	22  Tom, Tom & Jerry
23	24 Chapter closes 6 PM	25 Christmas Chapter Closed	26	27	28	29  No Band
30	31 New Year's Eve <b>Party 8-1</b> Unfinished Business		*Please see Ad on facing page for more details.	Thursday Specials Friday Crazy Bingo 7PM		Saturday Band 7-11PM

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Thu. Specials Fri Crazy Bingo 7PM	Sat Band 7-11PM	1 New Year's Day Closed	2	3  Executive 6:15PM, Auxiliary 6PM, Regular 7PM	4	5  MGB
6	7	8	9	10	11	12  Top Secret
13	14	15	16	17	18	19  Gypsy Red Steak Fry 4-8PM
20	21  Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26  CMR
27	28	29	30	31		