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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.

Adjutant's Column

Important Notice for Chapter Meetings.

See Commanders and Adjutants column's.

Commander's Column

Greetings!

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer so far. We have had a great deal of activity since we last met. We just completed our very successful Forget Me Not drive. We added new locations along with the regular ones and every one of them did well. We will give you a recap as we get it sorted out.

As you know we will not be meeting again until this September. The big news is that due to all the construction and changes going on at the MN Veterans Home we will be moving. I've made arrangements at the Richfield American Legion to meet there. The other change is the day we meet. We will be meeting the second Monday of the month in which will be September 12th. The meeting time will be the same, 6:30 pm. The dinner before has been worked out 5:45pm

I have to bring this up and it pains me to do so. We are falling into the same pattern that many organizations fall into and that is we have a few people doing everything and a many people that do nothing. I'm not judging or pointing fingers because I'm just as guilty of this practice. We are doing a great amount of wonderful things and we should feel proud of that, but we could do more. We are the largest chapter in the whole state and we could do some amazing things with just a little help from you. We are not talking about a lot of time here. We will be posting volunteer opportunities in the future. Give it some thought on how you could give a little of your time.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me directly at 612-247-1020 or marktessmer4469@msn.com

Mark Tessmer, Commander

Dear Comrades:

As I write this we have not found anyone that would like to be the Chapter Adjutant, which means you will have to put up with me for at least this issue.

Since the last edition of the Bullet's a number of changes have occurred. We no longer will have our Chapter Meetings at the Veteran's Home, we have new By-Laws that have been approved and should be forwarded to the National for their approval, we had our most successful Forget-Me-Not-Drive, we cancelled the meeting for June (hope you did not show up for that) and in this issue is the Annual Appeal Letter.

Let's start with where and when for the Chapter Meetings: They will be at the Richfield American Legion Post 435, 6501 Portland Ave So., Richfield, MN 612-866-3647 Starting September 12, 2016 (2nd Monday of the month) Dinner will be served at 5:45pm, and Meeting at 6:30pm. The following meetings will be on October 10th, November 14th and December 12th, with the same time for dinner and meeting.

I would strongly suggest that you attend these meeting's so we can discuss how we will proceed in 2017.

By-Laws: For those that attended the last two meetings at the Vet's Home you know that we will no longer be voting for Trustee's, but only for Officers of the Chapter. Come to the September meeting to find out how this will impact decisions for the Chapter. One big change will be that the Commander can be elected to consecutive terms.

I want to thank the LOYAL volunteers that helped with our Forget-Me-Not drive last month, many of them pulled double or triple days. I know that when we do the next drive we will have many more volunteers, right??

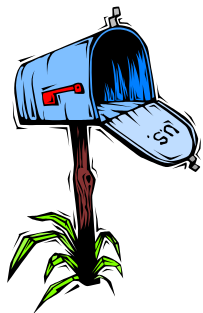
Our Treasurer has acknowledged the Sam's Club's in Shakopee, St. Louis Park and Maple Grove and the Cub store on York Ave, Edina for their considerations. Please support them. We are Veteran's helping our comrades that are less fortunate than us.. PLEASE, help us keep up the great work we have been doing for 94 years and send in your donation.

Mark Jaruszewski, Adjutant

Chapter Chatter

Just a little recap of the Annual Convention held in St Cloud last May. The Chapter had a great turnout with 13 members attending. DAV Transportation provided rides for 29,254 Vet's, over 1,7560,000 miles driven and 84,621 volunteer hours. This is just one of the reasons we raise money. To get our Veterans to and from their medical appointments.

In case you didn't know, The Chapter for years has promoted ourselves as a 501C(3) non-profit.. We are not a 501C(3).. We are a 501C(4). The difference is a (4) can lobby with legislators and have political views, a (3) cannot. What happens if you are a (4) is that you may not qualify for grants from businesses that do not want to have any political affiliation. Let's keep the chapter alive and well... VOLUNTEER



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

You Snowbirds Please let us know when you are leaving

May For-Get-Me-Not Drive

Phil Broat, Mel Dahlberg(WWII Vet), Gary Baldwin, in Shakopee location



Departed



Comrades

2016

March

Lavern A. Ask
Melvin T. Broz
Kenneth S. Fritze
Chad L Hartman
Richard J. Iwaszko
Edward F. Komac
Henry Lee
Clair S. Mellang
Charles B. Rhedin
Donald J. Sorenson
Monte L. Zehringer

April

Robert V. Anderson
Richard V. Boswell
Allan E. Conklin
John M. Grindberg

Sidney S. Locketz
John A. Pearson
Victor H. Schauer
Leonard Wroblewski

May

Ezekiel Ambrose
Donald Chapman
Karl S. Davis
Richard L. DeForrest
Donald C. Johnston
Raymond T. Kurak
Eugene E. Larson
Brian O'Brien
Elmer I. Pless
Walter B. Rohling
Clayton G. Timian

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

A few words from the Treasurer of Chapter One

Now that our spring "Forget-Me-Not" community campaign has been completed with good results. I would like to thank Paula, the manager at the Cub store in Edina, and the managers of the Sam's stores in Maple Grove, Shakopee and St Louis Park for their cooperation and support for letting our volunteers do our solicitations at their stores.

I also would like to thank Jenna and Courtney at the new attraction "FlyOver America" at the Mall of America for their generous donation to our cause.

And a special "Thank You" to our volunteers, without your help we would not be able to continue our mission of helping our local Veterans.

We also had two "Cash-for-Clothing" events and a Garage Sale pickup at Jefferson High school that brought in some funds.

Have a good summer and we will see you at the meeting in September.

Joe Wytonick, Treasurer

Dates and Times to Remember

July

- 04** Independence Day
- 11 4:30 pm ***NO MEETING**
- 11 5:45 pm ***NO DINNER**
- 11 6:30 pm ***NO MEETING**
- 13 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 24 10:45 am VAMC Visitation
- 29-31 National Convention**

August

- 1-3 National Convention Cont.**
- 08 4:30 pm ***NO MEETING**
- 08 5:45 pm ***NO DINNER**
- 08 6:30 pm ***NO MEETING**
- 10 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 28 10:45 am VAMC Visitation

September

- 05 Labor Day**
- 12 4:30 pm ***Board Meeting**
- 12 5:45 pm ***Dinner**
- 12 6:30 pm ***Chapter Meeting**
- 14 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 25 10:45 am VAMC Visitation

October

- 10 4:30 pm ***Board Meeting**
- 10 5:45 pm ***Dinner**
- 10 6:30 pm ***Chapter Meeting**
- 12 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 30 10:45 am VAMC Visitation

***All meetings are held at Richfield American Legion Post 435.**

6501 Portland Ave So., Richfield

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

Note: Anyone may attend a Committee meeting, only those appointed to the committee may vote.

Sr. Vice Commander Update

Membership Update In January, February, March, April, and May we added four (4) new Life Members, plus nine (9) members we converted to Life Member status. This June 2016 we should see 3 to 5 new Life Members. This based on the number of applications handed out.

In conclusion, we had a very good year and now we must start thinking about next year.

Any ideas you may have to help in our recruiting efforts, please let me know.

Have a great summer!

*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?-SELLING 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 transaction I complete with any of the DAV members.




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CHAPTER ANNUAL APPEAL

DEAR CHAPTER 1 MEMBER:

June 30, 2016

Every year we send one appeal letter to our members asking for their support in order for us to fulfill the commitments we make to our less fortunate Disabled American Veterans.

We are a 100% volunteer-based Chapter. You have heard us say we have reduced overhead by over \$30,000 in recent years and continue to do so.

This has enabled the Chapter to make more and larger contributions to the VA Medical Center, Minnesota Veterans Home, Winter Sports Clinic, Honor Guard Ft. Snelling, Memorials honoring our deceased members, MACV, DAV Transportation, and a \$5000.00 donation to Operation Highground which will help Veterans both on active duty and discharged that have problems seeking help through traditional venues and a number of other worthwhile Veteran projects.

We celebrated 94 years in the DAV last April, and we are by far the largest Chapter in the state. We need to continue leading the way, so we are appealing to you for a donation. So, your contribution is extremely vital to maintain our programs.

With a \$35.00 donation or more you will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$200.00 gift cards to be given away at the September meeting (new location.. Richfield American Legion Post #435, 6501 Portland Ave. So, Richfield, MN, Sept 12th at 5:45PM (free dinner).

Sincerely,

Mark Tessmer, Commander

Mark Jaruszewski, Adjutant

DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS LETTER TO: DAV CHAPTER 1, APPEAL
PO BOX 17037
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417

NAME _____ AMOUNT _____

ADDRESS _____ (\$35.00 or more for drawing)

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ (please include) Please include phone #

I can volunteer to sell Forget- Me- Nots (2 hr shift) YES _____ NO _____

DAV Auxiliary Mission Statement
Making a difference for disabled veterans and their families

The Minneapolis Auxiliary Unit 1 would like to announce the resignation of Miriam Kiser as your Adjutant. She has guided the Auxiliary since 1950 and her service with the Auxiliary has kept it an important asset to our veterans. She will still be an active member in our Auxiliary.

However, we need your help and ideas in ways our Auxiliary can go forward in serving our veterans. Some of you serve our veterans now through your volunteer work with other organizations. Thank you. Would you consider using your talents through our Auxiliary? We need your leadership! Some of you have given your service and are unable to play an active part in the Auxiliary. Would you share with your friends and family members why you choose the Auxiliary and encourage their involvement? We need their presence!

You may be asking, "Why join and be active in the Auxiliary?"

Because . . .

I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live—Rosalynn Carter

Here's how the DAV Auxiliary makes a difference for our disabled veterans and their families:

Membership: Increase membership to provide opportunities for a new generation of members to become involved in the DAVA programs and activities.

Americanism: It includes citizenship. For example, the correct way to give the pledge, the importance of voting, displaying the flag properly.

Hospital (non VA): service is activity performed at our general hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, state hospitals and soldiers' homes to raise the morale of the ill and depressed during times of crisis.

Legislation: Influence legislation; write letters, call your representative to influence legislation favorable to the needs of veterans.

VAVS (Department of Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service): Volunteering at a VA Medical facility.

Community Service: Involvement . . . knowing, caring and participating in our community.

So why do all of the above through the DAV Auxiliary? Because it's through the Auxiliary there is Comradeship, Loyalty, Devotion and Service.

If Minneapolis DAV Auxiliary Unit 1 is unable to get more people involved, we will disband. If this happens your membership status will become "a member at large." The \$3,860 we give to support veteran's organizations will be lost, your opportunity to make a difference in our country through the DAV Auxiliary will be unmet.

PLEASE CALL ME AT 612-756-1344 to discuss how you can become more involved in the DAV Auxiliary Unit 1. If you will commit to coming to our meetings for the rest of the year, the Unit will pay the balance of your lifetime membership dues. Your response will indicate how the Unit will proceed. Our Unit will meet July 12 at 7 p.m. via conference call. Dial 712-770-4010 and let it ring, when asked for Access Code push 942345 then #.

I hope to hear from you.

Linda Wenzel, Adjutant

DAV Auxiliary Minneapolis Unit 1

Salute to Red Eide, one of our Chapter's WWII Veterans



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