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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,

I hope you all had a great summer and are enjoying the wonderful weather we have had the past few weeks.

Our Chapter continues to be financially strong with a bright future. We have many new members (over 40) which will introduce us to new ideas. All in all, we are doing many good things that help us achieve our single purpose.

We already have many great volunteers, but more are always needed. Additional volunteers are needed for the Sunday VAMC visitation & upcoming Forget-Me-Not fundraising events. The Sunday visitation hour at the VAMC is a rewarding experience for us all, with the added benefit of the smiles we put on the faces of veterans we visit. The visitation occurs the 4th Sunday of each month. Refreshments are served at 12:45 pm & the visitation begins at 1:00 pm. This fall we are conducting our semi-annual Forget-Me-Not events at four locations. They are as follows:

- 1) Sam's Club in Maple Grove on Oct. 11, 12 & 13, 2018.
- 2) Cub Foods in Bloomington (West End) on Oct. 11, 12, & 13, 2018
- 3) Cub Foods at Edina on Oct. 18, 19, & 20, 2018.
- 4) Sam's Club in Shakopee on Nov. 1, 2, & 3, 2018.

Your help is needed at both VAMC Visitation & the Forget-Me-Not events. You can sign up for the Forget-Me-Not events at the Oct 2, 2018 Chapter meeting or email your day and time into the Chapter email.

In closing, please be reminded that every one of you is greatly appreciated for the service you gave our Country & give our Chapter. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next Chapter meeting on Oct 2, 2018 at the Bloomington Event Center for dinner at 5:45 pm, followed by the meeting.

Jim Kline, Commander

Adjutant's Column

FREE DROP –IN CLINIC FOR VETERANS

Attention DAV Chapter 1 members & friends!

The law firm of Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., invites you to participate in a free legal clinic that will include topics listed below:

- HOUSING
- EMPLOYMENT
- BENEFITS
- EXPUNGEMENT
- WILLS
- DEBT COLLECTION
- FAMILY LAW INCLUDING CHILD SUPPORT

Attorneys, MACV staff, County Veteran's Service Officers & child support officers will be available to assist veterans with question, legal form & counsel.

When: Tuesday, Oct 9, 2018, 9am-2pm

Where: VA Medical Center (Minneapolis MN) in the Flag Atrium Balcony, Room 25 114 (ask information desk for direction).

Address: 1 Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

FREE parking at the VA Medical Center

For more information, contact Vetlaw Program - MACV 651-200-4750

Grant Paul, Adjutant

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2018

June

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James J. Junker
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July

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Edward C. Koskie
John G. McMillan
Delbert D. Meyer

Fall is in the air, and after taking our summer break, we are again conducting our monthly membership meeting. These meetings are the ideal location to interact with your fellow veterans and learn of the project and support we as a chapter attempt to do to improve other veteran's lives. Our Chapter currently has 3,371 members! We are larger than the DAV membership of five different states. In the past our recruitment goal has been around 30 new Life Time Members. This year a new nation-wide system has been created. I will not go into extreme details, but let you know that our assigned goal is about 48 new members. The good news is that partial Life Members (those who join and pay initial portion of the full Life Membership fee) count to our goal, whereas in the past they did not. We are happy to see forty of our members at our monthly general membership meetings. We only need EACH person to recruit one fellow disabled veteran to join our ranks. The first \$100 of Life Time Membership is still covered by the DAV, what better time to ask someone to Join?

Joel Schilling, Senior Vice commander



Past Commander Wayne Blue passed away after a long battle with Cancer.

Wayne was both a Chapter and State Commander as well as a long time Chapter Adjutant.

He helped a lot of us become better DAV members and keeping the Chapter doing what is best for all Disabled Veterans.

I will miss him greatly as I know a lot of you will also.

Past Commander Richard Turpen

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

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty.”

John F. Kennedy

Dates and Times to Remember

October

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

November

- 06 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 06 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 11 **Veteran's Day**
- 14 7:00 pm 6-5-4
- 25 12:45 pm VAMC Visitation

December

- 04 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 04 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 12 **NO 6-5-4**
- 21 **First Day of Winter**
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 25 9:00 am VAMC Visitation

January

- 01 **New Years Day**
- 04 **NO DINNER**
- 04 **NO MEETING**
- 07 12:30-4:30 pm **Benefits Seminar at Bloomington Event Center**

***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.

Minneapolis Chapter 1 is now conducting it's Semi-Annual Forget-Me-Not Drive. See Commander's column for places and dates.

Our Chapter is proud of our past accomplishments in supporting a program that continues to say: **"Don't Forget Me."** We will not forget our comrades who have endured and scarified so much, some having paid the supreme sacrifice, to make and keep this nation great.

The reason for the small blue **Forget-Me-Not** flower - as stated by our National DAV web site: www.dav.org.

"The idea of selling the little blue flower comes from an image carried home in the memories of soldiers from the First World War who had seen spring flowers growing in the graves of comrades and allies killed in the fighting. After World War I, the flower became the accepted symbol for commemorating those who had fallen in the war. Many felt the best way to honor the dead was to assist those who came home bearing the scars of war."



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CHAPTER ANNUAL APPEAL

DEAR CHAPTER #1 MEMBER:

September 20, 2018

The DAV, Minneapolis Chapter #1, celebrated its 95th Anniversary in April, 2017. 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 Home, Minneapolis & Hastings.
- Fellowship in Public Scholarships at 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.

Jim Kline,
Commander

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REMEMBER:

It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given you freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given you freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given you freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the protester, who has given you freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who has given you the right to a fair trial.

It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given you the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag, whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

God bless our Veterans! And may God continue to bless America!
Thank you.

I Marv Haas, one of our Life Time Members, wished to share this with his fellow comrades. The author is unknown.

Jim Kline, Commander



First Annual Picnic August 25, 2018

Our first annual picnic at Veteran’s Campground on Big Marine Lake was a vey successful event. We enjoyed perfect weather, a delicious lunch, a pontoon boat ride, and a golf cart tour of the camp. Hope to see you there next year on August 24, 2019!

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