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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.***

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#### Commander's Column

Fellow Members,

The past few months have seen our Chapter continue to empower Veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. Financially, we are strong because of our Forget-Me-Not fundraising events and Appeal Letter contributions. Our membership goal of 29 new members for 2018 has been achieved. The donations we have made are helping many Veterans and their families transition from military to civilian life. All in all, we are a strong and supportive DAV Chapter.

Some examples of our progress are listed below. This list is made up of donations we made or have approved to date:

1. Donation to Every Third Saturday.
2. Donation to Normandale & Hennepin Technical Colleges for Fellowships/ Scholarships.
3. Continued support via donations for our 6-5-4 program @ VAMC, Minneapolis Veterans Home Recreation Fund, and Ft. Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad.
4. Donation to the DAV Transportation Fund.
5. Donation to Community Action Partnership Of Hennepin Country.
6. Donation to purchase flags at Fort Snelling National Cemetery for Memorial Day services.
7. Donation to Veteran's Educational Historic Monument Fund for the Veteran's Monument in the Comittal Hall at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN.
8. Donation to Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake at Marine on St. Croix, MN.

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#### Adjutant/Treasurer Column

Regarding the May fundraising events, the dates for the typical Forget-Me-Not fundraising events are scheduled for May 17-19 at Sam's Club, Cub Foods, Golden Corral and Applebee's. Site event captains will be contacting those who participated in the recent past but new volunteers are always appreciated. In addition, we will pursue other fundraising events which typically are single day events.

Regarding the donations to veteran's groups/causes, we have focused on maximizing our impact to veterans and their families. We will continue to provide updates on these efforts.

Please remember and respect all veterans, past and present, as this is our mission.

**In an effort to provide faster and more effective communications, we are requesting that members provide their current email addresses so we can update our email database. All email addresses will be treated as confidential information. Please send an email to [chapterdav@mindspring.com](mailto:chapterdav@mindspring.com) with SUBJECT: ADD ME TO EMAIL LIST and also include your name so we can confirm/correct our member database.**

During 2018, we have chosen to show our honor and respect to all DAV Chapter 1 members who served in the armed forces during the WWII era. It has been said that those who served were of the greatest generation. The Greatest Generation is a book and term made popular by journalist Tom Brokaw in which he describes those who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war's home front made a decisive material contribution to the war effort.

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*Commander Column Cont.*

We have been able to do all of this because of you, our members. Coming up in May 17, 18, 19, 2018 and Memorial Day weekend, are our spring Forget-Me-Not fundraising events. At the April 3, 2018 Chapter meeting we will be asking for volunteers for these fundraising events. A two or four hour shift is greatly needed and appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed on three of our Chapter committees. They are the Veterans Transition & Donations Committee, Audit Committee, and the Fundraising & Finance Committee. If you are interested in being a member of one these committees please contact me.

Best Wishes to you all!

*Jim Kline, Commander*

Once again all of the DAV Chapters in Minnesota have reached their recruiting goal! Chapter #1 has the largest goal in the state and year after year we reach our goal with all of your help. We currently are at 3425 members, with 29+ being new members within the last year and another 5+ members transferring into our Chapter this year. SHOOT, MOVE & COMMUNICATE, these were the fundamental elements embodied in us during our military service. Our chapter of the DAV still needs to COMMUNICATE. This year the board is trying to better communicate with all of our members. There are many great opportunities for members to reach out and have a positive affect on other veteran's lives, but we have to communicate these with you. Announcements at Chapter Meetings are one method, this written Bullets is another, but our fast means is E-MAIL. Commander Kline and myself both take the subject of your E-mail address very seriously. We require individuals who assist us in updating our E-Mail system to sign legal documents not to disclose your addresses to others. Our chapter reaches out and helps recently discharged veterans of the modern era, also visits those who have lived a long full life at our state Veterans' Homes and everything in between. See if your schedule lets you put a few hours assisting other, whether it be collecting money at a Forget Me Not event or attending in a hospital visit/ Veterans Home visit.

*Joel Schilling, , Senior Vice Commander*

## Departed Comrades

**2017**

**December**

William R. Bennet	Leroy Larson
Bruce J. Cardinal	Donald A. Puls
Edward J. Klempka	Donovan C. Wikstrom
Leroy A. Kramer	

**2018**

**January**

**February**

Fred C. Ahlquist	Theodoare Burlingame
Gene F. Englebrecht	John A. K. Kalina
Robert E. Erikson	Evan B. Merz
Richard E. Greaves	Laverne D. Olson
Wayne L. Hetland	Brendan Suel
David R. Kolhoff	Earl C. Swanson
Robert W. Overcott	Kenneth M. Tellers
Vale C. Pengra	Charles E. Whittaker

**If you know of any member who has left us recently, please call the office to let us know.  
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*Adj./Treasurer Column Cont..*

While those who served in the battle fields made the greatest sacrifices, many others whether in the armed forces or civilians who supported the war effort domestically played a significant part in our country's history.

Based on review of the Chapter 1 membership maintained by National DAV, Chapter 1 has approximately 483 members listed with ages that would fit the age group that served during the 1941-1945 WWII period. In the future, we will pursue efforts to individually list by name all those who served during that period.

*Grant Paul, Adjutant/ Treasurer*

**Dates and Times to Remember**

**April**

- 01** **Easter Sunday**
- 03 5:45 pm \*Dinner
- 03 6:45 pm \*Meeting
- 11 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 22 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation

**May**

- 01 5:45 pm \*Dinner
- 01 6:45 pm \*Meeting
- 09 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 13** **Mother's Day**
- 27 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 28** **Memorial Day Observed**

**June**

- 05 5:45 pm \*NO DINNER
- 05 6:45 pm \*NO MEETING
- 13 NO 6-5-4
- 14** **Flag Day**
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 24 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation

**July**

- 04** **Independence Day**
- 03 5:45 pm \*NO DINNER
- 03 6:45 pm \*NO MEETING
- 11 7:00 pm 6-5-4

**\*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.

**On February 25, 2018, Every Third Saturday held our first female veterans event.** There were approximately 20 women in attendance. The guests enjoyed appetizers, a chocolate fountain, and raffle prizes. The ladies also had an opportunity to enjoy a haircut and style and a manicure. All attendees had the opportunity to talk with resource providers and visit our "supply store" where they were able to acquire items such as new undergarments, hygiene products, clothing, winter weather gear, and footwear, which included new boots for some. We were honored to have the opportunity to meet, connect with, and pamper so many wonderful ladies. This event was made possible by all of the volunteers and donors that were generous enough to give of their money, time, and talent.

The ladies expressed genuine gratitude for being recognized as women and not simply veterans. I heard many mention the desire to attend again in the future. **Every Third Saturday is happy to announce that we will indeed continue to hold the event annually.**

Thanks again,

Tom Mckenna  
Director

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