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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

Greetings!

It's hard to believe we are into the fall season already. There are many great things going on in the chapter. I've received many calls over the last couple of months of members interested into coming to meetings. I've encouraged them all to come, and at our last meeting we had around 45 of you show up. That's great! I want to thank Sr Vice Commander Jim Kline for taking over in my absence at the last meeting and a great deal of appreciation to Adjutant Mark Jaruszewski for the many laboring hours he has been putting in.

It's not too early to start thinking of the upcoming events. We are going to need volunteers for our Forget Me Not drive in November and elections are coming in December and we are looking for fresh ideas and added strength in the ranks, consider running for office.

I also want to remind everyone that we are meeting on the second Monday of the month at the Richfield American Legion. We've had a good run with the first Tuesday over the years but with a new location we had to make the change.

I want to let everyone know that I'll be finishing my term as Commander at the end of this term and not running for re-election. I've been gone a great deal the last few months and other things are demanding my time. Things are getting back to normal so I'll try to give it my all to the end. Thank you all for your support and words of encouragement. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Mark Tessmer, Commander

Adjutant's Column

Dear Comrades:

As you can tell, I am still your Adjutant, and it looks like that will not change anytime soon. So, let's try to keep you informed. We had our first meeting at the Richfield American Legion Post on Sept 12th (2nd Monday of the month is the new meeting day). Excellent turn out (about 50 people) and our Sr. Vice Jim Kline presided, doing an outstanding job. Be at the next meeting, October 10th ... this is when the nominations start for Chapter Officers.

One of the biggest problems we face as a DAV Chapter is communicating with our members on a frequent basis. The Bullets is published quarterly, and as you know, we require a subscription to receive it on a regular basis. We are looking at various ways the Chapter can get information to you in a timely manner and be cost effective. Obviously email is the way to go, however, many of you do not have email access or do not want to share your address (like me, you get way too much junk email) IF, you are not getting emails from us chapterdav@mindspring.com and would like to do so, please send an email to the Chapter and we will put you on the distribution list. WE DO NOT GIVE YOUR EMAIL TO ANYONE ELSE! And WE DO NOT GIVE YOUR ADDRESS TO ANYONE.

Coming up is our semi-annual Forget Me Not Drive, November 3rd, 4th and 5th. We do Sam's in Shakopee, St. Louis Park and Maple Grove, along with the Cub Store in Edina. Please contact us if you can do a 2hr shift.. this year we will be providing an incentive for those people that can do at least 2 shifts, or work two days..

The last Chapter meeting had us approving a number of donations for various causes, some are the ones we do on a monthly basis and a few new ones. This month we had a new donation. We purchased Heart Pillows (see photo's) for open heart patients at the VA Medical facility. The Legion Auxiliary makes pillows for these patients but this summer they cut back and for some reason heart patients were not getting pillows. So Chapter 1 to the rescue.. We are now working on a plan to ensure that these

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A few words from the Treasurer of Chapter One

The Annual financial report has been completed and filed with a few days to spare. This was my first attempt at doing it and I have to thank Jill for all of her help in finding where all the money was spent. We did fairly well last year as we ended up with almost 38% more funds than what we started with. Actual dollar amounts were announced at the September meeting.

We spent money on some new projects and did a bit of help to individual down and out Veterans. This kind of aid hadn't been done in quite a few years.

The Chapter is working on a couple of projects to help our younger Veterans which will need a considerable amount of dollars. With that said I will remind you that help is needed in our upcoming "Forget-Me-Not" fund drive. We need about 75 volunteers to man the solicitation stations. Call or e-mail the office to schedule a time and place.

I would also like to thank the management of the Mystic Lake Casino for their donation of retired playing cards for distribution to the patients at the Minneapolis VA Hospital.

Joe Wytonick, Treasurer

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patients always get a good pillow. If you are a heart survivor you know how important these pillows are for recovery from surgery. They cushion the chest when you cough or move around.. it is really a comfort to have one.

As I mentioned previously, the need to communicate with our Chapter members.. one other way is via our website <http://MN.DAV.ORG/01> (currently the meeting info is wrong, but the National is supposed to change it.. Meetings are at the Richfield American Legion Post 435) We post information there on a regular basis. If you do use the website let us know.

Please attend the meetings. They are informative and a very good social event where you can meet other members. We will have guest speakers, great door prizes and up to the minute news for you.

OK, in finishing up I just want to say we have lost way too many Chapter members this last year, over 100 members have passed away, and some really great members; like Henry Fisher, Red Eide and Douglas Stewart, just to name a few. May they all rest in peace.

Mark Jaruszewski, Adjutant

Departed



Comrades

2016

June

Orville T. Eide
Douglas Hoybook
John Klobucar
Joseph J. Markovich
Roman vShmiganovsky

July

Alden V. Halloran
Arthur J. Ingebredtsen
Otto A. Larson
Ralph J. Macholda
Gregory D. Moris
Eugene W. Spike
Nathan R. Wisser
Harold Zieba

August

Ray S. Clarke
George A. Francis
Daniel J. Geske
Richard W. Gunderson
Arthur J. Hanson
Nathan N. Hendlin
Glen E. Naze
Garrett L. Rasmussen
Douglas E. Stewart
David J. Stookey
Douglas C. Wold

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

Membership Update

Our membership recruiting goal for 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 is thirty-three (33) new Life Time members. As of 16 Sept 2016 we have recruited seven (7) new Life Time Members. In the next two weeks we will convert six (6) partial paid members to Life Time members.

This means we need to recruit twenty (20) new members Life Time members by 30 June 2017. Therefore, our goal for the Membership Committee is two per month for the next ten (10) months (Sept 2016 to thru June 2017).

We are off to a very good start!

Currently we have 3,588 members on our rolls.

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

*Jim Kline
Sr. Vice Commander*

Dates and Times to Remember

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
- 13 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 23 10:45 am VAMC Visitation
- 31 Halloween**

November

- 3,4,5 Forget-Me-Not Drive**
- 6 End pf Daylight Saving**
- 09 6-5-4
- 11 Veterans Day**
- 14 4:30 pm *Board Meeting
- 14 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 14 6:30 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 24 Thanksgiving**
- 27 10:45 am VAMC Visitation

December

- 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 9:00 am VAMC Visitation**

January

- 09 4:30 pm *Board Meeting
- 09 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 09 6:30 pm *Chapter Meeting
- 14 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 22 10:45 am VAMC Visitation

Sr. Vice Commander Update

September 12, 2016 Meeting Update

The Chapter #1 meeting held on Monday (9-12-2016) was very successful. There were approximately fifty (50) members, spouses, and guests in attendance. Some highlights are as follows:

- *We had a wonderful guest speaker (Sue Register) from the Hasting Veterans Home.
- *Three (3) new members inducted
- *Eight (8) donation request approved
- * Introduced five (5) new committees based on our “single purpose” to be formed over the next few months. They are Benefits Committee, Capital Hill Committee, Veterans Transition Committee, Fundraising Committee, and a Membership Committee.

We will need Volunteers to lead and participate in these Committees. If you are interested feel free to contact me or Mark Jaruszewski. It was a long meeting which resulted in much progress, with many engaged and participating members. A big THANK YOU to all who attended! .

Jim Kline
Sr. Vice Commander

Appeal Letter Gift Certificate Winners!!!
The drawing was held at the meeting Sept 12th.

\$200.00 to each of the following donors.

Richard Budewitz

James H. Anderson

***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.



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