

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 727 Unit: 219  
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

Hello Spring! The warmth of the sun, the turning of the world into green, best time of year!

We have met the membership goal for 2018, with the last report the Chapter has 727 Paid up for Life members.

What's happening at Chapter #10? First, we have our annual elections at the April meeting, this year on the 10th so if you are interested in getting involved with being on the Executive Board, there is still time to place your name in nomination.

If you haven't already registered, I encourage you to file for the VA Million Veteran Program (MVP) (all veterans) and the Agent Orange Registry or the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. These registries are not just for us as veterans and our benefits, it for the health of our children and our families for the next eight generations.

I thank Chapter #10 for letting me represent the Chapter at the Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. in late February. It is great to be part of an organization (DAV) of a million plus Veterans that has so much

influence on Capitol Hill. Our Representatives and Senators do pay attention us and what we have to say and what the House and Senate must do to improve the quality of the lives of the disabled veterans.

With the DAV, Dept. of Minnesota being the catalysis, the Vets on the Hill is growing event, both in size and influence. Again, this year, Chapter #10 and #15 shared a bus to make the journey to the State Capital in Saint Paul. The goal for 2019, two (2) Buses! I heard that the estimated attendance was 2,500 Veterans. And YES, our representatives met with us. In numbers, we have Strength. A Thank you to Windy Block of Chapter #10 and Greg Peterson of Chapter #15 for making the Bus arrangements. the DAV, Dept. of Minnesota Legislative Representative, Trent Dilks, is a very important key in this whole event. The Chapter will be sending a delegation to the State DAV Convention in Rochester in early May, if you wish to be part of this event, please inform the Chapter Adjutant. I currently serve as 3rd Junior Vice-Commander on the Department Board and have filed for state officer for the coming year.

The National Convention will be in mid-July in Reno, Nevada, I will be attending that as a representative of Chapter #10. Chapter #10's Junior Vice Commander,

Stephen Whitehead who is currently National 1st Junior Vice Commander is up for election as National Senior Vice Commander.

misc. things to know:

Stephen Whitehead, Chapter #10 Junior Vice Commander, Dept. of Minnesota Adjutant, National 1st Junior Vice Commander will be the Keynote Speaker at Saint Peter Memorial Day Ceremony at Minnesota Square Park on Monday, May 28th. The Saint Peter Area Veterans Memorial will be dedicated on Sunday, July 1, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m., located at Minnesota Square Park.

There are 337,000+ Veterans living in Minnesota, of which 75% are Wartime Veterans. there are less than 15,000 WWII Veterans living in Minnesota.

Thank you for letting me be your **Commander** for the past two years.

God Bless America

Respectfully,  
Ron Haugen  
Commander  
Lyle C. Pearson, Sr.  
DAV Chapter #10



## DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Happy Easter to all.  
I hope this note finds everyone well.

I would like to introduce our slate of officers for 2018:

Debbie Mason, Commander  
Marilyn Bigby, Sr. Vice Commander  
Jami Goettl, Jr. Vice Commander

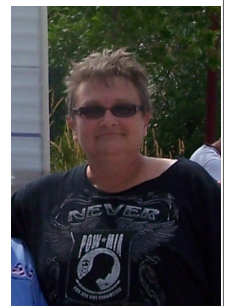
Glenice Garms, Treasurer  
Marilyn Hardt, Adjutant  
Tony Giese, Chaplain

Congratulations to all. May your term of office be highly successful.

I want to thank everyone for your support during my term as commander. My term as commander was very rewarding. Take care, I will see you at the meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Jones  
DAVA State and local  
Commander



2018 January February March Meetings Approved MotionsJanuary 2018

- Purchase \$100 for one-hole sponsor, \$400 for team entry for the Annual Last Man Club Golf Classic event raising funds for local veterans' emergency needs, on June 22, 2018. Forget-Me-Not fund.
- Authorize for up to 3 attendees (members in good standing) to National Mid-Winter Conference; up to \$1,200 for travel/lodging and up to \$800 for Chapter Commander (3rd Junior Vice Commander, Dept will reimburse \$400). General fund.
- Preapprove funds for Veterans on the Hill event bus 50% of cost. Splitting cost with Chapter 15. Submit/check with DAVMN Foundation request for portion of cost. General fund.

February 2018

- Pre-approve up to \$1,000.00 for 50 volunteer hats for Kettle Corn sales POC Pat O'Brien. General Fund

March 2018

- Decline to donate to mail-in solicitation from Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake.
- Approve delegates for 2018 DAVMN Annual Convention: Ron Haugen (Department covers travel and lodging), Harlan Melhop, Jo Miller, Jim Mason, Paul May, Windy Block, Brad Hardt, Stephen Whitehead (Dept covers cost).
- Approve reimbursement for delegates with receipts and completed Chapter Expense/Travel Report form for up to 2 nights at the group rate of \$105.00 for lodging and standard Chapter rate of \$.35 per mile. General Fund.
- Donate \$2,000 to DAVMN Foundation at convention designated for Transportation Program, Forget-Me-Not Fund.
- Amend original motion for Commander to receive reimbursement addition up to \$1,200.00 for National Mid-Winter Conference.
- Endorse 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander Stephen Whitehead for higher office at upcoming National elections.
- Contribute \$2,000.00 for campaign for DAV National higher office of 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander Stephen Whitehead, presented at Parade of Donors at Dept Convention. (Whitehead vote abstained) Forget-Me-Not fund.
- Endorse 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Vice Commander Haugen for higher office at Department Elections.

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

Interesting and exciting events are happening at the Mankato VA Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC)

Gerrilynn Dewitte is the new Director and has "plunged right into" her duties while the CBOC has major additions and remodeling done, while continuing giving Veterans Medical care and attention to our health needs. Gerrilynn attended our February Chapter 10 meeting and gave an interesting update on expansion and a brief idea of the floor plan and other changes. While some may have experienced on-going construction, during one of your appointments that should have subsided by now. Staff is now officially moved into their intended areas.

Mankato VA-CBOC will have an open house, April 26<sup>th</sup> during day hours; our Mankato DAV Chapter 10 is planning to have an informal attendance. One of the suggestions is to place the picture and bio of Lyle C Pearson Sr., in his memory, Lyle was a life time member of Chapter 10 and served Veterans in many ways. Note: the Mankato VA-CBOC is officially called: Lyle C Pearson Sr. VA-CBOC.

Due to expansion, 3 new receptionists have started and another in coming weeks, who is trained and will assist with Lab work. 2 additional RN's were added, and another RN has retired, and interviewing for that position as well.

At March Chapter 10 meeting, several Veterans expressed their satisfaction how their medical needs were addressed at Mankato VA-CBOC, so that was encouraging, therefore continue to make your appointments and keep yourself healthily and... please make time to attend your Chapter 10 monthly meetings, check this newsletter for time and dates! Good meals & good Veteran Comradeship.

God Bless our Veterans and their love ones. Who are and Who were!

*"Health is like money, we never have a true idea of its value until we lose it" Josh Billings*

Harlan Mehlhop, Mankato DAV Chapter 10 Liaison to Mankato VA-CBOC

**Upcoming Events**

April -Month of the Military Child  
 Apr 5 - Gold Star Spouses Day  
**Apr 10** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm,  
 Dinner 6:00pm, **Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**  
**Elections and swearing in of elected officers!**  
 Apr 14 - Air Force Reserve Birthday  
 Apr 23 Army Reserve Birthday  
 Apr 26 - Lyle C Pearson Mankato CBOC open house

May - National Military Appreciation Month  
 May 1 - Loyalty Day and Silver Star Service Banner Day  
 May 3-5 - DAV MN Convention in Rochester  
**May 8** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm,  
 Dinner 6:00pm, **Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**  
 May 11 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day  
 May 19 - DAV MN The Old Glory Run St Joseph MN  
 May 20 - Armed Forces Day  
 May 28 - Memorial Day.

**Jun 12** - Executive Committee Meeting 5:00pm,  
 Dinner 6:00pm, **Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00pm**  
 Jun 14 Army Birthday and U.S. Flag Day  
 Jun 14 DAV MN Foundation Golf Classic  
 Jun 27 - National PTSD Awareness Day.  
 For more details about future events call any officer or come to the meetings.



Honor Guards getting ready - Memorial Day 2013 - At Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, north of Mankato. Check your local newspaper to get this year's times and locations to honor our veterans.

Awards Committee Members consist of Don Stemper, Jo Miller, Gary Spiess and Harlan Mehlhop (chair). Awards Committee is driven to recognize achievements, performance, contributions, and volunteerism to Mankato DAV Chapter 10. Three levels of awards were established as follows: #1 Exemplary, #2 Outstanding and #3 Meritorious. Forms and instructions to submit names can be obtained by contacting committee members. Committee members strongly suggest that members of Mankato DAV Chapter 10 be instrumental in this recommendation process, in lieu of committee members. Next event for Awards Committee is to present both Mankato Hy-Vee Stores in Mankato, with Outstanding Award Plaques.

Mankato DAV Chapter 10 Constitution and By-Laws Committee members: Hank Sadler, Jo Miller, Pat Carrow, Harlan Mehlhop (chair) DAV National and DAV Department recommend that a review of Chapter Constitution and By-Laws be scheduled every 5 years. Mankato DAV Chapter 10 current Constitution and By-Laws were completed in 2013. Committee members are reviewing National, Department and Chapter By-Laws to determine if or any changes are needed. Currently that process is on-going with a projected completion date early April.

**Minnesota County Veterans Service Officers.**

Call 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838) for all Veteran-related questions.

**Blue Earth County Veteran's Services**

Michael McLaughlin, Veterans Service Officer  
 Patrick Corrow, Assistant Veterans Service Officer  
 410 S. Fifth St. P.O. Box 8608 Mankato, MN 56001  
 Phone: (507) 304-4246

**Le Sueur County Veteran's Services**

Jim Goltart, Director  
 Jamie Von Bank, Veterans Benefits Counselor  
 South Park Avenue Le Center, MN 56057  
 Phone: (507) 357-8279  
 Mon-Thur: 8:00am - 4:30pm Fri: 8:00am - 4:00pm

**Nicollet County Veteran's Services**

Nathan Tish, CVSO  
 622 S. Front Street St. Peter, MN 56082  
 Ph: 507-934-7870 Ph: 507-934-7871  
 Van Message Line Ph: 507-934-7875  
 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Waseca County Veteran's Services**

Christopher Hinton, Veteran's Services Officer  
 307 N. State St. Waseca, MN 56093  
 Ph: (507) 835-0680  
 Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



**Chapter and Unit Photos and News**



DAV Chapter 10 members visiting Veterans at Le Center Nursing Home, delivering pillow cases of their branch of service they served, to them in appreciation for their service in US Military. (Top Left and Right)  
DAV Chapter 10 members with Janesville Nursing home veteran residents. (Left)  
Presenting Le Center Nursing Home Veteran Resident with Pillow Case and Thank You card. (Right)



DAV MN Department and Chapter members at Dirkson Senate Office Building during National Mid-Winter Conference. Quote from Facebook Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota page post: "Great meeting with Sen. Amy Klobuchar to discuss expanding caregiver support, proper funding and replacing CHOICE." Above. More Vets on the Hill photos. Below.



MINNESOTA VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL March 12 2018, put on by the Commanders Task Force, United Veterans Legislative Council and MACVSO. Rally in the State Capitol Rotunda. Photos here and on page one by JC \* Jonathan Charpentier Photography.



**Chaplain's Corner**

Taps for: Tom E. Schrader USN, James A. Keller USN, Robert W. Rose USN  
 Sick Call for Norman Glickman  
 Also keep in your prayers Jo Miller who has lost her Mother and Josh Vrtacnik who has lost his grandmother.  
 Please keep all our DAV members and their families in your prayers. Remember if you know any DAV or family members sick or deceased call me, Chaplin James Mason, at 507-381-8865 and leave a message with detailed information with the name & address please.

Chaplain Gunny  
 Semper Fi  
 507-381-8865

**New Members**

James Hammock, Leroy Kiecker, Kevin Scott



**DAV MN Chapter # 10 Education Scholarship**

Who's Eligible: Children and Grandchildren of "Paid Up for Life" members of DAV Chapter #10. The Scholarship is available to the qualified individuals the year of their graduation from High School.

Application: The applications must be submitted to the Chapter Junior Vice Commander by June 1 of the year of the recipients High School graduation.

Scholarship value: The maximum scholarship for a recipient would be \$500.00.

Secondary Education: The recipient must enroll in a post High School institution in a education program that is of at least 2 semesters in length.

Distribution of Funds: The recipient will receive the Scholarship funds after submitting proof of enrollment in the second semester of their chosen program (2nd semester transcript). The recipient must be enrolled in consecutive semesters.

An individual is only eligible once.

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

**Chapter 10 Officers**

- Commander Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- Senior Vice Cmdr Reggie Worlds 507.995.9496
- Junior Vice Cmdr Stephen Whitehead 507.381.2061
- Treasurer/Adjutant Jo Miller 507.625.7613
- Judge Advocate Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- Chaplain Jim Mason 507.381.8865
- 3 Year Trustee Windy Block 507.934.2360
- 2 Year Trustee Gary Spiess 507.387.5750
- 1 Year Trustee Paul May 952.448.4321
- Officer of the Day Gary Luepke 507.457.5731
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Chapter Service Officers:
- Jim Mason 507.381.8865
- Brad Hardt 507.340.6987
- Windy Block 507.934.2360

**Auxiliary Unit 10 Officers**

- Commander Cindy Jones 507.521.0396
- Senior Vice Cmdr Deb Mason 507.327.6520
- Junior Vice Cmdr Marilyn Bigbee 507.387.2457
- Treasurer Dee Ahlstrom 507.388.2144
- SEC Donna Jean Peterson 507.388.3776
- Alt SEC Marilyn Hardt 507.387.2415
- Chaplain Tony Giese 507.345.3718
- Adjutant Marilyn Hardt 507.387.2415

**Chapter/Auxiliary Committee Chairs**

- Executive • Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- Membership • Reggie Worlds 507.995.9496
- Aux Membership • Dee Ahlstrom 507.388.2144
- Americanism • Stephen Whitehead 507.381.2061
- Awards • Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- By-Laws Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- Clothing Donation • Daryl Steffen 507.317.8906
- Audit • Windy Block 507.934.2360
- Nomination • Hank Sadler 507.317-3421
- LVAP • Paul May 952.448.4321
- Parades • Donna Beck 507.344.4330
- Legislation • Chris Hinton 507.220.0153
- Financial • Reggie Worlds 507.995.9496
- Forget-Me-Not • Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- Scholarship • Stephen Whitehead 507.381.2061
- Vets Day on the Hill Windy Block 507.934.2360
- Pillowcases Hank Sadler 507.317.3421
- Historian/Archive • Jo Miller 507.625.7613
- Color Guard • Brad Hardt 507.340.6987
- Newsletter Editor • Jo Miller 507.625.7613

**Apr May Jun 2018**

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
LYLE C. PEARSON CHAPTER # 10  
P.O. Box 735  
MANKATO MN 56002-0735

**NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
St. Peter MN  
PERMIT NO. 9**



**Thank you for your service!**

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