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Disabled American Veterans Mission Statement: Made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense, the Disabled American Veterans is dedicated to one, single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

Commander's Column

Fellow members:

A new year is upon us. I hope that your holidays were filled with happiness and joy. DAV Chapter #1's December events attempted to reach out and touch veterans in our community. Whether it was the Mall of America event for military families, the annual holiday meal at the Upper Post, Veterans Stand Down at Target Field or Christmas Morning Visitation at the VA Medical Center your participation had a positive effect on veterans.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in recruiting new members and allowing us to reach our goal of 3286 member for this year! Effective 1 January 2020 everyone less than 80 years old will be charged \$300 to be a Life Time member of the DAV. I know this is an increase for many age groups, but when compared to other service organizations, it is a very good value.

Each meeting we read our Single Purpose Message. The second item of this single purpose is "fighting for the interest of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill". From our Chapter, myself, the Adjutant/ Treasure and MN DAV Foundation Chairperson plan to attend the DAV Mid Winter Conference in Washington D.C. (the last week of February). We are fortunate to have various funding source to assist us in sending three of us to Washington D.C. this year.

Special Note regarding our March 2020 General Membership meeting. Our March meeting (March 3, 2020) lands on the same day as SUPER TUESDAY Presidential Primary.

Adjutant's Column

Dear Members:

I would like to express my appreciation to our Chapter members and families this holiday season. Without you we would not be able to accomplish the many hours of volunteering to support our community and programming for Veterans. This year has been outstanding and impactful to ensure we can continually assist those in need.

Thank you specifically to our group of volunteers who worked very hard on our Veteran's Day Forget-Me-Not fundraiser. We appreciated the flexibility to make this special day a success for fundraising. Next year we are hoping to expand our locations and are continually looking for additional volunteers to assist in raising funds

As we look forward into the new year, we are planning on having several members of our Chapter attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Washington D.C. in the month of February. I have been fortunate enough to be a recipient of the Women Veterans to D.C. Program and will proudly represent our Chapter and Women Veterans for the State of Minnesota. I look forward to bringing back ample information to improve programming and processes to better facilitate information for our Chapter members, families and community.

Please remember during the holiday season to continue to support one another. If you know of a veteran or family of a veteran who is struggling and is in need, we have programming in place for those needing assistance. We, as veterans, have a common thread of service and we have the capabilities to be there for each other.

Stephanie Turbett, Adjutant

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I want to thank all the members for recruiting new members.

We should exceed our July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 goal before the end of the year and the price increases to \$ 300.00

As the Senior Vice Commander, I am looking for new members for the chapter.

If you know a veteran that would like to join have them contact John Carlson 612-964-3046 or e-mail me at jacroc50@gmail.com

John Carlson, Senior Vice Commander

Commander Column Cont.

We will have our meeting at the standard time. We understand some of you work as election judges and will not be able to joins. Vote earlier in the day or use "early voting" options available to you and still attend our meeting.

Did you know? People age 70 1/2 and older who have a Traditional IRA must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year. Did you know that if part of the RMD is contributed directly to a charity, like DAV CHAPTER #1, it would be tax free? This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Interested? Please check with your financial planner.

Joel Schilling, Commander

Please remember to let us know of your change of address.

For the Snowbirds, please let us know when you are leaving and returning.



Departed  Comrades

2019

September

Kenneth G. Craven
Richard Gallagher
Leslie J. Haar
Ervin F. Kamm
Richard Swienton
Thomas E. Tedford
Richard J. Thompson

October

Jerome P. Holewa
James R. Pilger

November

Raymond L. Collins
Robert P. Frantzen
Carl W. Gronemann
William E. Kinkel
Walter J. Niesen
Patrick W. Fitzgerald

If you know of any member who has left us recently, please call the office to let us know. 612-726-9591.

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.”

Benjamin Franklin

Dates and Times to Remember

January

- 01 **New Year's Day**
- 07 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
- 07 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
- 08 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 20 **Martin Luther King Day**
- 26 12:45 VAMC Visitation
- 29 4:00 pm *Exec. Board Meeting

February

- 04 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 04 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 12 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 17 **President's Day**
- 23 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 26 4:00 pm *Exec. Board Meeting

March

- 03 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 03 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 11 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 22 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 25 4:00 pm *Exec. Board Meeting

April

- 07 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 07 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 08 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 12 **Easter**
- 26 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 29 4:00 pm * Exec. Board Meeting

***All meetings are held at Bloomington Event Center**
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