

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 702 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

**The February Executive Committee Meeting, the 6:00PM Meeting Dinner and the 7:00PM Chapter and Unit Regular Monthly Meetings have been canceled. Meetings and Dinner will resume as scheduled in March.**

### **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**

Happy New Year to the Veterans of DAV Chapter #10 and your families.

As we start out in the year 2017, we have to remember the purpose of the DAV, "Veterans Helping Veterans".

We can do this through financial means or being active in the political means.

At Chapter #10, we generate our financial funding from the Forget-Me-Not fund drive, the Clothing program and the Kettle Corn Project.

The Kettle Corn Project will be active in 2017; Gary Spiess and Pat O'Brien have stepped forward to take charge of this project in 2017.

Daryl Steffen has stepped forward to become the new Clothing Chairman. The

Clothing Program has a lot of potential for growth; the controlling factor on this is the number of members who are willing to step forward and willing to help take care of a clothing bin. As Commander, I will be the Chairman of the Forget-Me-Not fund Drive and I will be looking for volunteers to help with this later in the summer.

From the political side, the Chapter will again be involved in "Vets Day on the Hill" at the state capital; arrangements are being made to once again to take a bus to the event. Let myself or Windy Block know that you want to go so we are sure to save a seat for you. In February, I plan on going to the mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.

DAV Outdoors, check the Minnesota DAV website for Veteran activities in the Outdoors, it is a growing program for the DAV, and it's diversifying so it's not just fishing and hunting. Chapter #10 along with the other DAV Chapters of Southern Minnesota are working on adding to the

Outdoor Program, the Chapter #10 representative is Hank Sadler.

As many of you are aware, there has been a "changing of the guard" with the area's County Veterans Service Officers. We have three new VSO's. Blue Earth County: Mike McLaughlin (507 304-4246), Nicollet County: Nate Tish (507 934-7871), Waseca County: Chris Hinton (507 835-0680).

I encourage all Veterans to get to know your County Veterans Service officer; you should be in contact with the VSO at least several times per year.

I ask all of you, that in 2017 "STEP UP"; let's grow Minnesota DAV Chapter #10.

God Bless us all 2017,

Ron Haugen

DAV Chapter #10  
Commander



God Bless our veterans God Bless those that care for them each day and God Bless the USA.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Jones  
Auxiliary  
Commander



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

Hello everyone,  
Happy New Year. I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas.  
Our next meeting for the Auxiliary is January 10th at 7:00PM. There will be no meeting in February. In

March we will be having our St Patrick's Day parties at the local nursing homes.  
Please consider attending the state convention in Duluth on April 27-29.  
If you have volunteer hours to report please get them to Adjutant Marilyn Hardt no later than March 1st. Thank you.  
Think warm thoughts everyone!

**2016 October November December Meeting Approved Motions****October 2016**

- Donate up to \$5,000.00 for the MACV request for the meal at the Veterans StandDown on November 9th, paying HyVee directly, from the Forget-Me-Not fund. (actual final cost \$3,015.00)
- Donate up to \$150.00 for cookies and coffee for veterans for the Mobile Service Office (MSO) visit at the VFW Post 9713 on October 31st.
- Chapter will pay, with Department reimbursement of \$50.00, for \$100.00 for life membership for partial member Leroy Deling, from the Regular fund.
- Donate \$1,000.00 to the DAVMN Foundation at the 2016 Fall Conference, retroactively.
- Approved Past Chapter Commander Russ Ahlstrom for registration reimbursement for attending Dept Fall Conference.
- Approved Brad Hardt for registration and lodging and mileage rate reimbursement for Dept Fall Conference.
- Donation of \$500 St Peter Family Fresh gift card and \$250 St Peter Shopko gift card through the Blue Earth County Veterans Service Office from the Forget-Me-Not fund for Chris Jansma.
- Request matching funds for Chris Jansma from the DAVMN Foundation.
- Windy Block appointed as Chapter Audit Committee chair.
- February 2017 scheduled Regular Monthly Meeting, February 14th, be canceled.

**November 2016**

- Donate \$400.00 to each of the 5 MN Veterans Homes for Holiday Programs, totaling \$2000.00, from the Forget-Me-Not funds
- Donate \$200.00 to the Memorial Day Foundation for overseas Christmas Wreaths for memorials at cemeteries, from the Regular fund.
- Donate \$10 per veteran with receipt from DAVA Unit #10 for Christmas Card gifts for veterans at the local nursing homes and the MACV Townhome veterans, from the Forget-Me-Not funds. (final count 116)
- Approved the proposed criteria for the Outstanding Member of the Lyle C Pearson Chapter 10 award.
- Daryl Steffen appointed as Chapter Clothing Committee Chair.

**December 2016**

- Approved purchase of Kiefer 2000 tandem axle 7' x14' enclosed trailer with side door and rear ramp for \$4,000.00 (regular fund) from Ron Haugen, who will donate \$1,500.00 to Chapter.
- Donate \$500.00 to Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake for renovation projects. From the Regular fund.
- Windy Block appointed as Vets on the Hill Committee Chair.
- Hank Sadler appointed as Nominating Committee Chair.

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

**News from Mankato CBOC**

CBOC = Community Based Outreach Clinic. Mankato CBOC is: Lyle C. Pearson Sr. VA Clinic, located at 1961 Premier Dr. STE. 330. Phone number: 507-387-5275.

Veterans Administration (VA) signed a contract with Sterling Medical, providing Medical Staff and Primary Care for Qualified Veterans, at this facility. In the event your Primary Care Provider recommends specialized care, those appointments are generally scheduled at the MPLS. VA Medical facility.

If you have questions about VA Healthcare, benefits or claims, call: 1-877-222-8387

Questions about other VA benefits call: 1-800-827-1000

Also, good advice is to talk to your County Veterans Officer (VSO) for assistance. And you may want to visit with: Mankato DAV Chapter 10 Veterans Service Officer. (see in this Newsletter list of officers)

*"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been". - Mark Twain*

**Here is to good Health in 2017**

Harlan Mehlhop, Mankato DAV Chapter 10, Liaison to Mankato CBOC VA Clinic  
(Monthly CBOC Updates are presented at regular Chapter Meetings.)

## Upcoming Events

### January:

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

**Jan 12** - MACV Townhome Veterans Holiday Party -Noon.

### February:

**Feb 14** - NO Executive Committee Meeting, NO Dinner, **NO Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Feb 26th-Mar 1st** - National Mid-Winter Conference

### March:

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

**Mar 20** - Veterans Day on the Hill

**TBD** - Nursing Home St Patrick's Day Visits

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



Come join in and spend a few hours with veterans at the local nursing homes for some music, conversations, and green treats; sometime in March, dates and times will be announced at the March 14th meeting. Talk to the Unit for more information.

## **VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL March 20th**

**It is a day when Veterans of all eras in Minnesota unite as one common voice, and Veterans from around the state are encouraged to participate.**

**The plan is to repeat last years bus trip up to this event. For information contact Windy Block or Ron Haugen.**



### **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: Kendra Kaupa, Greg Kern, Michaela Kern, Morgan Kern, Derek May, Jaklyn Olson, Hannah Pehling, 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



The MACV StandDown on Nov 9th was a success, the Chapter and the Unit had tables and many veterans and family members stopped by and Cdr Haugen spoke briefly at the welcome ceremony.

Several Chapter and Unit members attended the DAV MN Fall Conference at Wilmer in October and participated in the training offered by the Department. This included Service Officer training and Chapter Commander and Adjutant training. There was also a forum for the Clothing Donation Program. Presentations included Foundation Annual Summary, Legislative update, Financial Report update, Constitution & By-laws, and a Strategy and Planning Brief. There was also a Veterans Benefits update with NSO staff.

Left: The new Blue Earth County Veterans Service Officer is Michael McLaughlin. He served in the Marine Corps and is an Iraq Veteran. Email: Michael.McLaughlin@blueearthcountymn.gov Phone: (507) 304-4246

Middle: Nathan Tish took over as the new Nicollet County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) as of Oct. 31. He served in the Army and is an Iraq Veteran. Email: nathan.tish@co.nicollet.mn.us Phone: (507) 934-7871.

Right: Chris Hinton served in the Navy and is an Iraq Veteran. He will start as the Waseca County Veterans Service Officer the beginning of March. Email: chris.hinton@co.waseca.mn.us Phone: (507) 835-0680

The County Veterans Service Offices provide 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 Offices can also assist in obtaining military discharges and documents.

The Mobile Service Office was in Mankato on Oct 31st. Several veterans were assisted with claims during the day. Call to find out their upcoming location schedule. National Service Office, Fort Snelling 612.970.5665



Hank Sadler introducing VINE Faith in Action guest speakers Mary O'Sullivan, Education Coordinator, and Pam Peterman, Executive Director, at the October meeting dinner. VINE is an interfaith volunteer caregiving organization serving older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals and families encountering difficult life situations. VINE is a network of faith congregations, organizations, and individuals providing volunteer assistance in the Minnesota River Valley of South Central Minnesota.



Donna Beck and Harlan Mehlhop did the Laurels Edge and Peak Christmas Card and Gifts to the Veterans. Donna is shown with Daniel, a Veteran holding a card with gift. Visiting and talking with them was a delightful experience. They had 20 some Veterans they visited that day, what a wonderful feeling to see the reactions of the Veterans! It means so much to them! Many DAVA and DAV members also visited Hillcrest, Oaklawn and Pathstone nursing homes and visited the veterans there, presenting them with Christmas cards and gifts.

**Appointments:**

Chapter Service Officer:

Jim Mason

Windy Block

Audit Committee Chair:

Windy Block

Clothing Committee Chair:

Daryl Steffen

Nominating Committee Chair: Hank Sadler

Vets Day on the Hill Committee Chair:

Windy Block

The Chapter has filed the required form to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State and received a Certificate of Incorporation dated 11/19/2016 and is now legally registered under the laws of Minnesota. The Chapter has also submitted the Charitable Organization Initial Registration Form with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and is waiting a reply.

**New Members**

Rickey Biehn, Wayne Chaussee, Ross Embree, James Holmstead, William Marks. Michael Montalto, Ronald Rigdon Donovan Robb, Douglas Wenzel

**Members in Memoriam**

Lowell Johnson

**Chapter 10 Officers**

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**Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic  
(Mankato)**

**1961 Premier Drive Suite 330 Mankato, MN**

**507-387-2939**

**M-F 8:00 - 4:30**

**Primary preventative and mental health care services**

**Parent Facility: Minneapolis VA Health Care System**

**612.725.2000 or 866.414.5058**

**DAVMN Mpls VA Transportation Office 612.467.2768**

**National DAV: [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) 877.426.2838**

**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**