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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

The past three months have been interesting and profitable in many ways.

- ◆ During the month of May 2017, we held fundraising events at six (6) different locations. We were able to raise \$20,000. Many of you volunteered at these events, which is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ We distributed approved donation to Normandale Community College, VAMC Volunteer Service, and Minneapolis Veterans Home
- ◆ We made approved donations to DAV Golf Classic and sponsored a hole in the Service Women's Golf Classic. Also, chapter members volunteered to help at the DAV Golf Classic. Thank you!
- ◆ Attended a meeting at the OMNI Brewing Company for the purpose of planning a fundraising event on November 10, 2017.
- ◆ Met with the Lead Service Coordinator and Supportive Housing Coordinator at Upper Post Veteran Community Fort Snelling. This is affordable housing for veterans who have experienced homelessness. The purpose of our meeting was to explore ways we can assist veteran residents in leading quality lives with respect and dignity.

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Adjutant's Column

Dear Comrades:

I am grateful for the number of times I have been able to write a column for our Bullets Newsletter. If you were at our 95th Anniversary Party, you may have read some copies from our early days and experienced what a great Chapter of the DAV you belong to. Be proud of your service to our Country and your contributions to this great Chapter, and remember this...OUR WORK IS FAR FROM DONE!

Which brings me to a very painful subject and this is our new Commander in Chief and the White House Budget Proposal. I have never voiced a political opinion in my column, but this time they have gone too far.

If you have not read the email from our National Commander, David W. Riley, or heard via some other news source, the White House Budget Proposal is to eliminate the total disability rating based on individual employability, (IU) benefits for veterans over the age of 62 or who are already in receipt of Social Security. Obviously, there is more to this and I encourage you to find and read the entire article on the DAV website. My concern is that you do not leave it to somebody else to contact your Congressperson or Senator. You must protest this action now, because in my opinion they are just "testing the water"...remember our Commander in Chief believes he is a world class negotiator, and negotiators sometimes ask for a grain of wheat and end up with the farm.

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We are continuing to contribute to the accomplishment of our single purpose of "Empowering Veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity."

On June 5, 2017, Mark Jaruszewski resigned as our Adjutant/Treasurer and Fundraising Committee Chairman effective June 30, 2017. Mark has been an incredible contributor to the DAV and the success of our Chapter. He will be missed as one of our officers, but will continue as an active member and information resource. We have two members who I have appointed, per our Bylaws, to fill the Adjutant and Treasurer position. They are Jason Garcia as Adjutant and Grant Paul as our Treasurer. I will ask for Chapter approval at our meeting on Sept. 5, 2017.

Wishing all of you a fun filled summer.

Jim Kline, Commander

Departed Comrades

2017

March

Douglas A. Birk
Larry E. Delander
Phillip Hyster
Ralph G. Kiefer
Truman H. Lofte
James W. Sterricker
Ronald W. Swenson
Rodney S. Wallace
Joseph Zroka

William J. Kreber
Leroy H. Lilly
Frank Lindholm
Walter Maher
Norman C. Schaible
Ronald D. Smart
Kenneth M. Smith

May

Dale A. Alberts
Steve Druk
Lauritz S. Kulstad
Dennis C. Naylor
Donald H. Otis
Anthony A. Petermeier

April

Maria L. Anderson
Granville A. Dedrick
Walter P. Eskiarka
Earl W. Hoppenrath

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

Membership Update

As of 05/29/2017, Chapter #1 had 2 trial members, 60 part life members, 3,570 Full Life members for a total of 3,632. The fiscal year for the DAV, runs 1 July to 30 June (just like the State of Minnesota). We start this fiscal year at 3,736 total members and we are at 3,632 total members now. On the surface, this looks like gloom and doom, but at each monthly meeting we read the name of roughly 12 departed comrades each and every month, their loss is felt by us. The GOOD news is that we did make our assigned goal for recruiting (Approx. 30 new Full Life Members) and exceeded it by 16 new Full Life Members. You are one of the proud 18,809 DAV members in the State of Minnesota. Chapter #1 is by far the largest chapter in the state of Minnesota and therefore has the largest recruiting goal. The new fiscal year for recruiting starts 1 July, do you know someone who would be a great addition to Chapter #1?

Joel Schilling, Sr. Vice Commander

Adjutant's Column Cont. from Page 1

Well, there is some good news, we had another successful Forget-Me-Not drive, and I want to extend a very grateful THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped at Sam's Club in Shakopee, Maple Grove and St. Louis Park for the fantastic efforts in what was not the greatest weather...also, a great thanks to those that worked Cub the following weekend.

As your Treasurer I want to assure you that we are in very good financial shape at this time, and if we can continue fundraising we will have a secure future, but the future depends on you, so if you can help sustain the good work we do, please, volunteer a couple hours each Spring and Fall. We have a number of people that take shifts on multiple days and do multiple hours, that's not fair to them.

I recently was appointed to the DAV Foundation Board, by our State Commander, Robert Sadoris and am honored to serve. In addition, I want to let you know that I have resigned as Adjutant and Treasurer for the Chapter, I think it's time for new "blood" to get in here and bring in new ideas and energy. Commander Kline is very capable and is assembling a great team to continue our tradition and leadership as a great DAV Chapter. Don't get too excited, as I will still be around as time permits. My thanks to all of you that have made my time as Sr. Vice, Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer so worthwhile and fulfilling. You are great!! Did I mention the person that really taught me everything I know?? Yep, Jill Ostby, her direction was invaluable. THANK YOU JILL!!!!

Mark Jaruszewski, Adjutant/Treasurer

Dates and Times to Remember

July

- 04 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
- 04 6:30 pm *NO MEETING
- 04 **Independence Day**
- 12 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 23 10:30 am VAMC Visitation

August

- 01 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
- 01 6:30 pm *NO MEETING
- 09 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 27 10:30 am VAMC Visitation

September

- 04 **Labor Day**
- 05 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 05 6:45 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 13 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 22 **First Day of Autumn**
- 24 10:30 am VAMC Visitation

October

- 03 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 03 6:45 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 09 **Columbus Day**
- 11 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 22 10:30 pm VAMC Visitation
- 31 **Halloween**

***All meetings are held at Bloomington Event Center**
 1114 American Blvd, West. Bloomington, 55420

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

Fundraising Event Teamster Local 320
Jim Kline, Brian Aldes (Secretary/Treasurer of Local 320)
Mark Jaruszewski



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CHAPTER ANNUAL APPEAL

DEAR CHAPTER #1 MEMBER:

June 20, 2017

The DAV, Minneapolis Chapter #1, celebrated its 95th Anniversary in April, 2017. We are the largest Chapter in Minnesota dedicated to the single purpose of “empowering Veterans to lead High-Quality lives with respect and dignity”. With the donations made by our members, we are able to help many veterans and their families that have served our Country honorably, just like you!

The money donated by you goes to many organizations that help us achieve our single purpose. Some examples of where the donations go are as follows:

- Minnesota Veterans Home, Minneapolis & Hastings.
- VA Medical Center Volunteer Service Emergent Fund.
- Fellowship in Public Scholarships at Augsburg College and Normandale Community College for veterans.
- Memorial honoring deceased members at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.
- DAV Transportation.
- Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin County (CAPSH) who supports Supportive Services for Veterans & their Families (SSVF).

Please remember that our Chapter is 100% volunteer, so outside of rent, utilities, and office supplies for our office, your donation goes to help veterans and their families.

I am asking you to make a tax deductible donation and help us to continue serving veterans and their families in need.

Your service and donation is greatly appreciated.

Jim Kline,
Commander

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Come to the
*Vietnam
Era
Veterans*
**Reunion
Picnic**

July 8, 2017
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Moir Park, 10320 Morgan Ave. S.
Bloomington, MN 55431



Donation to Normandale Community College
\$3000

Tom Busch, Colleen Simpson (Normandale Foundation Executive Director), Phil Broat, Lori York (Veterans Administrator), Jim Kline, Don Nesheim



Donation to VAMC Volunteer Services
\$1000

Phil Broat,, Jennet Boese, Don Nesheim, Rhonda Boisvert, Jim Kline, Tom Busch



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