

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 692 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**

Thank you to the Chapter for electing me as Commander in April of this year. It is an honor to serve as Commander of the Lyle C. Pearson, Sr. DAV Chapter #10.

A little about me, I am a Vietnam War Veteran and served with the Army 18th Aviation Company based out of Qui Nhon in the years 1969 -70. I am retired and live in rural Kasota.

Besides being active in the DAV, I am active in the American Legion, Last Man Club of Vietnam War Era, VVA, 18th Aviation Company "Otter Nest" Reunion Assn., and the Saint Peter Area Veteran's Memorial.

The Veteran Organizations of Minnesota are putting together some outstanding "outings" for Veterans, whether it be fishing (open water & ice), pheasant, turkey, deer, or goose hunting: it's there for the Veteran. Check it out at: www.dav/mn.org/category/outdoors

The Vietnam War Veterans should be sure to get themselves on the "Agent Orange" registry and the younger Veterans on the "Burn Pit" registry. Exposure to these "Evils" can carry out in our families as far as seven (7) generations. If you haven't already, contact the DAV Veteran Service Officer or your local County veteran Service Officer.

Hope to see many of you and your families at the Moon Dogs Baseball game on July 30th, Veteran Appreciation Day. Good baseball and

great food & beverages all for \$10.00/each.

The Chapter #10 Scholarship Program is up and running, a lot of our Chapter members children and grandchildren are using this program to help in their continuing education. A "Thank You" to Junior Vice Commander Stephen Whitehead and Adjutant Jo Miller for taking charge of this program.

The "Forget-Me-Not" campaign is coming up soon, we will be needing Volunteers, please hold your hand up high and volunteer some of your time.

Hope to see you the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Ron Haugen
Chapter #10 Commander



**DAVA
Unit 10
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Comments**

Happy summer everyone!

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying the beautiful weather!

We have already taken part in the Janesville (June 19th) parade. We had a wonderful time. We have two parades coming at North Mankato Fun Days on July 9th and at Madison Lake Paddlefish Days on July 23rd. Please join us and ride on the float!

Nursing Home cookout dates: July 6th at Hillcrest-noon; July 12th at Pathstone-11am; July 21st at Oak-

lawn-11am; July 25th at Oak Terrace 11am. Please join us!

Our state convention was held in St. Cloud on May 6th and 7th. The new state officers for the 2016-2017 year are: Cindy Jones, Unit 10, Commander; Linda Wenzel, Unit 1, Senior Vice Commander; Lea Remily, Unit 37, 1st Junior Vice Commander; Linda Engesether, Unit 7, 2nd Junior Vice Commander; Nancy Berndt, Unit 39, Treasurer; Marilyn Hardt, Unit 10, Judge Advocate; LeeAnn Karg, Unit 37, Adjutant; Ginger Edwards, Unit 7, Chaplain.

Congratulations to Dee Ahlstrom, on receiving the Katherine Pearson Auxiliary Member of the Year for

2016! Thank you Dee, for your dedication and hard work.

I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Auxiliary Commander. We are going to have a great year. It is an honor and a pleasure to be a part of such a great organization. If I can be of assistance please let me know. 507-521-0396

God Bless our veterans and those that care for them and God Bless the USA!

Hope to see you this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Jones
Unit #10 Commander

2016 April May June Meeting Approved MotionsApril, 2016

- Donate \$100 from the Forget-Me-Not fund to the Memorial Day Foundation for flower bouquets to be placed on veteran's graves on Memorial Day.
- Donate \$200 from the Forget-Me-Not fund to Vets on the Lake resort for updating and replacing aging furniture and mattresses.
- Donate \$200 from the Forget-Me-Not fund to the Veterans Lake Superior Fishing trip at Silver Bay on June 27th.
- Sponsor \$500 from the Forget-Me-Not fund to the South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Chili-fest with proceeds going towards veterans and their families programs.
- Donate \$500 from the Forget-Me-Not fund to the Le Sueur County Veterans Golf Classic, proceeds going towards purchase of a van for transporting veterans.
- Sponsor \$500 from the Forget-Me-Not fund to the 2016 DAV Golf Classic at the Wilds in Prior Lake for two (2) golf carts sponsorships on June 15th, proceeds going towards the DAVMN Transportation Program.
- Spend \$400 from the Forget-Me-Not fund for foursome at the Last Man's Club Golf event in Le Sueur August 1st.
- Approved Dept Convention delegate list: Ron Haugen, Art Hiller, Gary Spiess, Paul May, Leo Keyes, Harlan Mehlhop, Jo Miller, Dave Wentzel, Jim Davis, Brad Hardt, Russ Ahlstrom, Hank Sadler, Daryl Steffen, Stephen Whitehead.
- Chapter 10 loan the Last Man's Club the kettle corn equipment with no expense to the Chapter until March 2017.
- Chapter 10 endorse Mick Aquirre and Van Karg for Department Commander and Judge Advocate
- Sponsor \$50 the Prairie Ridge Golf Veterans Team.

May, 2016

- Donate \$200 to the KMS (Kerkhoven, Murdock, Sunburg) Marching Saints marching band to represent Minnesota and play in the international mass band from the United States and Japan for the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in December 2016.
- Waive the first year maximum of \$5,000.00 for the Chapter Education Scholarship program
- Purchase a flag and case for recently deceased, Clayton Schwanke, past Chapter Commander, 1991-1993, for presentation to Helen Schwanke.
- Approved transfer in for Richard Becker.

June, 2016

- June 14th meeting was canceled an hour before the meeting start time due to no power at the VFW due to severe thunderstorm.

For more information regarding the Chapter meetings, call Commander Ron Haugen or Adjutant Jo Miller or email jomiller5of8@gmail.com

Mankato VA-CBOC UPDATE:

The past few months the Mankato VA Clinic, also known as the Mankato CBOC (Community Based Outreach Clinic) has numerous staff changes, from Primary Care Providers to support staff and also in administration (reception area). Several positions are open, but in the meantime, continuous care is provided for Veterans. Our local DAV Chapter 10 continues to support the clinic by providing walking canes, check at front office. Also, a recent Mpls VA email announced: in effort to improve access and reduce wait times, offers "direct scheduling" for patients who need routine eye and ear exams. In addition, call 1-866-606-8198 to talk to someone on Veterans Choice Program, if you have been waiting (or will be) waiting more than 30days for VA medical care. Did you know that by signing up and logging into: MyHealthVet, you can track delivery for your mail VA prescriptions via VA Pharmacy? Also, you will find other useful information. If you have any questions or concerns, it is advised you contact your preferred County Veterans Officer. Plus you can call VA Patient Advocate for any concerns or feedback at 1-612-467-2106 or 1-866-414-5058 ext 2106...And remember take care of your health...live healthy.

Harlan Mehlhop, Mankato DAV Chapter 10 liaison to Mankato CBOC

Upcoming Events

July:

- Jul 1** - Fiscal Year 2016 Starts - 2015 Financial Report Due Sep 30th
Jul 6 - Nursing Home Cookout at Hillcrest
Jul 9 - Parade North Mankato Fun Days
Jul 12 - Nursing Home Cookout at Pathstone
Jul 12 - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
Jul 21 - Nursing Home Cookout at Oaklawn
Jul 23rd - Parade Madison Lake Paddlefish Days
Jul 25 - Nursing Home Cookout at Oak Terrace
 Jul 30 - Moondogs Military Appreciation Night

August:

- Aug 10** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
Aug TBD - MACV Veterans Townhome Picnic

September:

- Sep 2nd** - **2016 Annual Forget-Me-Not Drive**
Sep 14 - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

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

Chapter 10 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.

2016 Current Recipients: Kenzie Corrow, Miranda Corrow, Kyle King, Chelsea Mielke, Alexandria Montalto, Samuel Schmeling-Rykhus, Britany Spiess, Awaiting copy of transcript for Jacob Steffen.

2016 High School Graduates enrolling into 2016-2017 program, will receive scholarship when requirements met: Kendra Kaupa, Greg Kern, Michaela Kern, Morgan Kern, Derek May, Jaklyn Olson, Hannah Pehling, Hannah Schmeling, Nick Spiess

For more information or application, please contact Senior Vice Commander Stephen Whitehead or Adjutant Jo Miller.

2016 Forget-Me-Not Drive

The enclosed envelope can be used if you would like to donate to our Forget-Me-Not fund. Display the Forget-Me-Not flower with pride.



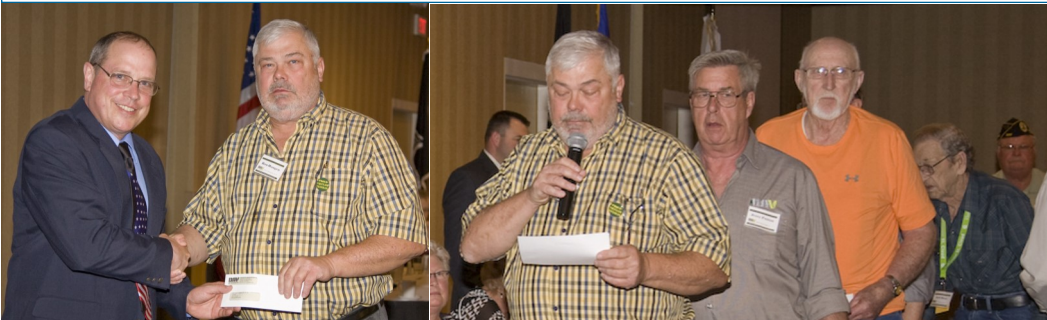
Chapter and Unit Photos and News



Chapter 10 Officers, just elected for the 2016-2017 period, being sworn in by Josh Vrtacnik, DAV of MN Director of Operations, at the Chapter regular monthly meeting on April 12th.



LeeAnn Karg, DAVA State Adjutant, presenting the Katherine Pearson Auxiliary Member of the Year award to Dee Ahlstrom, Unit 10 Treasurer, at the banquet on May 6th at the Ninety Sixth Annual Convention DAV Department of Minnesota



Commander Haugen accepting the Savers Clothing Program Incentive Profit sharing check and presenting Chapter 10's donation in the Parade of Donors to the DAV of MN Foundation on May 6th at the Ninety Sixth Annual Convention DAV Department of Minnesota.

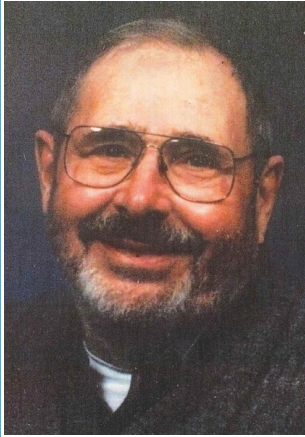


Chapter and Unit members ready to get the fun started at the Janesville Hay Daze Parade on June 19th. It was a Hot day with plenty of sunshine, but there was a breeze to keep everyone cool.



Chapter and Unit members presenting Helen Schwanke with her husband, Clayton A. Schwanke's, flag and case.

DAV MN Outdoor Event: Trolling for the Troops on Friday, June 3rd Outing Headquarters: Hangar Event Center, Camp Ripley, Fishing: Lake Mille Lacs for small mouth bass and walleye. The day was rainy and windy, the fishing was good. Me with a 18.5 inch small mouth bass. The biggest fishes of the day for our boat were a 19 & 1/2 inch small mouth bass and a 19 inch walleye. Ron Haugen, Chapter #10 Commander



Clayton A. Schwanke, age 94, died Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Hillcrest Health Care Center in Mankato. Clayton was born February 24, 1922 to Leo and Rosa (Kietzer) Schwanke in rural Blue Earth County. He attended country school at Willow Creek Minnesota until the 8th grade and finished his G.E.D. in 1992, after retiring, completing a lifelong dream to earn a high school diploma. He was very proud of his WWII service to his country and served aboard the Destroyers USS Izard DD589 and USS Lindsey DM32 in the Pacific Theater as a gunners mate on a 5 inch gun mount. Clayton was united in marriage to Helen Nelson on May 3, 1952 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia. He worked in construction and as a farmer before working 36 years at A.D.M. Co. in Mankato. During retirement Clayton continued working different part time jobs. Along with his strong work ethic Clayton had a strong physical toughness. In his free time he enjoyed gardening, planting trees and mowing at the Smith family farm, volunteer work, and visiting his family especially his grandchildren. Clayton was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, past Commander of the Dis-

abled American Veterans Mankato Chapter 10 (1991-93), charter member of the American Legion in Lewisville, life member of the VFW, and honorary member of the Steel Workers Union



New Members Michael Balcik, Richard Becker, Glenn Cotton, Jacques Dake, Thomas Fetsch

Members in Memoriam Clayton Schwanke, Ralph Taylor



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(Mankato)

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M-F 8:00 - 4:30

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Minnesota DAV: www.davmn.org 651.291.1212 or
888.317.2291

DAVA MN www.davamn.org

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MN Dept of Vets Affairs 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