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I would like to thank the DAV and DAVA members for a great 2011. Chapter 1 accomplished a lot, one of which was first in the district with the Golden Corral fundraiser. The KY DAV convention will be held in Lexington June 14-17th at the Embassy Suites on Newtown Pike. In May we will host along with the DAVA a the first POW/MIA convention for our Kentucky and Indiana veterans in more than 15 years. And last but not least, the National Fall DAVA Convention will be held here in September. Whew! Look what we can do with some hard work and as a team. Way to go Commander Sheckels!

The annual election will be held in May. Be thinking about who you want to be the leaders of this great Chapter. The DAV Informational office at Leestown building 25 room 51 will be up and running on February 1, 2012. If you are interested in volunteering give me a call. Lets see what we can do to help our fellow veteran and learn along the way.

The February meeting is cancelled for a winter break.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the Lexington Senior Citizens' Center, 1530 Nicholasville Road at Alumni Drive. Dinner is 6:15 and meeting at 7pm.

Any questions or comments to Commander Danny Jones (859) 299-1685 or danny1948@msn.com

Words from the Senior Vice Commander

I attended a Joint Executive Council of Veteran Organizations (JECVO) Legislative Dinner in Frankfort on Tuesday, January 12th. Among the Legislative priorities for 2012 is a request for a Kentucky State Veterans Identification, preferably that this legislation be added to the veteran's KY state driver's license with the word "Veteran" depicted on the license. This initiative will allow all veterans to obtain veteran discounts year round at various commercial establishments such as Lowe's, Applebee's, Denny's, Sam's, etc. The bill was passed by the Veterans' Sub-committee and forwarded to the House on January 12th. Other pre-filed bills supported by JECVO included a bill for siblings of those who were KIA in combat to have a special license plate, which also included provisions to issue the veteran's disability license plate at no charge to those veterans rated 50% or greater service connected by the VA. Commander Danny Jones is Chapter 1's DAV Representative to the JECVO Board

On Valentine's Day (Tuesday, 14 February) we will again conduct a special Bingo on the Leestown Campus in Building 27 (Community Living Center Recreation Hall), from 2 pm. To 4 pm. Again, we'll be asking stakeholders to support us with snacks, quarters, and volunteers to make this event a positive experience for our in-patients at Leestown. Recreation Therapy will also conduct a special Bingo on the Cooper Drive Campus for those patients who cannot leave on Unit 4 South. For further information, contact Danielle Hester at 281-4930 (Cooper), or Bryon Boehmke at 281-3930 (Leestown). BRYON K. BOEHMKE - PROUD VETERAN Voluntary Specialist Lexington VAMC/135 LD

From The Desk Of The Adjutant

My name is Sherrie Long . I was just appointed Chapter 1 Adjutant. I encourage my fellow female disabled veterans to join us. Come share in the many great things we are doing in the Lexington area for the veterans. My contact information is (859) 321-0859 or (859) 548-2065

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NOTES FROM THE AUXILIARY

Greetings!! We will be taking a break for February and not meeting. However, I want to encourage each of you to please sign up one new member by our next meeting in March. This will help us meet quota and help Unit #1 repeat as the #1 unit for the Mae Holmes Award at this year's state convention. Remember to bring your list of donation and hours volunteered in the community since March of last year to the March meeting so we can file reports timely in April. Saturday, March 31st is the District meeting in Berea. We have been asked to provide the side dishes for the luncheon, since there is no DAVA in the area. I know I can count on our group to "cook good" There will be an election for District officers. I have enjoyed serving as the District Commander and hope to continue to do so.

We continue to work on the POW/MIA conference scheduled for May 18-19, 2012. If you would like to volunteer to work with us, please call or email me to let me know your talents and availability. If anyone knows of businesses who would be willing to be a sponsor, let me know and I'll provide information about our Americanism project. This is a great opportunity to honor a group of veterans who are leaving us daily and will soon be gone.

Don't forget National Hospitalized Veterans Week February 12-18. Wish a Veteran a Happy Valentine's Day!!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy New Year

What brings us happiness? Is it circumstances? The people around us? The things we do?
Our attitude toward life?

In the book of Matthew 7:12, we are given the formula for happiness. It tells us, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." This is well known as the "Golden Rule." When we live at peace with others and practice the words of our Savior we can truly have happiness even if we are facing times of uncertainty. We often have our eyes on ourselves and miss out on how to treat others, thus missing out on true happiness. My prayer is that the LORD will grace us all with His strength to carry out His Word and His purpose this coming year.

Ecclesiastes 3:12 tells us, "There is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live."

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