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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,

Fiscal Year 2018 is completed June 30, 2018. Again, we are finishing with a strong financial statement, donations made at a record level, and over 40 new members and 8 transfer members. These positive results are the results of you, the MEMBERS. Your participation, volunteering, and your great, positive attitudes have produced these positive results.

During FY2018 we participated in many events. Following is a list some of the major events.

- *Fundraising events at 3 Sam's Clubs, 3 Cub Foods, Applebee's, Teamsters 320 membership annual dinner, Royal Manicran Navy Convention, and clothing drive at Every Third Saturday.
- *Members attended the DAV Fall Convention and DAV State Convention.
- *Hosted a Super Bowl Party and a Holiday Dinner with Every Third Saturday.

These events greatly helped our financial situation and provided some joy for homeless Veterans. Also, the conventions provided a learning opportunity for our fellow members who attended them. A good example of this is the trip report written by one of our members (Roy McGuire). His summarized trip report is included in this issue of the Bullets.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe, fun summer and look forward to seeing at our 1st Annual Family Picnic on Aug. 25, 2018 at the Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake, and then again at our Sept. 4, 2018, Chapter #1 Meeting.

Best Wishes

Jim Kline, Commander

Adjutant's Column

We are working on an improved Chapter #1 member communication strategy. The Bullets are sent out quarterly, however, this may not be frequent enough for time sensitive events/opportunities to pass along to members. We are pursuing a new system (E-Blast), based on email that can be used to communicate pertinent information in a timely manner. If members want to receive additional information via the new system, send an email to chapterdav@mindspring.com and put "Add my email" in the subject line.

Grant Paul, Adjutant

Treasurer's Column

The 2018 Fund Raising Program has been very successful. The volunteers who worked at the fundraising sites purposely went out of their way to address the public with the phrase, "WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS"?

The high amount of proceeds collected, which surpassed our FY2018 goals, resulted in the successful achievement from the fund-raising events. The success could not have come without the support of each of the volunteer.

Thank you

Virgil Hentz, Treasurer

Departed  Comrades

2018

March

David W. Allen
Warren H. Anderson
Donald E. Brace
Clayton E. Erickson
Charles W. Ferguson
Carl E. Goodermont
Steven J. Lahner
Michael E. Palbicki
Frank Plasek
Tenner M. Tangen
Wayne A. Wright

April

Edward E, McCaleb
Lloyd M. Fanum
Wilbur L. Johnson
Robert B. McWhite
Robert A. Ries
William R. Solberg

May

Warren E. Benedict
Bradley J. Borrell
Robert M. Dahl
Norman R. Hellerud
David W. King
Harry H. Maghakian
Donald R. Thornton
Gerald S. Wyandt

STATE CONVENTION TRIP REPORT

It was a pleasure attending the 2018 DAV State Conference and meeting other Chapter #1 DAV members in Rochester, MN. I was introduced to several members of other DAV Chapters, the current acting MN State Commander (Robert Saddoris), National Chaplain (Michael P. Dover), MN Adjutant and other Chapter Commanders. DAV Members as a whole, function like a family. Everyone appears to be enjoying each other's company. The mission seems clear as DAV strives to make the claims process for Veterans better, making sure Veterans are getting the medical treatment necessary. There were several motivational speakers that were speaking and making you feel like you were a part of something big. One of the favorites, was Representative Tim Walz, and the other was one of DAV's own, Trent Dilks.

I learned several new things, some examples follow. Within the VA Organization, one being the VA Director Patrick J. Kelly, Captain, US Navy (retired). Kelly's boss is Darwin Goodsby. I also learned that 92% of the US population are Non-Vets. The new Appeals/RAMP Program, when Trent attempts to get a bill passed for Veterans and their spouses, it's very difficult. The bill had to wait 8 years and this affected approximately 100 widows and surviving spouses.

Final order of business at the Convention, was the election of new officers and making some changes/additions to the State By-laws. I learned that the Commander has to repeat and confirm the recommended new officers and By-law changes 3 times.. This ensures there are no questions/problems with the new recommended officer and By-law changes. After this process, the changes are confirmed and voting is closed, finishing the process.

I enjoyed the team atmosphere and knowledge I've gained by attending the State Convention.

Sincerely,
Roy McGuire
DAV Chapter #1 Member

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

“Patriotism is not a short, frenzied, outburst of emotion, but the dedication of a lifetime.”

Adlai E. Stevenson

Dates and Times to Remember

July

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|-----------|----------|-------------------------|
| 04 | | Independence Day |
| 03 | 5:45 pm | *NO DINNER |
| 03 | 6:45 pm | *NO MEETING |
| 11 | 7:00 pm | 6-5-4 |
| 22 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |

August

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|----|----------|-----------------|
| 07 | 5:45 pm | *NO DINNER |
| 07 | 6:45 pm | *NO MEETING |
| 08 | 7:00 pm | 6-5-4 |
| 26 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |

September

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|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| 03 | | Labor Day |
| 04 | 5:45 pm | *Dinner |
| 04 | 6:45 pm | *Meeting |
| 12 | | 6-5-4 |
| 23 | | First Day of Autumn |
| 23 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |

October

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|----|----------|-----------------|
| 02 | 5:45 pm | *Dinner |
| 02 | 6:45 pm | *Meeting |
| 10 | 7:00 pm | 6-5-4 |
| 28 | 12:45 pm | VAMC Visitation |

***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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1st Annual Family Picnic Saturday August 25, 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.
Transportation will be provided for up to 40 members! If you need a ride, please let us know when you RSVP.

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.



Forget-me-nots benefit disabled veterans in Edina Andrew Wig May 23, 2018



In front of a display honoring America's service members, volunteers for Disabled American Veterans hold collection buckets at the Edina Cub Foods. From left: Terry Hansen, Jim Kline, Phil Broat and Tom McKenna. (Sun Current staff photo by Andrew Wig May 23, 2018)

With Memorial Day approaching, a group of military veterans were working to raise their profile and funds for their brethren – May 17-19 at the Edina Cub Foods. Forget-me-nots benefit for disabled veterans.

Representatives of Disabled American Veterans were handing out blue cloth Forget-Me-Not flowers, a tradition of the DAV in its mission to support injured veterans upon their return home. Volunteers for the DAV's Minneapolis Chapter 1, which includes Edina, hope to raise the profile of their organization, which doesn't have the same recognition of other veterans' groups such as the VFW or American Legion.

"The DAV has never gotten the publicity, said volunteer Phil Broat, a veteran of the Cold War who was in Germany when the Berlin Wall was constructed.

It's a relatively low profile that exists despite the organization's age; the DAV was formed in 1922 to assist soldiers coming home from World War I.

"We don't do advertising, and the money we raise is all focused on veteran support," said Jim Kline, Commander of the Local DAV chapter.

Kline said all the money they raise goes directly to veteran services. "We focus on taking care of veterans as best we can," he declared.

That assistance ranges from helping veterans navigate paperwork to lobbying at the State Capitol. "But we're non-partisan," Kline noted.

As a Marine, Kline was wounded by shrapnel from a hand grenade in Vietnam. As he thinks about the DAV's mission, he contemplates the backlash that Vietnam veterans faced when they returned home from the war. The harassment went so far, he remembers, that some veterans made sure to wear street clothes when returning home.

"That's history. We learned from that history," Kline said. "We're never going to let that happen again, we're never going to let veterans be treated the way Vietnam veterans were treated."

For information on joining the DAV or receiving services from the organization, visit MN.DAV.org/01, call 612-726-9591 or email chapterdav@mindspring.com.

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NEWS RELEASE FROM THE VA

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it now provides eligibility determinations for burial in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Pre-need eligibility determinations will streamline access to burial benefits that Veterans have earned through military service for themselves and their eligible family members. Pre-need eligibility determinations will help Veterans and their families with pre-need burial planning.

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD form 214, if readily available to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by : toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, PO Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

VA will review applications and provide written notice of its determination of eligibility. Because laws and personal circumstance change, upon receipt of a burial rest, VA will validate all pre-need determinations in accordance with the laws in effect at that time.

Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery, opening/closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a government-furnished headstone or marker or niche cove, all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and may be eligible for a Presidential Memorial Certification.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, from the Internet at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000.

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