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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: building better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families.

[See Chapter Photos on our Web Page](#)

Adjutant's Column

Commander's Column

Greetings! I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Commander. I want to thank Chuck for the great job he did over the last year.

A great deal has been accomplished with the help of many and I'm proud to be a part of our organization and all it has done. I'm hoping to build on that with others and that includes you. This is your organization and we need your help to make it even better. I have some ideas and I'm looking for other ideas from you and I want you to feel free to contact me directly with those ideas and a good way to move them forward. Like any organization, church, business, etc., you have a handful of people doing everything and a lot of people observing.

So, that said, join us, come to a meeting and get involved. Hey, it's actually fun and very rewarding.

You can contact me directly at my personal email:
marktessmer4469@msn.com

Again, I want to thank you for this opportunity and look forward to the upcoming year.

Mark Tessmer, Commander

Dear Comrades:

I doubt you will receive this before Christmas so here's hoping you had a Merry & Blessed Christmas and the best for a New Year.

Chapter elections were held Dec 1st with Mark Tessmer as Commander, Jim Kline, Sr. Vice, Sheldon Larson, Jr. Vice, Don Nesheim, Chaplain and Joel Schilling as Trustee.. an excellent group. The Commander asked me to continue as Adjutant, so you are stuck with me for another year.

In an effort to make our Chapter meetings more informative, lively and a bit shorter we will again be having guest speakers and perhaps entertainment. You will have to call the office for information as to who and when, or check the website, or better yet, show up and be surprised!

I want to thank all the volunteers that have continued to help Chapter 1 with some record breaking fund raising this year (hopefully all the names are published in this edition) and speaking of volunteers I would like to reach out to our younger members about volunteering.

I recently read an article titled: "How can volunteering help my career?" Robert Half recently conducted a survey and found 41% of those surveyed volunteer and found these benefits:

Enhanced wellness and productivity (61%), Expanded network (57%), Gained new skills (49%), Increased visibility for their company (35%). Passion and drive is something that employers want to see in their employees and it shows you are working to help others. Volunteering can help job seekers meet new contacts and find new opportunities. Some companies offer matching or grant programs for employees who give their time.

So, come to a meeting, get entertained, a great dinner, meet the new officers and help us continue our 94 year legacy of helping Veterans to a better life.

Mark Jaruszewski, Adjutant

Past Commander

It was a significant year. We made progress in our ever increasing volunteer register. Thank you to all that helped in Cash for Clothes, AppleBee's and Sam's.

When we divide the cash raised by the number of volunteer hours, it becomes apparent how significant your support has become. As we become more active in raising the money it takes to support our motto, we will continue to need your support. Perhaps consider taking a shift two or three days in a row instead of just one two hour shift. You make a difference every time you say, "Yes, I will".

As Past Commander I can now thank Mark & Joe & Jill and the many who contribute in obscurity, but whose knowledge and leadership frequently go unrecognized except for an occasional thank you.

We can point with pride at direct intervention and help in several veterans lives. Commander Tessmer has already grabbed the leadership role and will represent us at the Mall of America before Christmas. He will bring new ideas and a different style of leadership.

Chapter One is something that should make us all proud in its accomplishments. Yet our history is being lost as copies of 70 year old Bullets decay in the office. I believe it important to scan and save them. The cost is not exorbitant and should be discussed at the January meeting. Please consider the question, "Is our history worth preserving?". Then attend the meeting and speak your mind. Happy New Year.

Past Commander LeTourneau

**A few words from the Treasurer of Chapter One
Joe Wytonick Treasurer**

Another year is ending and I look back on it as one where we made great progress in reducing our operating expenses and increased our income from our fund raising activities.

I would like to thank the 76 Chapter1 members who gave their time to help make the "Forget Me Not" sales at the three Sam's Club's and the two AppleBee's restaurants a great success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and will be needed in the coming year.

I would also like to thank the management of the Sam's clubs in Bloomington, Shakopee and St. Louis Park, the management of the two AppleBee's in Bloomington for letting our members do our fund raising at their businesses. The following restaurants also allowed fund raising activities at their establishments, Am Legion post 435 and Champps both in Richfield, VFW Post 1296 in Bloomington, Racks Sports Bar in Burnsville, and AppleBee's in West St. Paul.

A special thanks to the Home Depot stores in Richfield, Bloomington, Burnsville and Eden Prairie for giving discounts for paint and painting supplies for our new office. I hope our members will remember which businesses are helping us help our disabled veterans by patronizing these establishments.

I wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year".

Departed



Comrades

2015

Michael W. Shepard
Ellsworth G. Thomey

September

Louis E. Beamon
Robert M. Carstenbrock
Lloyd A. Ditlefsen
Robert H. Eck
Dennis S. Ferrara
Thomas E. Jacobson
Lee F. Jankowski
Donald O. Johnson
Robert T. McClellan
Emil L. Peterson

November

Anthony J. Blake
James F. Conroy
Charles L. Eckel
James M. Fenelon
Steven W. Fiscus
Marvin J. Gragert
James D. LeJeune
Joseph A. Mattys
John a. McGuire
John C. Meyer
Leo J. Noltimier
Edgar G. Poland
John L. Schneider
Clarence E. Skaaden
Karl W. Tonnell

October

Lloyd M Jarson
Lester G. Orton
Francis S. Ryan
Norman A. Setter

If you know of any member who has left us recently please call the office to let us know.

Minneapolis Auxiliary News

Please remember that the Auxiliary does not meet during the cold weather months of January, February and March. Treasurer Linda Wenzel is also out of town then.

The next meeting will be April 5th. Join us.

Miriam Kiser

Adjutant



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

You Snowbirds Please let us know when you are leaving

Dates and Times to Remember

January

- 01** **New Years Day**
- 05 4:30 pm *Finance/Board Meeting
- 05 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 05 6:30 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 18** **Martin Luther King Day**
- 13 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 24 1:45 pm VAMC Visitation

February

- 02 4:30 pm *Finance/Board Meeting
- 02 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 02 6:30 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 10 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 15** **Presidents Day**
- 21-24** **Mid Winter Conference**
- 28 1:45 pm VAMC Visitation

March

- 01 4:30 pm *Finance/Board Meeting
- 01 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 01 6:30 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 09 6-5-4
- 20** **Palm Sunday**
- 27** **Easter Sunday**
- 27 1:45 pm VAMC Visitation

April

- 05 4:30 pm *Finance/Board Meeting
- 05 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 05 6:30 pm *Chapter Meeting :

Dear Fellow Veterans:

I am proud and honored to have been elected your Sr. Vice. It will be my privilege to serve and assist the Chapter and all of you in achieving our "single purpose": "empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity". Recruiting new members and the continued involvement of current members are the keys to achieving our "single purpose". In the last BULLETS our Adjutant used the term "strength in numbers". This is an excellent term to describe what I believe we need to work on in 2016, continuing to build our strength. I thank you for electing me your Sr. Vice, and look forward to working with all of you.

Respectfully, Jim Kline, Sr Vice Commander

We need volunteers.

If you can spare some time call the office at: 612-726-9591 and leave your name and number so we can call you back.

BUYING A HOME?-SELIING A HOME?-REFINANCING? I CAN HELP! Let my 25 years of experience help you make the right decision regarding your real estate purchase and/or mortgage financing. I will make a \$50 contribution to the DAV Minneapolis Chapter 1 upon the successful closing/funding of any

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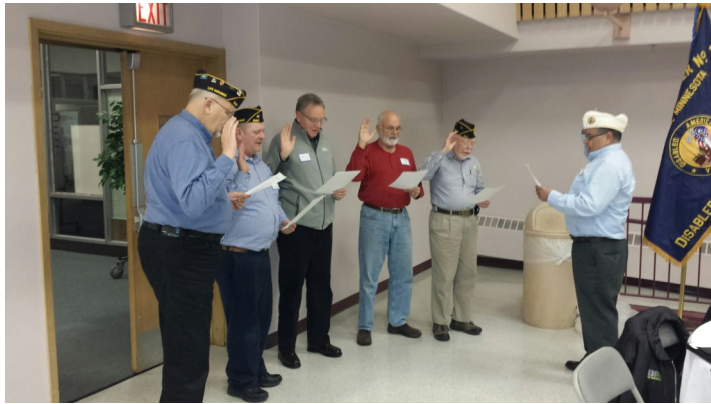
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Mick Aguirre, Dept Sr Vice, administering the oath of office to :

L-R Sheldon Larson, Jr Vice, Joel Schilling, Trustee, Jim Kline, Sr. Vice, Mark Tessmer, Commander

Our Fall For-Get-Me-Not Fund drive THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

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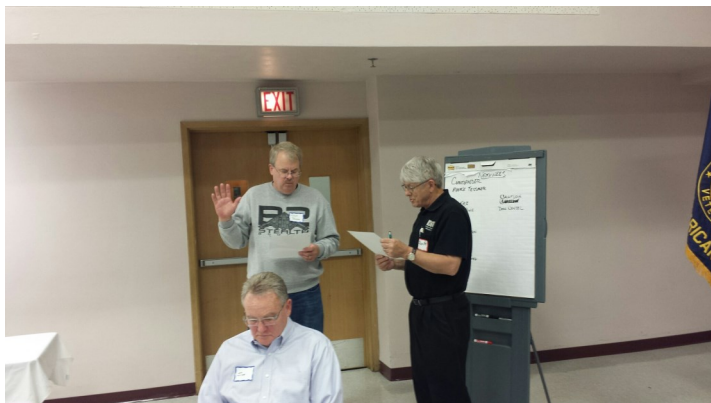
New members Grant Paul & Doug Scofield



Nobody slips by Jack



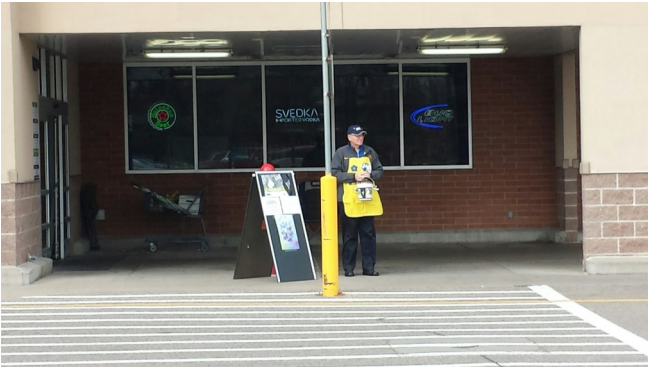
Wayne and Jerry



New member Robert Peterson



Richard and Mark



Jim Kline on watch



Ozzy at his best



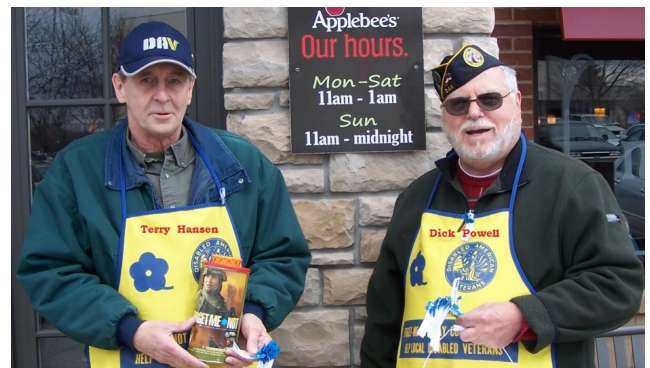
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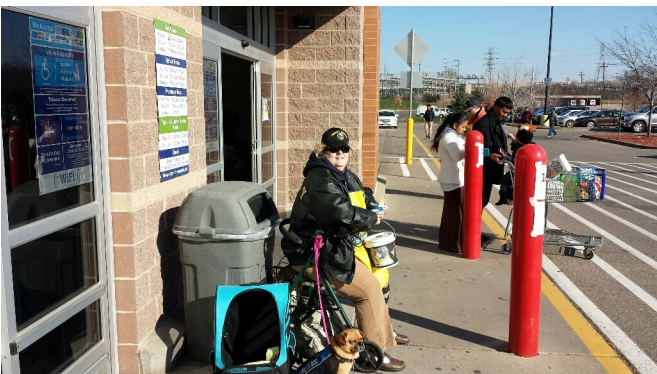
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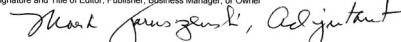
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