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***From the Commander***

Greetings and happy holidays comrades, whether you just finished celebrating Hanukah, are beginning to celebrate Christmas, or just plan to enjoy the overall holiday season.

The holiday season is meant to be a time of joy and togetherness as we celebrate with family and friends. For some, that may not be the case. As members of the DAV, we all share a common bond and we take care of each other. I ask you to look around and reach out if you see a fellow veteran who may feel alone this season. Maybe you could ask him/her to join you for a holiday get-together. If you are one of those veterans feeling alone, please call one of your comrades, even if it's just to talk.

I am excited to tell you that we have started to improve and increase our functions as a chapter. One great step we have taken is activating our website. It contains a calendar with upcoming chapter activities as well as events of interest to our members. You can view our website at [www.ma.dav.org/122](http://www.ma.dav.org/122). Recently Sr Vice Commander Smith & I attended a meeting of one of the most active chapters in

Massachusetts to gather information. We came away with several ideas and more importantly, we have made new friends who can be a great resource for us.

For anyone needing assistance with filing a disability claim, we now have four certified Chapter Service Officers.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on December 23.

Lastly, Happy New Year!

Walter "Chip" Mann  
Commander

**Meeting this Week!**

**Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm**

**Location — W. Townsend VFW**

**Come out and discover how you may help  
or be helped by the DAV!**

## Service & Charitable Committee Report

December 2021

### Noticeable Monthly Activities:

Sympathy Card sent to family of Comrade John Lavalley who died on October 30, 2021. Services held in Florida.

Funeral Services participation in farewell ritual for Comrade Robert Lorenzen held on November 9<sup>th</sup> by Chapter #122.

Chapter members attendance at Veterans Day Service for NMRHS Veterans Breakfast on November 12th and for VFW #3291 Monthly breakfast on the 13<sup>th</sup>

### November Local Veteran Assistance Program (LVAP) Activity.

Preliminary Veteran Transportation: 6 hours for 2 rides requested and for Veteran Assistance: 7 hours provided for assistance.

LVAP Outreach (decedents) 8 hours total across 4 members.

LVAP Report finalized and submitted.

For volunteering or awareness of service needs, email Sr. Vice CMDR

### December Local Veteran Assistance Program (LVAP) Activity.

Currently In Process. Preliminary Veteran Transportation: 8 hours for 2 rides requested. Waiting on Veteran Assistance input.

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Forward your LVAP contributions for finalization by 12/31

Forward your LVAP contributions (name, date, & hours) to Sr. Vice CMDR Smith at [perry2291@yahoo.com](mailto:perry2291@yahoo.com)

Respectfully submitted,

1st Jr. Vice Commander, Joe Mazzola

## Legislative Report

December 2021

Comrades,

Continuing notifications received in December from the National Commander, Andrew Marshall, will provide the members with additional resolutions for consideration. A more detailed explanation of each resolution can be found in the DAV Commanders Action Network (DAV CAN) in the Action Alerts tab.

One of every eight women will have invasive breast cancer during her lifetime. Companion legislation, H.R. 4794 and S. 2533, the Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act, would improve breast health programs and services available to veterans enrolled for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care. Because women veterans are a minority population within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), they must often rely on community partners for gender-specific health services including their breast health.

The MAMMO Act would improve mammography services for veterans by requiring the VA to develop a strategic plan for breast imaging services and establishing a tele-mammography pilot program in states without VA mammography services and in locations where the provision of such services is not feasible. The bill would also require VHA to upgrade all mammography equipment to three-dimensional imaging and to study the availability of genetic testing for the breast cancer gene for veterans. DAV supports H.R. 4794 and S. 2533 in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 015, which calls for enhanced medical services, including gender-specific care, and benefits for women veterans.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer (after skin cancer) among men—one in eight men will be diagnosed with it in their lifetime. Early identification and treatment of the disease is often the key to full recovery.

H.R. 4880 and S. 2720, the Veterans' Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act, are bipartisan bills that would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to develop, in collaboration with knowledgeable federal stakeholders and partners, a clinical pathway to diagnose and treat prostate cancer at each stage of the disease. Importantly, in creating these pathways, the bills would require that VA consult with veterans who have received VA care for prostate cancer in addition to multi-disciplinary cancer care providers and clinical researchers.

DAV supports the Veterans' Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act, in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 028, which calls on VA to provide high-quality, responsive, comprehensive health care to all enrolled veterans. Also, this legislation is in accord with DAV Resolution No. 256, which supports VA's medical research program for the purpose of helping wounded, injured and ill veterans recover and rehabilitate from health conditions related to their military service.

These resolutions can be found in your members account in the DAV.org website under Action Alerts. Feel free to reach out to me on email ([jzola0725@msn.com](mailto:jzola0725@msn.com)) with any specific questions or when support is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Jr. Vice Commander, Joe Mazzola

Happy  
Holidays

Adjutant's Call — 

Our Chapter #122, DAV has a vacancy that needs to be filled, that of Chaplain. If any of you comrades feel called to serve in that position, please contact me or Commander Chip Mann.