



# BULLETS



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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.***

**Chapter 1 celebrates 95 years of helping Veteran's Improve the Quality of their Life..  
Join us for a Celebration Dinner April 4th (see info in this edition)**

#### Commander's Column

I would like to share some of my thoughts about two areas that greatly impact our ability to achieve the Chapter's single purpose of empowering Veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

The two areas are fundraising and volunteering.

Fundraising impacts everything we do. Without money coming in we cannot donate to Veterans causes and cover Chapter expenses. Therefore, our Forget-Me-Not events coming up in May and November are very important. They are critical to our future success and improving the lives of many Veterans in need. So, as a member of DAV, Chapter #1, what can you do? The answer is, volunteer, to participate in these and other fundraising events. The experience is rewarding for you and the Chapter!

Volunteering, as already stated, is needed to have successful fundraising events which produces money to help Veterans in need. Also, DAV,Ch#1 volunteers are needed at the VAMC, drivers for transportation to and from the VAMC, Sunday's VAMC visitation, and working on one of Chapter#1's Committees. No matter where one volunteers, it truly is a rewarding experience for you and our fellow Veterans.

In the last issue of the BULLETS, I told you about the development of five(5) new Committees. At the January Board Meeting, it was agreed to make some changes to the structure and responsibilities. The Benefits and Capitol Hill Committees were combined into one, named the Legislative Committee.

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#### Adjutant's Column

Dear Comrades:

We have made a very smooth transition to our new meeting location, and it seems we are getting a lot of favorable comments on the accommodations, contents, and structure of the meeting and, especially the food served.

One of the projects I have been working on is finding transportation to the meetings for those of you that have issues driving at night, or no longer drive but would attend if there was a way to transport you. So far it seems like an uphill battle. Uber, the contract type cab service, uses independent contractors, and it would require a lot of coordination and there are also some billing issues. Metro Mobility is a limited option. Those using Metro Mobility need to make out an application, be accepted, and then we can go from there. The other drawback with Metro Mobility is there service hours to some communities are very limited, ending around 6:30p.m. The meetings usually last until 7:30 or later.

So, with that, I am asking anyone that does drive to the meetings if they could possibly pick someone up on the way. Currently we have a couple members in Eden Prairie, Edina, Columbia Heights and South Minneapolis that need rides. Call the office at 612-726-9591 if you need a ride or can provide a ride.

I encourage you all to read the minutes of our meetings on our website to see what we are working on and upcoming events.. like our next Forget-Me-Not-Drive, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at Sam's in Shakopee, St. Louis Park and Maple Grove, and We need volunteers.

As always, I hope this edition finds you well and hope to see you at the next meeting.

*Mark Jaruszewski, Adjutant*

*Commander's' Column Cont. from Page 1*

Responsibilities for donations were added to the Transition Committee. Finance was added to Fundraising, and Meeting Attendance was added to Membership. Therefore, we will be operating with four (4) Committees. They are:(1) Legislative, (2)Veterans Transition & Donations, (3) Finance & Fundraising, (4) Membership & Meeting Attendance. If you would like to volunteer to participate in one of these Committees, please contact me.

I am really looking forward to our 95th year celebration on April 4, 2017 at the Bloomington Event Center starting at 5:45 pm.

See you all there with bells on!

*Jim Kline, Commander*

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENTS**

During the last Chapter meeting it was announced that the present Executive Board Meetings will be conducted via phone conference calling. These are open to Chapter members, so if you are interested in listening in email the chapter at [chapter-dav@mindspring.com](mailto:chapter-dav@mindspring.com) (preferred) or call 612-726-9591 and we will let you know how to proceed.

A small number of MN Twins Tickets have been made available to the Chapter, with the stipulation that you take a child or children with you (Twins request). Possible games available are: 5/5 @ 7:10PM Boston, 6/16 7:10PM Cleveland, 7/18 7:10PM Yankees, 8/6 1:10PM Texas Rangers Only email requests or mail requests will be considered, sorry, no phone calls. Maximum of 4 tickets per person.

Needed: Chapter members interested in getting professional golf instructions from certified PGA instructors. These instructors know how to help handicapped individuals learn and play the game of golf. More on this to follow, but if you want to know more, write the chapter or email (include your phone number)

## **Departed**



## **Comrades**

### **2016**

#### **December**

Kenneth F. Aumock  
Roland Bingham  
Robert R. Geiger  
Jerry L. Goldstein  
Frank W. Lindquist  
Jeffery J. McHugh  
Perry J. Weiberg

Robert E. McDonnell  
George H. Pelto  
Eugene D. Ruud  
Robert D. Trierweiler  
John A. Wigen

#### **February**

Robert L. Boatman  
Richard A. Bodger  
Clive H. Bowyer  
Bud Greeley  
Steve K. Hamilton  
William Hoogestraat  
Norman L. Larson  
Jerome D. McPhee  
James P. Meyer  
Bruce L. Royce

### **2017**

#### **January**

John L. Bolla  
Robert H. Bruer  
Kenneth J. Davis  
Joseph S. Kovach  
Stanley E. Marchand

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

### ***Augsburg College***

DAV Chapter 1 Minneapolis is proud to announce the launch of its Graduate Fellowship in Leadership Studies at Augsburg College. The DAV of MN Chapter 1 has put forth a lot of man hours and resources to make this fellowship a reality. By teaming up with the DAV of MN Foundation, Chapter 1 has created a graduate level fellowship program for veterans attending Augsburg. This fellowship entails \$5,000 in tuition assistance over two semesters. To learn more, see the attached document or visit [www.augsburg.edu/mal/](http://www.augsburg.edu/mal/)

**Dates and Times to Remember**

**March**

28 7:00 pm Exec Conf. Call

**April**

04 5:45 pm \*Dinner  
 04 6:30 pm \*Chapter Meeting  
**09 Palm Sunday**  
 12 7:00 pm 6-5-4  
**14 Good Friday**  
**16 Easter**  
 23 12:15 pm VAMC Visitation  
 25 7:00 pm Exec Conf. Call

**May**

02 5:45 pm \*Dinner  
 02 6:30 pm \*Chapter Meeting  
 10 7:00 pm 6-5-4  
**14 Mother's Day**  
 28 12:15 pm VAMC Visitation  
**29 Memorial Day**

**June**

**06 5:45 pm \*NO DINNER**  
**06 6:30 pm \*NO MEETING**  
**14 7:00 pm NO 6-5-4**  
**18 Father's Day**  
 25 12:15 pm VAMC Visitation  
**29 Memorial Day**

**July**

**04 5:45 pm \*NO DINNER**  
**04 6:30 pm \*NO MEETING**  
 25 7:00 pm Exec. Conf. Call



**Chapter 1 Celebrates 95 Years!!!!**

Your Chapter will be celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary this April, heck.... Some of you were not even born yet! We will be honoring those that have served before and have a special guest singer, Caara Hirsch (pictured), you may remember she performed for us at the Mall Of America when we did one of our Forget-Me-Not Drives. She has a special place in her heart for all Veterans and we are excited she will once again sing for us. We have some other ideas for this celebration so please plan to attend the Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM, Bloomington Event Center (former Knights of Columbus) at 1114 American Blvd. W, Bloomington, MN 55420



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 Remember: All DAV meetings are open to all veterans. Only members in good standing may vote during meetings.

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MINNESOTA

**Human Services hosts**

**Vietnam-era Veterans Appreciation Brunch**

**Tuesday, April 4, 9 - 10:30 a.m.**

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**Vietnam-era veterans and a guest are invited to attend this free event. It will feature a complimentary brunch, music, and an opportunity to visit with fellow veterans.**

**Registration deadline Tuesday, March 28.**

**Cosponsored by American Legion Post 550 and Home Instead Senior Care**

**For more information and registration:**

Human Services Division at Creekside Community Center  
9801 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55431

952-563-4944, TTY 952-563-4933 or [reservations@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:reservations@BloomingtonMN.gov)

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