

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 720 Unit: 218
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.

For Chapter and Unit members a Complimentary Supper served at 6:00 PM
Chapter and Unit Meetings start at 7:00 PM



DAV Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

Welcome to the Holiday Season!

There are numerous days for being with family and friends during the 4th quarter of the year, also remember that there are two important days for the Veterans, Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day. I do hope you plan to do a special activity on these two days.

I had the pleasure of being a co-host for my Vietnam unit on the weekend of September 21-24, the 18th & 54th Aviation Company (Vietnam) met at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington for their 6th annual reunion. We don't party quite as hard as we

once did, we now get a lot more visiting done.

Since the last newsletter, I had the opportunity to attend the DAV National Convention in New Orleans. It's a pleasure to see how organized and well run this organization of 1.2 million veterans is. Our own: Stephen Whitehead, Chapter #10 Junior Vice Commander was elected 1st Junior Commander to DAV National. Congratulations Butch!

A BIG Thank you to Daryl Steffen and his crew of volunteers who worked at the STYX concerts at Hinckley and Mankato selling STYX CDs which resulted in a donation to Chapter #10 from the STYX more than \$1,500.00.

Membership: the Chapter needs 3 more

new members to make 2017-2018 goal, talk to the Veterans you know, the DAV has a lot to offer.

Upcoming events: The Fall Conference is in Fergus Falls this year, the dates are October 5-7.

AND the Chapter is always looking for Veterans who want to become involved in the Chapter, whether it be as a volunteer for one of the projects or as an officer of the Chapter. you can always contact me, Ron Haugen or our Adjutant, Jo Miller.

Ron Haugen
DAV Chapter #10
Commander



DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Hello to all,
I trust this note finds everyone doing well. Can you believe it is fall so soon?

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the appreciation dinner this week. We are an awesome group of folks doing awesome things for awesome people.

In November, we will again be out at the local nursing homes for Veterans Day celebrations; as always Chapter participation is always welcome. Next meeting, we should have dates set. Also, the auxiliary will be taking part in the holiday expo on Nov 18 at Madison East so get your bake on and join us.

Happy Holidays to all and thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Fall Conference is Oct 5-7 in Fergus Falls. Hope to see you there.

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

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Jones
DAVA Department
Commander
DAVA Unit #10
Commander



Minnesota County Veterans Service Officers.

The primary point of contact for veterans and their families who seek assistance with local, state and federal veterans' benefits. We collaborate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Service Organizations in securing benefits for veterans. They

- Disseminate information on veterans' benefits
- Assist in the application for State and Federal benefits
- Facilitate the referral process to appropriate outside agencies
- Help obtain relevant military records

Web address for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs County Veterans Service Officers Map. To find your County Veterans Service Officer you can click on a county on the map at this webpage: <http://www.mnveteransservice.org/documents/cvso.html> OR go to: <https://mn.gov/mdva/> OR Call 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838) for all Veteran-related questions. MDVA is a Veteran-friendly, equal opportunity and affirmative action employer and service provider.

2017 July, August and September Meetings Approved Motions

July 2017

- Additional \$75.00 cost of Pillowcases for veterans at local nursing homes.
- Donate no more than \$500 for request for felt pool table cover at Vine Faith in Action Adult Community Center, used by many veterans, Chapter should get recognition for this gift.
- Commander Haugen appointed Gary Spiess, Windy Block, Paul May and Hank Sadler as Past Chapter Commanders to the Nominating Committee.
- Commander Haugen dissolved POW/MIA.
- Commander Haugen appointed Harlan Melhlop as Awards Committee Chair.

August 2017

- Continue funding veteran pillowcases to veterans in nursing homes \$600.00.
- Purchase flag case for family of Bill Burgess.
- For upcoming 2017 Dept Conference in Fergus Falls reimburse mileage at Chapter approved rate of \$.35 per mile and 2 nights at block rate of \$99.00 for approved members attending.

September 2017

- Additional fund requests for veteran pillowcases to veterans in nursing homes program for acknowledge cards and plastic bags for \$120.00 and up to \$110. Forget-Me-Not funds.
- Donate \$200 to Nicollet County Fair for its support for the local DAV Chapter kettle corn fundraising.
- Approve up to \$200 for Chapter Awards Committee and Dinner expenses.
- Give donation rent to Morson-Ario VFW Post 9713 for the calendar year of 2017.
- Donate \$1,500 to DAVMN Foundation, designated to Transportation Program. To be presented at the Parade of Donors at the DAVMN Conference at Fergus Falls. Forget-Me-Not funds.
- Approve funds for Volunteer Appreciation Dinner up to \$1,500.00.
- Additional night of lodging for attendees of the CSO training at the upcoming Conference in Fergus Falls.

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

Mankato VA Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC) Report

- Several improvements have occurred, one being, a curb cut out ramp, for creating easier handicap entrance to main door.
- Teleretinal scan for diabetics is available; staff will be contact individuals to get this scheduled.

Staff changes include Alison Freadenburgh LPN and Marissa Ewer RN, with Dr Pecholt arriving in May.

Accompaniment photo illustrates a wide variety of health brochures to aid Veterans background to various medical issues. Feel free to take copies for your needs.

Sometime late in 2018, 75 VA Centers will offer Chiropractic care and the plan by end of 2020, all Medical Centers.

Veteran Choice Program is still available, check with your primary care provider for appointments that exceed beyond the 30 day window,

Contract negotiations with Sterling Medical and Mpls VA are in final stages. Currently, Sterling Medical has the Medical Services Contract with Mankato VA (CBOC).

If you have concerns about patient care, the number to contact is: 612-467-5816 or 866-414-5058 ext. 5816
2017 Flu Shots are scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26, 8:00AM—3:00PM, if you have a scheduled appt., ask for shot at that time.

Regularly schedule your yearly medical appointments and remember preventive care is good advice!

Quote from Mark Twain (1835-1910): When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not.

Harlan Melhlop, Mankato Lyle C Pearson Sr. DAV Chapter 10, Liaison to Mankato VA (CBOC)



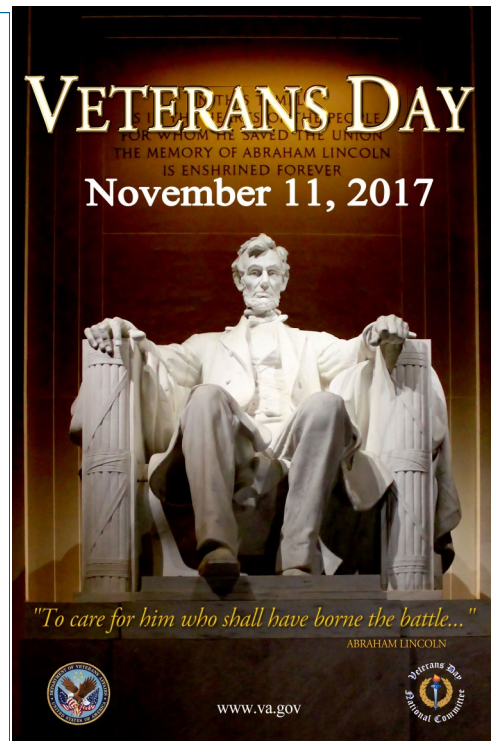
Upcoming Events

October 5-6-7 DAV of MN Conference at Fergus Falls
 October 10 - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
 Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

November 8 - Nursing Home Visiting Veterans at Pathstone
 November 13 - Nursing Home Visiting Veterans at Oak Terrace
 November 14 - MACV StandDown at Verizon Wireless Center
 November 14 - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
 Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
 November 15 - Nursing Home Visiting Veterans at Oaklawn
 November 18 - Auxiliary Fundraiser sale at Holiday Expo at Madison East
 November tbd - Nursing Home Visiting Veterans at Hillcrest
 November tbd - Nursing Home Visiting Veterans at Laurels Peak-Edge

December 12- Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
 Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm
 December tbd—Nursing Homes Christmas Cards/Gift Visiting Veterans

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



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(WELCOME CEREMONY BEGINS AT 11:30 AM)

ALL VETERANS WELCOME! CALL MACV FOR INFO (507) 345-8258

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Chapter and Unit Photos and News



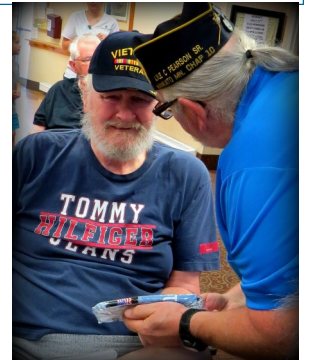
Russ and Dee Ahlstrom and Hank Sadler volunteering during the Forget-Me-Not Drive fundraiser. Bill Burgess, Cindy Jones, Gary Spiess, Ron Haugen and Windy Block in the North Mankato parade. Sue Register from the Hastings Veterans Home speaking at the July meeting.



Chapter and Unit Photos and News



Nursing Home Visiting Veterans Picnics/Meals with Music event volunteers. Veteran resident, Russ Ahlstrom, Donna Beck, Unit Treasurer Dee Ahlstrom, Chaplain Joe Ostgarden, Don Sieberg, Jerry Edwards, Audrey Tolzman, Don Stemper, Betty Goettl, Gary Spiess, Jerry Bohnert, Helen Swanke



Chapter members presenting military pillowcases to Veterans and honoring their service at local nursing homes in Mankato, St Peter, Le Center, Le Sueur and Janesville. (Some not pictured)



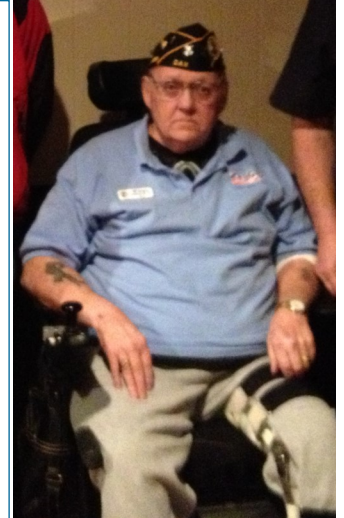
Department Adjutant Stephen Whitehead speaking at the Chapter and Unit Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.





Honor Guard: Trustee Gary Spiess, Donna Beck, Chaplain Joe Ostgarden, Don Stemper, Sergeant at Arms Brad Hardt

Billy Lee Burgess, age 70, of Mankato, died on Monday, July 24, 2017 at his home. Billy was born on September 29, 1946 in Blue Earth, MN to Milton and Betty (Hynson) Burgess. Billy served in the United States Army and the United States Navy. On March 2, 2001, Billy was united in marriage to Rosemary Cepenos. He was a very hard working man who was lots of fun and such a likeable person. Billy was a volunteer with the DAV. He served in many capacities including Senior Vice Commander of Chapter 10. He enjoyed fishing, fast cars, spending time with family and friends, and was a big Minnesota Vikings fan.



New Members

Kenneth Kienlen, Marlin Peterson, Blaine Root, Arthur Van Moorelehum, Sonja Frye (Auxiliary), Glenice Karnes (Auxiliary)

Members in Memoriam

Bill Burgess, Robert Hruby, Roger Vollmer, James Watson

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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 877.426.2838
DAVA National HQ www.dav.org/dava 877.426.2838 option 5

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888.317.2291

DAVA MN www.davamn.org

Chapters: www.davmembersportal.org
Members: <https://www.davmembers.org>

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