



Billerica Chapter 47 Commander – Robert P. Kinsman

Next meeting September 5, 2015 – 9:30 AM
108 Gorham St. (Rt. 3A) Chelmsford, MA

Dear Comrades,

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. I know it was hot! This newsletter is a reminder of our next meeting. *Please join us and enjoy the new air conditioner at our HQ building.*

Our first Chapter 47-sponsored **cookout for the MHICM Unit at the Bedford VAMC** was on Tuesday June 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Courtyard behind Building 61. We had 20 Chapter members and about 50 people from the MHICM Unit, staff etc. It was well received and thanks to everyone who attended.

The **Lowell Spinners Baseball game** on July 22, 2015 for the Lowell VCCC was well attended by about 20 veterans & VA staff. We had ten DAV 47 comrades assisting the veterans at breakfast and during the game. *Special thanks to State Representative Tom Golden for supplying the tickets for the game.*

Save the Dates: our annual DAV Forget-Me-Not Drive will take place on September 11 & 12, 2015 (Friday and Saturday) from 9 AM–3 PM. This is our only major fundraiser, so we will need all hands on deck. We still have vacant spots on the Sign-up sheet. If you have not yet volunteered, please sign-up, if only for three hours, to help support the Chapter. This is a rewarding experience for all involved, and the funds raised allow our Chapter to serve more of our fellow veterans. **Please call Rico or sign-up at the next meeting.**

A picnic at the Lowell VCCC is scheduled for Wednesday September 23, 2015 in the outdoor Memorial Garden & picnic area. Please arrive by 11 AM. The uniform of the day is Chapter polo shirt and cap.

We had four Chapter delegates attend the *DAV National Convention* in Denver, CO recently. In addition, Several Chapter members participated in the *VA Veterans Mental Health Summit Meeting* at Middlesex College in Lowell, the *VA Summer of Service Volunteer Expo* at Bedford VAMC, and an *iPods for Wounded Veterans* event for Iraq & Afghanistan veterans. Hear more about these and other exciting programs at our next meeting.

I look forward to seeing more fellow veterans at the upcoming meetings. There is plenty of open seating.

Yours in Comradeship,

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