

# Lyle C. Pearson, Sr., Chapter #10 And Auxiliary Unit #10

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 683 Unit: 165  
 All Chapter and Unit Business is conducted by volunteer members.

**Regular Meetings** held at Morson-Ario VFW Post 9713 1900 N. Riverfront, Mankato MN  
 2nd Tuesday of each month. Supper served at 6:00 PM Chapter and Auxiliary Meetings start at 7:00 PM



## DAV Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

HAPPY SPRING (or at least that is what the calendar says). As I sit here listening to the weather forecast it sounds more like winter as they keep mentioning 4-10" of wet heavy snow. The bright side is that it cannot last for long as the sun has melting power.

Since our last communications DAV Chapter 10 members have been involved in a couple of events such as the Veterans Town Hall meeting held at the Morson Ario and hosted by Chapter 10. The attendance was good, but not GREAT, as there were some unfilled chairs. There were good discussions with two of our

local politicians, Rep Clark Johnson and Rep Jack Considine. The event was also monitored by Trent Dilks and Dave Wenzel and overall it went very well.

Another more recent event was the joining of DAV Chapter 10 and DAV Chapter 15 from New Ulm in a joint venture to rent a 55 passenger bus for Veterans to attend the Vets on the Hill Day at the State Capitol. Originally the bus was filled but due to unknown problems a very few of the seats went unfilled. Overall the attendance this year was much better than past years as they actually had to set up additional chairs for the program. Due to all the construction around the Capitol the program was held at the St. Paul Armory. The old saying "Strength in Numbers" is what we will continue to strive towards and hopefully next year have even more attendees.

As this will probably be my last communication as your Commander with the membership of DAV Chapter 10, I again would

like to say THANK-YOU to all the Officers and Members of the Chapter for their assistance and understanding during my past two years. I also would be remiss if I didn't mention the State Officers who have helped guide me along the path as Commander. I assure everyone that the incoming Officers will keep the Chapter active. We have many other events ahead in the coming seasons that I would hope you consider taking part in (Spring Conference, Memorial Day, nursing home visits, parades, ball game, fairs, road construction, etc.) Again, in closing as Red Skelton would say *GOD BLESS!*

Your Commander  
Windy Block



## DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Greetings,

Spring has arrived and summer will be here before we know it. Summer is very eventful and always a busy time for us. We will be assisting with Kettle Corn, Parades and doing Barbeques for our Veterans at the Nursing Homes and the Townhome Veterans.

During our meeting in April, we will be electing our Officers for 2016-2017. And anyone who would be interested in holding a chairmanship on a committee, please contact me at 507-344-4330.

The DAV/DAVA State Convention is being held on May 5-7<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The Lyle C. Pearson, Sr. DAVA

Unit 10 is proud to support Cindy Jones as she runs for State Commander of the Auxiliary.

Now is the time for us to start having those garage sales and doing spring cleaning. Keep in mind, our clothing bins for items you don't sell. If you are unaware of what we can accept or are unable to transport donations to our bins, please contact me and I will arrange to pick up donations.

Monies from these endeavors are used for many of our projects to help our Veterans and their families. I would like to personally THANK all the DAV and DAVA members who help with the collection and transporting of the donations from the bins.

On Memorial Day, let us remember all of our Veterans who have served our Country so we always remain a free nation. Check your local papers for times and locations of ceremonies that will be held in your community. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, DAVA Unit 10 will be placing red carnations on each Veterans Marker at the

Vietnam Memorial .

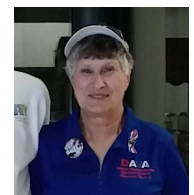
June starts our parades with the Janesville Hay Daze Parade on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Veterans and Volunteers will be needed to assist and participate to make this event a success.

I know how busy our lives are – but it would be wonderful to see new faces at our meetings. We welcome new ideas, suggestions and different ways to assist and support our Veterans. If you need a ride to the meeting a function or event, please contact me and a ride will be arranged.

Remember all Veterans who have and are now serving our country in your prayers.

God Bless the USA

Donna Beck,  
Commander



**2016 January February March Meeting Approved Motions**

January, 2016

- Cover costs with receipts of appropriate travel and lodging for the Commander or his/her representative attending the National Mid-Winter Conference in Virginia on February 21-14th.

February, 2016

- Fund 1/2 the cost of the bus with Chapter 15 for the Vets on the Hill event. Approximately \$750.00 DAV 1st on bus but open to all orgs to fill the bus.
- Chapter's donation to the DAV MN Foundation at the DAVMN Convention on May5-7 be \$1,500.00.
- Donation to Moondogs Military Appreciation Day in August request be preapproved for \$500.00.
- Purchase of \$400.00 for assistance cards for Nicollet CVSO gas and food emergency cards as per request.
- Chapter sponsor a hole for the upcoming Last Man's Club Golf Open on Aug 1st \$50.00.

March, 2016

- Donation of \$500.00 be given to Morson-Ario VFW Post 9713 from unsolicited funds.
- Emergency request through MACV Feb 19<sup>th</sup> for deceased veteran's spouse for rent to avoid eviction.
- Emergency request through MACV Feb 20<sup>th</sup> for veteran for partial cost of \$400.00 for Uhaul to move family to stay with family until employment obtained.
- Sponsor a hole at the Salute to Servicewomen's Golf Classic. \$200.00 from the Forget-Me-Not funds.
- Preapproval for up to \$400.00 for advertising expenses for the upcoming Rasmussen and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Job Fair for Veterans.
- The Commander's Discretionary Fund with a \$200.00 limit be established to handle emergency requests for veterans that require action prior to next regular monthly meeting. Requires two additional yes votes from Executive Committee members.
- The proposed DAV Chapter #10 Education Scholarship submitted guidelines be adapted.

For more information regarding the Chapter meetings, call Commander Windy Block 507.934-2360 or Adjutant Jo Miller 507.625.7613 or email [jomiller5of8@gmail.com](mailto:jomiller5of8@gmail.com)

**Mankato VA-CBOC UPDATE:**

Additional changes in the Medical Staff were made and with a few additions. No new services were added and no other changes anticipated for the immediate future. Hurry Canes were supplied to clinic every 2-3 weeks for Veterans. Veteran numbers using the Mankato CBOC remain constant. Veterans are reminded when making new appointments when they extend more than 30 days from request date, can ask for choice care. Ask your provider for assistance in implementation.

Harlan Mehlhop, CBOC Liaison for Mankato DAV Lyle C. Pearson Sr., Chapter #10

**Chapter 10 Education Scholarship**

At the March 8th, 2016 regular meeting, Chapter #10 approved a Education Scholarship for all "Paid Up for Life" members, children and grandchildren of Chapter #10 members. The maximum scholarship per individual is \$500.00 and the recipient must enroll in a after High School program of over two (2) semesters.

This year the application deadline is May 31, 2016.

For more information or application, please contact Senior Vice Commander **Ron Haugen** at [rhaugen@fmwildblue.com](mailto:rhaugen@fmwildblue.com) or 507 995-5575.

## Upcoming Events

### April:

**Apr 12** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**

**Apr 19** - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Job Fair at Mankato Armory

### May:

May 5-7 - *DAV MN Convention in St. Cloud*

**May 10** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**

**May 21** - DAVMN Old Glory Run Info <http://davmn.org/events/121/the-old-glory-run/>

**May 30th** - Memorial Day - community events

### June:

**Jun 2nd** - Trolling for Troops Fishing Event Camp Ripley  
Info and application at <http://davmn.org/events/117/trolling-for-troops-fishing-event/>

**Jun 14** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**

**Jun 19** - Janesville Hay Daze Parade DAV Float

**Jun 30** - Fiscal Year Ends - Financial Report Due Sep 30th

For more details about future events call or come to the meetings.

### April 12 is Chapter Election Night

The following members have been nominated:

Ron Haugen for Commander

Reggie Worlds for Senior Vice Commander

Stephen Whitehead for Junior Vice Commander

Art Hiller for Treasure

Joe Ostgarden for Chaplin

Harlan Mehlhop for Judge Advocate

Members are encouraged to attend and nominate from the floor for each of these offices. Members are also encouraged to bring a guest and attend our joint meal at 6pm, which is before our 7pm our meeting, at Morson Ario VFW Post 9713, N. Riverfront Drive, Mankato MN. A ceremonial installation of officers will also take place on the 12th of April. In addition, newly elected Commander will be appointing committee chairs and committees, please volunteer if you are interested or would like to recommend someone and be part of Veterans helping Veterans!

### **Memorial Day Monday, May 30th, 2016**

Things you can do this year to pay tribute:

- Visit a Memorial or Monument** - Brush up on your history by visiting a memorial, monument or museum dedicated to our nation's warfighters.
- Lend a Hand** - Find a way to give back to your community and show your patriotic spirit. Volunteer your time, fly the American Flag or give a charitable donation to an organization of your choice.
- Make Time for a Veteran** - Call the veterans in your family, visit a veterans' care facility in your community, thank your friends and colleagues for their service or pick up the tab for veteran or service member who might be dining in the same restaurant as you. Find a way to let these brave men and women know that their sacrifices are appreciated.



**Chapter and Unit Photos and News**



Feb 29th **DAVMN Veterans Town Hall Meeting at Mankato.** Hank Sadler stands and addresses Representatives Clark Johnson and Jack Considine with DAVMN Legislative Chair Trent Dilks at the podium. After the meeting Chapter 10 provided soup and sandwiches served by Morson-Ario VFW Post 9713.



**Feb 21-24 Mid-Winter National Conference**  
Chapter 10 members attending: Leah Langdon (left) and Chapter 10's Legislative Chair Dave Wentzel (4th from left) For information on this event see: <http://davmn.org/dav-mn-e-news-22616/>

**Mid-Winter National Conference**  
Chapter 10's Legislative Chair Dave Wentzel (left) and member Leah Langdon (right) with US Senator Amy Klobuchar (center).



March 16 Chapter 15 Senior Vice Commander Greg Peterson, Brown County Veteran's Officer organizing Veterans from Blue Earth, Nicollet, and Brown Counties, lobbying for Veteran's on **Vets on the Hill**, in St Paul.



Visits to veterans at local nursing homes for in March for St Patrick's . Tony Giese, Char Giese, Audrey Tolzman, Cindy Jones, Dee Ahlstrom



January 17th, the St Peter Auto Restorers Club President George Frew (right) donating \$2,500.00 to the DAVMN Chapter 10. Accepting the check: Harlan Mehlhop, Judge Advocate (left), Ron Haugen, Senior Vice Commander (center).



**Elected and appointed Chapter Officers for April 2015 to April 2016**  
 (left to right) Chaplain Joe Ostgarden, Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Hardt (appointed), Judge Advocate Harlan Mehlhop, Treasurer Art Hiller, Commander Windy Block, Adjutant Jo Miller (appointed), Senior Vice Commander Ron Haugen, Junior Vice Commander Reggie Worlds, Officer of the Day Gary Luepke (appointed)



Feb 9th DAVMN Senior Vice Commander Mick Aguirre announced at Chapter 10's meeting that Minnesota is number 1 in the nation in membership, at 100.95% of goal Chapter 10 received the flag battle streamer for reaching our membership goal for 2015-2016.



**New Members**

Deann Schloesser  
 Jacob Steffen  
 Earl Tarter

**Welcome!**

**Chapter Officers**

- Commander Windy Block 507.934.2360
- Senior Vice Cmdr Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- Junior Vice Cmdr Reggie Worlds 507.995.9496
- Treasurer Art Hiller 507.381.1290
- Judge Advocate Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- Chaplain Joe Ostgarden 507.340.3269
- Adjutant Jo Miller 507.625.7613
- 3 Year Trustee Gary Spiess 507.387.5750
- 2 Year Trustee Paul May 952.448.4321
- 1 Year Trustee Leo Keyes 507.269.3825
- Officer of the Day Gary Luepke 507.457.5731
- Chapter Service Officer Leo Keyes 507.269.3825
- Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Hardt

**Auxiliary Officers**

- Commander Donna Beck 507.344.4330
- Senior Vice Cmdr Cindy Jones 507.521.0396
- Junior Vice Cmdr Rosemary Burgess 507.387.1031
- Treasurer Dee Ahlstrom 507.388.2144
- Chaplain Char Giese 507.345.3718
- Adjutant Marilyn Hardt 507.387.2415

**Chapter/Auxiliary Committee Chairs**

- Executive • Windy Block 507.934.2360
- Membership • Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- Aux Membership • Dee Ahlstrom 507.388.2144
- Americanism • Reggie Worlds 507.995.9496
- Hospital Visitation • Joe Ostgarden 507.340.3269
- Clothing Donation • Mike Forliti 507.380.3657
- Audit • Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- Nomination • Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- LVAP • Paul May 952.448.4321
- Kettle Corn • Gary Spiess 507.387.5750
- Parades • Bill Burgess 507.387.1031
- Parades • Donna Beck 507.344.4330
- Legislation • Dave Wentzel 507.220.0153
- Forget-Me-Not • Windy Block 507.934.2360
- Historian/Archive • Jo Miller 507.625.7613
- Aux Historians • Donna Beck/Marilyn Hardt
- Color Guard • Brad Hardt 507.387.2415
- Newsletter Editor • Jo Miller 507.625.7613

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(Mankato)

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507-387-2939  
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Primary preventative and mental health care services

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Mpls VA Transportation Office 612.467.2768

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DAVA National HQ [www.dav.org/dava](http://www.dav.org/dava) 877.426.2838 option 5

Minnesota DAV: [www.davmn.org](http://www.davmn.org) 651.291.1212 or  
888.317.2291

DAVA MN [www.davamn.org](http://www.davamn.org)

Chapters: [www.davmembersportal.org](http://www.davmembersportal.org)  
Members: <https://www.davmembers.org>

MN Dept of Vets Affairs [www.mn.gov/mdva](http://www.mn.gov/mdva) 651.296.2562



Our namesake  
**Lyle C. Pearson**

1921-2013  
US Army Air Corps  
15th Air Force in Europe  
B-17 Flying Fortress pilot 1942-45  
Prisoner of War 1944-45  
Chapter 10's Adjutant 1960-2009  
National Commander 1975-76  
National Legislative Comm mbr  
Forget-Me-Not Comm Chair