

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 692 Unit: 169  
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

**Chapter Meal and Meeting Incentive:**  
**The Chapter now will pay the full cost of the meal for all Chapter and Unit 10 members, with the condition of attendance at the Chapter/Unit meeting after the meal. You still need to sign in. This is for a 6 month trial period.**



### **DAV Chapter 10 Commander's Comments**

Thank you to our Chapter members who volunteered for our summer events, including the Annual Forget-Me-Not store front Drive on Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a good event with us bringing in about the same as we did last year. And thank you to the members who sent in donations from our newsletter mail in the F-M-N envelopes.

If you didn't go to the Military Appreciation Night on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Rogers Park in Mankato, you missed the Wa-

terloo Ducks winning against the Mankato MoonDogs 5-3.

There are outstanding "outings" for Veterans in the next three months, including Chapter 15 Pheasant Hunt, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Disabled Veteran Deer Hunt, Oct 4-6<sup>th</sup>, DAV of MN European Pheasant Hunt, Oct 22, DAV NW Deer Hunt, Nov 3-6, Texas Wild Hog Hunt, Dec 5-9

Check them out at: <http://davmn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/>

A few of us are attending the Department's Fall Conference in Willmar on Oct 7-8. They are having Commander and Adjutant Training.

The MACV StandDown is again being held in Mankato on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Ron Haugen  
Chapter #10 Commander



### **DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments**

Greetings everyone!

I trust that everyone had a safe and happy summer. The summer of 2016 certainly went by fast.

I would like to remind everyone of our State Fall Conference being held in Willmar on October 7th and 8th at the newly remodeled Best Western.

Thank you to all that participated in the parades this summer and joined us at our summer cookouts at the local nursing homes.

Please remember to get out and vote on November 8th! Stand down will be held in November also. What a great way to get answers to some of your questions.

I would like to wish you all the happiest of holidays as this is our last newsletter until mid winter.

God Bless all our veterans and those that care for them.

God Bless America!

Thank you,  
Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Jones,  
Auxiliary  
Commander



**2016 July August September Meeting Approved Motions**July 2016

- Up to \$150.00 is approved for purchase for 2016 parade candy for public outreach program from Regular fund.
- Up to \$75.00 approved for a pizza dinner in appreciation of the staff of the Lyle C Pearson CBOC from Regular fund.
- Up to \$1,500.00 approved for the Chapter/Unit Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in September from Regular fund.
- Donate \$200.00 to the Arlington Veterans Walking Path of Honor for replacement flags from FMN fund.

August 2016

- Purchase a WWII and POW plaque at St Peter's Veterans Memorial in honor of Lyle C. Pearson Sr for \$200.00.
- Starting next month (September 2016) the chapter will pay for meals for DAV/DAVA Chapter 10/ Unit 10 members for 6 months as an incentive for members to attend meetings.
- Commander Haugen appointed Hank Sadler Southern Minnesota Outdoors Committee Chair.
- Commander Haugen appointed Joe Ostgarden Medallion Recognition awards Committee Chair.
- Commander Haugen appointed Windy Block Chapter Service Officer.

September 2016

- Donate \$1,000.00 to the St. Cloud VA Health Care System Recreation Program.
- Stephen W motioned to sponsor 4 golfers for \$380.00 at the DAVMN Foundation Golf Event on Sep 29<sup>th</sup> at Oak Glen Golf Course at Stillwater, MN. Names will be provided to Chapter from Foundation.
- Provide \$300 to Unit #10 designated to support member for travel expenses to the 2016 DAVA National Conference Sepp29-Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Provide reimbursement of mileage, at the approved Chapter rate of \$0.25, hotel and registration fees for up to four members for the 2016 DAVMN Fall Conference. Names: Commander Ron Haugen, Adjutant Jo Miller, Trustee Windy Block and member Jim Mason.

For more information regarding the Chapter meetings, call Commander Ron Haugen or Adjutant Jo Miller or email [jomiller5of8@gmail.com](mailto:jomiller5of8@gmail.com)

**Mankato VA-CBOC UPDATE:**

VA urges Veterans to have flu shots: CBOC in Mankato will give Flu Shots on Oct 25, 26, and 27th, from 9-11am and 1-3pm. If you have a medical appointment, feel free to ask for the shot at that time.

Staff changes are still occurring with an opening for an NP and LPN, start dates are unknown. Primary Care providers are: Dr Lauring, Dr. Colvin, PA Emily Wilson and PA Jackie Samuelson as a locum.

Monthly Group Information on Mindfulness-Based Practice and Anger Coping Skills continue at Mankato VA, CBOC, call 507-387-3848, for more information.

If you need assistance with walking, walking canes are available on a limited basis, check at front desk.

If you are interested in your health records, test results, or ordering your medication, try using [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov) If you want to pursue next time you are at Mpls. VA Hospital, ask for the room that will help you with instructions and set you up. Remember your health is important, do something about it!

Come to our Monthly Chapter 10 Meetings, for VA, CBOC monthly reports.

Harlan Mehlhop, Mankato DAV Chapter 10 liaison to Mankato CBOC

### Upcoming Events

#### October:

**Oct 7-8** - DAV of MN Fall Conference at Willmer

**Oct 11** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**

#### November:

**Nov 3rd** - Nursing Home Visit at Pathstone

**Nov 8** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,  
**Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**

**Nov 9th** - **MACV StandDown**

**Nov 11th** - **Veterans Day**

**Nov 14th** - Nursing Home Visit at Oaklawn

**Nov 18th** - Nursing Home Visit at Oak Terrace

**Nov 19th** - Holiday Expo Auxiliary Fundraiser

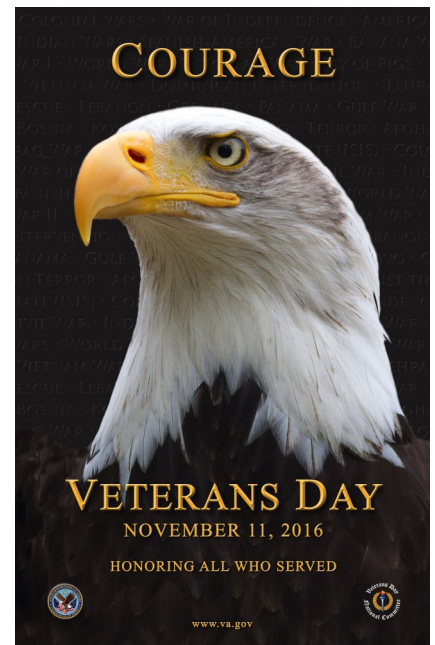
**Nov 21st** - Nursing Home Visit at Hillcrest

**TBD** - Nursing Home Visit at Laurels' Peak/Edge

#### December:

**Dec 13-** 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.

#### Southern MN DAV Chapters Band Together to Focus on Outdoors

Several Southern MN DAV Chapters have banded together to focus on getting disabled veterans / families outdoors to enjoy a variety of outdoors events. Currently three chapters are working together but we are expanding it to six-seven, working in partnership with the Southern MN County Veterans Service Officers ( CVSO ). The focus is to engage Community businesses and organizations in sponsoring these activities in the chapter areas. The program is well on its way with the following activities:

MN TWINS baseball games ( The TWINS have provided over 1000 tickets in just last month over 200 of these tickets went to VAMC and Veterans Homes)

Volunteer drivers Community veteran volunteers

Disabled veterans and their families

Tonka Bay Marina owner Gabriel Jabbour offering two cruises on Lake Minnetonka for 40 disabled veterans

Lunches provided by participating chapters

Pearl of the Lake Paddlewheel Boat owners in Lake City MN providing three cruises on Lake Pepin (Mississippi River) for disabled veterans and their spouse/guest

Local MN Dept. of Natural Resources, CVSOs, local businesses, DAV Chapter 28, volunteers hosting a deer hunt for disabled veterans in Chester Woods Park (Rochester MN)

A cross chapter and CVSO committee is being formed to further develop programs and events.

Come to the monthly meetings to hear the latest updates.

Hank Sadler, Chapter 10 Southern MN Outdoors Committee Chair

#### November Nursing Home Visits

Visits to the veterans at the local nursing homes:

Set up is at 1:30 pm, and start time will be at 2:00pm. We'll be serving apple crisp apple cider and coffee. Music performed by Don Seiberg and accompanied by Betty and Jerry

#### 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 High School Graduates enrolling into 2016-2017 program, will receive scholarship when requirements met: So far we have Kendra Kaupa, Greg Kern, Michaela Kern, Morgan Kern, Derek May, Jaklyn Olson, Hannah Pehling, Hannah Schmeling, Nick Spiess on the list.

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



**Chapter and Unit Photos and News**



Chapter and Auxiliary member volunteers came together at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Morson-Ario VFW Post 9713 to share experiences and hear about their accomplishments. The Clothing Committee members hauled a total of 85, 496 pounds from October 2015 to September 2016, bringing in over \$17,000.00 for the Chapter and Auxiliary. The Forget-Me-Not Committee members have brought in over \$5,000.00 so far on the 2016 Drive, which includes the storefront drive and the newsletter donations. Other activities include the nursing home and MACV townhome visits ,riding on the float in the parades, manning the tables at events such as the MACV StandDown and the Kiwanis Christmas lights festival, golfing events, attending the Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, participating in the Department and National conventions and conferences.

A big thank you to all members who have contributed in any way to the success of the Chapter and Auxiliary.



Commander Haugen, Trustee Gary Spiess and Judge Advocate Mehlhop (taking photo) attended an appreciation pizza dinner for all the staff at the Mankato Lyle C. Pearson VA Clinic (CBOC).



Commander Haugen and new member Thomas Fetsch attending their Army 18th Aviation Company “Otter Nest” Reunion Association event. As our Commander said in last months newsletter, he is involved in several veterans organizations, as many of our members are



The new Blue Earth County Veterans Service Officer, Michael McLaughlin, has transferred into Chapter 10. The Blue Earth County Veterans Service Office provides assistance and technical support to veterans and their dependents with a variety of benefits and services. This includes claims assistance, benefit counseling, and advocacy. The Veterans Service Office can also assist in obtaining military discharges and documents. Assistance with discharge upgrades is also provided.

A generous donation to our DAV Chapter 10, from the Mankato MoonDogs Collegiate Summer Northwoods League Baseball Team.

Baseballs, Jersey's and caps will be distributed to Chapter Members, in appreciation in helping the MoonDogs Military Appreciation Game, held this past summer. Many Veterans from Chapter participated and attended this game.

Our Thanks to Owners and Management of Mankato MoonDogs. Show your support by attending their games in 2017.

Chapter 10 Commander Haugen and Chapter Judge Advocate Mehlhop

Audit Committee members: Ron Rohn, Don Stemper and Harlan Mehlhop, assisted by Adjutant and Temporary Treasure, Jo Miller, met to audit all financial books of Lyle C. Pearson Sr. DAV Chapter 10. After careful and systematic review of all statements and entries, no inaccuracies were found. Committee members signed off and Adjutant Miller forwarded to proper entities, pursuant to DAV National guidelines and regulations of State and Federal Agencies. Committee members complimented the exemplary work of Chapter Treasure and Adjutant. Harlan Mehlhop, Audit Committee Chair



### New Members

**Richard Clarksean, David Johnson, Mark Lawrence, Michael McLaughlin, Jeremiah Miller. Barry Platt, Richard Rankin**



### Members in Memoriam

**Walter Haley, Jerome Leiferman, Richard Wieland**

### Chapter 10 Officers

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**Adjutant Marilyn Hardt 507.387.2415**

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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  
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