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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

Fellow members, as we move forward into the new year (2019), our Chapter continues to be in a very positive position. It is very important to note that this is because of our Chapter volunteers. A roster has been developed of members who have volunteered since July 1, 2018. This roster consists of over 49 members. This is outstanding! The majority of the volunteer's time has been spent at Forget-Me-Not events, outreach activities, and planning. I share this information with you because as our activities increase to assist veterans in need, this requires more volunteer time. Therefore we need more of you to volunteer.

Volunteering is generally considered an unselfish activity where an individual or group provides a service and help for no financial or social gain. Both the volunteer as well as the person and/or community served benefit. Members who volunteer do it for a variety of reasons. It offers the opportunity to give something back to other veterans. It also can provide an opportunity to develop new skills and/or strengthen existing experiences and knowledge.

Again, the above information is shared with you in the hope of increasing our number of Chapter members who volunteer. In closing, I would like to state that you are all greatly appreciated and I am honored to be your Commander.

I wish you and yours a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year!

Jim Kline, Commander

Adjutant's Column

In an effort to improve our DAV Chapter #1 communication system, it is imperative that those members who desire to receive our updates of veteran related events and veteran's benefits be signed up for the email system (E-Blast). If you haven't received an email with a big DAV at the top of the page, you are not currently on our list. If members want to receive additional information via the new email system, send an email to chapterdav@mindspring.com and put "Add me to E-Blast" in the subject line.

Also, please check your "junk" mail.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Grant Paul, Adjutant

Members of the DAV,

We have had a very prosperous fall with our Forget-Me-Not fundraising drives. The total for the season exceeded our expectations of \$20,000 plus. These outstanding results will help us achieve our goal of donating over \$50,000 supporting veterans & their families this fiscal year. This is a result of all your efforts as volunteers. I would like to take the time to thank all of you.

Wishing you the best of Holidays!

Virgil Hentz, Treasurer

Like all professional organizations, we at Chapter #1, have organized rules and policies we follow to conduct business. The Chapter BY-LAWS is the foundation document on how we do business. This fall we read, discussed, and approved updates to our By-Laws at two-chapter meetings. These updated BY-LAWS have been forwarded to the State level Department for approval. The next step is for the National Organization to approve. So, what did we change? Overall, we changed the term “chairman” to “chair” and increased the dollar amount available to be spent on routine administrative items. Our chapter has a long history of nearly 100 years and is setup for another 100 years.

The current assigned members to our chapter continue to decline. As a chapter, we are nearing our goal of 48 new members for this fiscal year, but unfortunately the number of members who have passed away outnumber the gains. The National organization has also attempted to augment our efforts to remove falling comrades from our membership role. Is our success measured by numbers alone? I do not think so. When I look at the large amount of different activities we supported this last year, I am impressed. We have attempted to help homeless vets through our donations to EVERY THIRD SATURDAY, help younger veterans transition through educational grants, and continue to visit older veterans at Minnesota Veteran State homes and the VA hospital visits. Numbers are important when lobbying political officials, but donating our time and talents through active engagement allows all of us to improve our fellow veterans’ lives.

Joel Schilling, Senior Vice commander



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

For the Snowbirds, please let us know when you are leaving and returning.

Departed



Comrades

2018

September

Bruce L. Carey
Alan R. King
John B. Knoblauch
Ernest M. Ronnie
Floyd H. Schneeberg
Joseph P. Swartz

November

Bradley D. Bengston
Gary L. Brennan
Leonard Gareis
Lewis L. Hassie
Gerald E. Herron
Gerald LaCrosse
Johannes S. Magdal
Harlan J. Wennerlind

October

Harlan T. Gjerde
Gary L. Ingram
Robert P. Knobel
George H. Krueger
William Lilledahl
Robert D. Meyer
Clarence J. Spartz

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

“A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens - citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization.”

George H. W. Bush

Dates and Times to Remember

January

| | | |
|----|---------------|--|
| 01 | | New Years Day |
| 04 | | NO DINNER |
| 04 | | NO MEETING |
| 07 | 12:30-4:30 pm | Benefits Seminar at Bloomington Event Center |
| 09 | 7:00 pm | 6-5-4 |
| 21 | | Martin Luther King Day |
| 27 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |
| 30 | 4:00 pm | *Exec. Board Meeting |

February

| | | |
|----|----------|-----------------------|
| 05 | 5:45 pm | *Dinner |
| 05 | 6:45 pm | *Meeting |
| 13 | 7:00 pm | 6-5-4 |
| 18 | | Presidents' Day |
| 24 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |
| 27 | 4:00 pm | * Exec. Board Meeting |

March

| | | |
|----|----------|----------------------|
| 05 | 5:45 pm | *Dinner |
| 05 | 6:45 pm | *Meeting |
| 06 | | Ash Wednesday |
| 13 | 7:00 pm | 6-5-4 |
| 24 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |
| 27 | 4:00 pm | *Exec. Board Meeting |

April

| | | |
|----|---------|----------|
| 02 | 5:45 pm | *Dinner |
| 02 | 6:45 pm | *Meeting |

***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.



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VA Medical Center Sunday Visitation (11/15/2018) Volunteers

The following was written by a member of DAV Chapter #1.

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**John loved his country, the greatest of nations
He was proud of the U. S. of A.
An American forever, denied Her, no never
He loved Her more every day.
John served in the war, settled some scores
Defeating the evils from hell
Now we're sharing his story, a simple love story
With others who love Her as well.**

**The Red, White and Blue will always be true
To those who honor Her name
Wherever She goes, John would know
She flies without any shame
John loved Her forever, denied Her, no never
His allegiance to Her he proclaimed
The Red, White and Blue is faithful and true
To those who honor Her name.**

**John served in the war, settled some scores
He was proud of the U.S. of A.
Now we're sharing his story, a simple love story
With others who love Her today.
The Red, White and Blue is Thankful too
For Heroes like John S. McCain.**

By D. C. Carlson

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