

# **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS LEXINGTON CHAPTER 1, KENTUCKY**

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## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

The KY DAV convention was held in Louisville, Chapter 1 was well represented and I congratulate the auxiliary for the first place awards they received. The new KY Commander is Jim Huff and the new KY Adjutant is Larry Roberts. Our next meeting will be August 4th at the Lexington Senior Citizens Building, 1530 Nicholasville Rd at Alumni Drive.

Even though we are not physically in New Orleans for the 90th National DAV Convention, we are well represented by the 2011 George H Seal Memorial Trophy winner Mrs. Ada Perry...our very own Cooper Drive DAVA volunteer. National Adjutant Arthur Wilson states that the love and compassion volunteers offer earned them the coveted Seal award.

Let's continue to shine by growing and serving our fellow veterans, everyday.

Questions, comments Commander Danny Jones [danny1948@msn.com](mailto:danny1948@msn.com) (859) 299-1685.

## **WORDS FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Several members have asked me how they can obtain their DD Form 214. The fastest way is to stop in at the DAV Transportation Office and obtain a request for a DD Form 214. If the veteran entered any branch of the Armed Forces from Kentucky, their record of enlistment/entrance will be available by fax from Frankfort. If not, another fax request would go to St. Louis, MO. (where all military/veteran records are stored).

A second way of obtaining this important document (whether you are enrolled as a VA Patient or not), is to go [www.myhealthyvet.va.gov](http://www.myhealthyvet.va.gov), establish an account, and request the form. In the near future, we will have someone available to assist you at the Cooper Drive Division Monday through Friday during normal hours. They'll be located directly across the hall from the Volunteer Information Desk. If you need assistance before that service is set up, contact Carrie Hays, Lexington VA Medical Center (My Healthy Vet Coordinator) at (859) 233-4511, Ext. 3713.

A third option (for VA Patients only with a Hospital Card), is to go to the Patient Records Section (second floor main building just down the hall from the Medical Library) and ask if a copy of your DD Form 214 is on file. Some Patient Files have the DD Form 214, but not all.

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE ADJUTANT/TREASURER**

HELLO BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

In our next meeting, August 4th, we will be discussing wiser ways to preserve and spend, such as, mailing the newsletter every other month instead of every month. What other ideas do you have?

Junior Vice Commanders will be responsible for running projects into the Chapter, so please give them your ideas and support. These projects will be to better serve our veterans as well as bring in funds.

We now have a good base of Veterans to see our chapter to Victory and more are coming on board.

**Remember we meet on the first Thursday of every month: dinner 6:15pm then meeting 7pm .**

Any and all donations should be made out to **DAV Lexington Chapter 1**. Help us change another Veterans Life. We can get things done when we all stick together.

## **VETERANS FOREVER**

The Chapter mailing address is:

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th is "Hats Off Day" at the Kentucky Horse Park. Family fun begins with FREE admission at 4pm. More information at [www.HatsOffKY.com](http://www.HatsOffKY.com)

**Vietnam Wall in Louisville Sept 8-11, 2011. (502) 491- 5950 for more info**

**NOTES FROM THE AUXILIARY**

DAVA members, congratulations on the great work over the past year that resulted in winning the Mae Holmes award for the state and continuing the competition for the national award.

As we begin a new year of leadership, I am challenging each member to "GAB" all year. You are wondering what GAB is, it stands for GO ABOVE AND BEYOND. I want our unit to go above and beyond for our veterans in service, fundraising, membership, and community service and unit development.

We are going to be setting up committees for each of the above mentioned areas to work on in our August 4, 2011 meeting. I am excited about the energy that I know is in the membership of our unit. I encourage you to attend the meeting and become involved in a committee.

We will be having a representative from the Vet Center at the August meeting to talk with us about some of the new benefits that they now offer and they will bring information bags for each attendee. Please scribble down any questions that you may have for them.

Both DAV and DAVA memberships are growing with new members and transfers each month. I would like to ask that each of us bring an extra dish to our potluck dinners or make larger amounts of the one dish that you make to bring.

Please come prepared to use all the great energy of our unit to "GAB" for our Veterans.

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**CHAPLAINS CORNER**

**We Can**

*(Phil 4:13 NIV) I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

I remember as a young boy often hearing the words, "You can't do that." As you may know I stayed in lots of trouble because of those words.

We soldiers value our freedom and have fought for the right of free speech. However, we are being told more and more that we can't pray in the name of Jesus or share our faith in God with others. There are some who don't want us to use words such as God or Jesus, but if I am addressing them would I not recognize them by name?

When I make a call on my cell phone it only works if I have my plan in place, and the signal only goes to the authorized phone tower. So, when we pray let us remember to whom we are speaking to. Otherwise why speak and just let our words float out into the airwaves?

When man says we can't, God says we can. Like the Apostle Paul, we too can. Let me encourage you to look into the Bible in the book of Phillipines to see Who gives us the right and Who gave His life for that right.

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