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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:

It was an honor to be elected Commander of this Chapter at our April meeting. This Chapter has the longest history of the DAV in the state of Minnesota, our Charter was established April 1922, making us 97 years old.

The National organization was founded Sept. 25, 1920 and still is dedicated to many of the same issues that arose after "The World War". I believe I am the first commander for this chapter to have served overseas in the Post 911 era. I am still old enough to have traveled home from Basic Training by train (arriving in downtown Minneapolis at the depot when it really was a train depot). We need to continue to honor our past and reach out to assist our newly created veterans.

May 2019 E-Mail hack. Our Chapter's e-mail account was hacked into during the month of May this year. We have taken steps to upgrade computer equipment, software and other security measures. Thanks to Joe Wytonick for his hours of help and Jill Ostby for her patience throughout the process. Our E-mail account is chapterdav@mindspring.com, we never ask for personal info e.g. SSN or credit card info by E-mail.

There are many opportunities for individuals to participate in Chapter activities. Our General Membership meetings on the first Tuesday of the month (except during the summer) is a time of fellowship. Every spring and fall we conduct Forget-Me-Not fund-raising drives; typical at 4 different locations over 12 days.

Adjutant's Column

Dear Members:

I am honored and grateful to be newly appointed as our chapter Adjutant and Treasurer. My family has a long history of service dating back to World War I. I am the first woman in my family to join the service and also grew up as child of service. For fourteen years I worked as a Traffic Management Assistant at the 133rd Air Wing with the Minnesota Air National Guard from 2002-2016.

Some of my experiences were working boarder patrol on the boarder of Arizona and Mexico, shipping medevac cargo back to the United States from Ramstein AFB Germany. I also worked with Guard Bureau to enhance and modify logistical procedures throughout the Air National Guard within Traffic Management.

I am a mom to a wonderful eleven-year-old daughter. Currently I am working on my Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a Minor in Nonprofit at Hamline University. At Hamline we have a Military Student Center where I am the Student Resources Coordinator. I was also appointed as a DAV National Deputy Representative for the VA Volunteer Services Council. I look forward to assisting our chapter and getting to know our members.

Stephenie Turbett, Adutatnt

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Commander Column

Every month we are involved in VA Minneapolis Medical Center hospital visitation (4th Sunday of Month). We are DISABLED American Vets so many have physical limitations, but perhaps you can donate 1 or 2 hours of your time to assist your fellow veterans.

I plan to attend the National DAV Convention this summer. I hope to learn new items to assist our Chapter grow into the future. Stephen Whitehead (the state DAV Dept. Adjutant) is running for National Commander and hopefully will be successful at the Convention. Minnesota has not had a National Commander since the 1980's. Stephen knows our Chapter well and we look forward to working with him in the future.

Enjoy the summer.

Joel Schilling, Commander

Normandy – Cyril Crain (Juno veteran)

Come and stand in memory
Of men who fought and died
They gave their lives in Normandy
Remember them with pride.

Soldiers, Airman, sailors
Airborne and marines
Who in civvy life were tailors
and men who worked machines.

British and Canadian
And men from USA
Forces from the Commonwealth
They all were there that day

To Juno, Sword and Utah
Beaches of renown
Also Gold and Omaha
That's where the ramps went down

The battle raged in Normandy
Many lives were lost
The war must end in victory
And this must be the cost

When my life is over
And I reach the other side
I'll meet my friends from Normandy
And shake their hands with pride

Departed



Comrades

2019

March

Jerald G. Keller
Ward D. McGill
James D. Mooney

April

William L. Connell
Alan W, Hesdorfer
Jerold E. Huntington-
Harold Maxwell
Justus D. Naumann
Thomas P. O'Meara

May

Derald D. Christians
Daniel C. Conlon
Thomas O. Jorget
William T. Lawrence
Larry S. Roehl
Gordon Singer
Robert B Stevenson
Richard D. Wessling

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

**In Honor of
D-Day
75th Anniversary**

On June 6, 1944, 160,000+ Allied troops landed at Normandy, a heavily fortified stretch of French coastline to initiate D-Day.

More than 10,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded, but by day's end, the Allies had begun liberating Europe.

“ Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity. . ”

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Dates and Times to Remember

July

- 02 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
- 02 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
- 04 Independence Day**
- 10 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 28 12:45 VAMC Visitation
- 31 4:00 pm *Exec. Board Meeting

August

- 03-06 National Convention**
- 06 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
- 06 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
- 14 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 24 11:00 am DAV Picnic**
- 25 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 28 4:00 pm *Exec. Board Meeting

September

- 02 Labor Day**
- 03 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 03 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 11 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 22 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 25 4:00 pm *Exec. Board Meeting

October

- 01 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 01 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 09 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 27 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation
- 30 4:00 pm * Exec. Board 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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\$10 \$15 \$20
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 Annual Chapter Donation
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CHAPTER ANNUAL APPEAL

DEAR CHAPTER #1 MEMBER:

June 1, 2019

The DAV, Minneapolis Chapter #1, celebrated its 97th Anniversary in April 2019. 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 Homes, Minneapolis & Hastings.
- VA Medical Center Volunteer Service Emergency Fund.
- Fellowship in Public Scholarships at U of MN, Augsburg University, Normandale Community College, and Hennepin Community & Technical College, for veterans.
- Memorial honoring deceased members at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.
- DAV Transportation.
- Every Third Saturday for homeless veterans.

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.

Joel Schilling,
Commander

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2nd Annual Family Picnic Saturday August 24, 11AM to 4PM

Chapter #1 has had an incredible year serving and supporting veterans and we could not have done it without YOU, our members!

Join us for a great day of:

- Games**
- BBQ lunch from noon to 1:30**
- Pontoon rides**
- Fishing**
- Swimming**

Please RSVP to:
chapterdav@mindspring.com
as soon as possible.

All members are welcome!

We hope to see lots of spouses, kids, grandkids, and of course, chapter members!

We will even have experts available to answer any questions you may have about VA medical care, benefits, or other services.



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Hello Comrades:

I am honored to be your Senior Vice Commander.

As the DAV Veterans Administration Volunteer Services Representative at the VAMC, I am aware of a need for volunteer driver's at the DAV transport office at the VAMC.

If anyone is interested in driving contact Gary at the DAV transport office at 612-467-2768.

As the Senior Vice Commander, I am looking for new members for the Chapter.

If you know someone that would like to join, have them contact John Carlson at 612-964-3046.

*John Carlson,
Senior Vice Commander*

**"MENDED HEARTS:
Chapter 1 Veteran's - A way to Serve**

There is a volunteer organization called Mended Hearts that visits open heart surgery patients at many hospitals throughout the US. The MPLS VA has such a group (3), however we are in dire need for a few more volunteer visitors. This opportunity to provide emotional support, recovery information and meet fellow Veterans is one of the most worthwhile endeavors you can possibly have. Looking for a few good people that can spend about 2 hours a few times per month. **THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS ARE;** Getting a volunteer badge from the VA. Prior heart/valve surgery or strong knowledge of procedure (close family member). Able to provide positive bedside conversation. For more information call: Mark Jaruszewski at 612-998-6666.

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