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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Congratulations to the auxiliary for being the #1 VAVS in the Nation!
Our last meeting was very productive. The representative from the Vet Center shared lots of good information and some goodies. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 1st at the Lexington Senior Citizens Building, 1530 Nicholasville Rd at Alumni Drive. We will discuss our fundraising project at the Golden Corral that will begin Friday, October 28th. I would like all Chapter 1 members to be present on September 1st. Dinner is served at 6:15 and we meet at 7pm.

Our number 1 goal is always to recruit new members and the Golden Corral project is one way we inform the public about who we are and what we do. This is a good recruiting opportunity. There is always an open door for all veterans at our meeting, join us September 1st. Let's continue to shine by growing and serving our fellow veterans, everyday.

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

WORDS FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

September Dates to Remember:

Saturday, Sept 10, 2011 – OEF/OIF/OND Welcome Home Celebration, Cooper Drive, 10 am to noon, followed by tickets to the UK Football Game. Purpose of the event is to provide returning Soldiers, Sailors, and Airman from both Iraq & Afghanistan benefits and services available to them through the VA. The DAV will have a table with information to share and to thank our newest veterans.

Sunday, Sept 11, 2011 - Association of the United States Army (AUSA) 5k Run/Walk "Tunnel to Towers" Charity Run. Volunteers needed at 7:30 am, run starts at 8:46 am (exact time the first plane hit the first tower). 1/3 of the profits are designated to support VA Voluntary Service material/monetary needs.

Friday, Sept 16, 2011 – POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, 10:30 am, Leestown Campus.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE ADJUTANT/TREASURER

"CALL TO ARMS"!

At our next meeting we will mainly be discussing our up and coming project with the Golden Corral. This is our biggest Fundraiser of the year. Our Junior Vice Commanders will be coordinating our efforts over the two to three weeks we will be manning the Golden Corral to raise money. We are going to need volunteers to help with the project, it does not matter whether you work one shift or many, and we need your help to make this happen. So mark your calendars for September 1, 2011, 7 p.m. and find out how you can help.

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

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NOTES FROM THE AUXILIARY

Congratulations!!!! Unit # 1 won First place VAVS award at National Conference in New Orleans! I am very proud of our Unit and am so happy at the way the younger and elder members are working together to come up with ways to help our Veterans.

At our September 1st meeting we will be spending some time with the DAV planning the Golden Corral fundraiser. Please begin to start gathering the objects for the prizes and getting things from the businesses that you can and email your list to me and bring them to the October meeting.

We have set the date for our Yard Sale for November 12, 2011 so that we can use both the inside and outside of the Lexington Senior Citizens Center. The sale will run from 9AM to 2PM.

District meeting Saturday, October 8th in Richmond Ky, see me for details.

VAVS Annual Bake Sale and Hot Dog Luncheon October 27, 2011 at Cooper in Auditorium. Bake sale starts at 8am and hot dogs from 11am-1pm. Bake some goodies for the event.

I believe that we are on track to repeat our first place awards at both the state level and the national level again this year. I want to take this time to tell each and every one of you how much that I appreciate the work that you do on behalf of this Unit, for the Veteran and for the family of the Veteran. Sometimes it is not easy and we get tired, but we all pull together and prop each other up and keep going. I have very much appreciated the prayers and support from this Unit in Don's struggles and want to say thank you.

Please come join us at our meeting at the Senior Citizen's Center on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 6pm.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Working Together Takes Work

There are times when we hear something said about someone we know that may seem to be offensive or hurtful. What should we do? Do we feel the need to tell others? We should ask ourselves what the benefit would be of telling that person. Will what we say help us, the other person or our group?

Let us take a look at what Proverbs 11:13 has to say, "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret." Proverbs 17:9 also tells us, "He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends." There may be times we need to share with certain ones, to get advice, or even get a better perspective. We should evaluate our motive. Let us remember that some things are better left unsaid. If we believe that prayer changes things then let us pray before speaking. We all need guidance. I hope we realize that.

It should be our goal to work together for the benefit of all, not just a select few. If you are looking for a way in which to get involved please feel free to give me a call.

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