#### Fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. Jan Feb Mar 2020 Lyle C. Pearson, Sr., Chapter #10 And Auxiliary Unit #10

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 778 Unit: 211 All Chapter and Unit Business is conducted by volunteer members.

Chapter and Unit Regular Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. at the Morson-Ario-Strand VFW Post 950 at 1900 North Riverfront Drive in Mankato For Chapter/Unit members attending Supper served at 6:00PM cost \$5.00.



#### DAV Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades, I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday season. We continue to do great works for our Chapter and Veterans community. We were very successful in getting many volunteers to offload the semi-trailer for our clothing program on November 2nd. We collected 41,400 pounds of clothing and earned over \$9k for our coffers. A big thank you everyone who assisted with this effort.

We also had a very successful membership drive at the Mankato MACV stand down signing up 51 members for our Chapter! We welcome these new members and thank them



DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Hello Everyone, The New Year has started, and we will be having a meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. In years passed we have had January off.

for joining Chapter 10. Volunteerism is the life blood of our Chapter. It is understandable that many of our members are busy with life and work and cannot always attend a meeting or other formal functions. Our chapter depends on our efforts to ensure that our mission of serving our I thank you all for your memill and injured members and their families is met. I ask that all members consider volunteering for some effort or project throughout the upcoming year. There are many opportunities to help that could meet with your schedule. Examples include emptying a clothing bin, participating with our forget me not drive, popping or selling our famous kettle corn for parades and county fairs we attend or signing up a new member. If we all committed to at least 6 hours a year, it would do so much to help our

In February we will be doing the 6th Annual Soup for Troops on Jan 25th from 11am - 1:30pm at the Mankato Elks Lodge. Char has a new recipe this year for us to try. Still discussing upcoming events for the next few months so be sure to attend meetings for the information.

Chapter to meet our mission and provide much needed assistance to those in need. Your participation also helps us to build relationships with one another and unite us in a common cause. Your help provides hope!

bership, friendship and hard work. Together, we experienced a very successful 2019 and I look forward to even better 2020 for our Chapter. Happy New Year!

In service to Veterans, Reggie D. Worlds

Commander Lyle C. Pearson **DAV** Chapter 10



If you are not available to attend call Debbie 507-327-6520 for more information.

Debbie Mason Commander Lyle C. Pearson, Sr. DAVA Unit #10



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#### 2019 October November December Meetings Approved Motions

#### **October 2019**

- Approve request for support for Veteran's Day Dinner held at Morson Ario Strand Post 950 on Nov 11th. Donate \$250 from Forget-Me-Not Fund.
- Approve request from DAVMN Unit 10 to share cost for food and drink for the Mankato CBOC Flu Clinic on Oct 15-16. Up to \$75 from Forget-Me-Not Fund.
- Approve request from DAVMN Unit 10 to share cost for Christmas cards and cash gifts to veterans in the local nursing homes. \$600 from the Forget-Me-Not Fund.
- Approve request from Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne to contribute to the "Special Occasion" account to use to purchase holiday gifts and support holiday celebrations for residents. \$400 from Forget-Me-Not Fund.
- Approve request for support from Wreaths for the Fallen.org to honor fallen veterans at Minnesota State Veterans cemeteries. \$100 from Forget-Me-Not Fund.
- Provide coffee and cookies for veterans visiting the DAV Mobile Service Office at the VFW Post 950 on Oct 18th, 2019 and cover the cost for lunch for the visiting National Service Officers. Up to \$75 from the Forget-Me-Not Funds.
- Approve the DAV MN Dept Membership Initiatives for 2019. This includes raising the initiative for life membership from \$50 from the Chapter to \$75, which will be matched by the Department.
- Order advertising pens, cost will be \$231 plus tax/shipping from DAV MN Store for the Chapter table at the MACV Standdown on Oct 26th. General Fund.
- Michael McLaughlin appointed as Benefits Protection Team Leader (Legislation Committee Chair)

#### November 2019

- Reimburse approved chapter members attending National Mid-Winter Conference in Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> -26th up to \$600, with matching funds provided by Department. General Fund.
- Approve transfer in Sadie Rezac from Chapter 28.
- Harlan Mehlhop appointed as Chapter CBOC Liaison

#### December 2019

• Reggie Worlds appointed as Awards Committee Chair.

For more information regarding the Chapter meetings, call Commander Reggie Worlds or Adjutant Jo Miller or email DAVMN10Adjutant@gmail.com, or talk to any Chapter officer listed in this newslet-ter.

Hello to DAV and DAVA members.

Thank you for the hard work you have done for 2019. We are back to using our own trailers for the clothing. It is very important to fill the large trailer first. The small one is for overflow. Also, please try to fill it to the top. We are again in need of a driver with a three-quarter ton truck to haul the loads to the Saver's Stores when the trailer is full. It would be nice to have a couple people to make this easier. And we are always in need of substitutes to empty the clothing bins when our regular people are on vacation.

I would like to wish all members a happy and safe New Year.

Daryl Steffen, Clothing Committee Chair.



#### January February March 2020

## **2020 Jan Feb Mar Meetings/Events**

### <u>JAN 10</u>

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting 6:00pm: Dinner 7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting

## FEB 11

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6:00pm: Dinner
7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting
Feb 23-26 National Mid-Winter Conference

## <u>MAR 10</u>

# 5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting6:00pm: Dinner7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting

For more details about future events call any officer or come to the meetings. Nursing Home Visits call Donna Beck 507.344.4330

#### Chaplain's Corner:

Sent out 2 cards this quarter. The DAV trailer driver Scott Porter who is in the hospital and for Brad Hardt whose mother passed in December. Our prayers are with these families.

Remember if you know any DAV or DA-VA family members sick or deceased please call me Jim Mason 507-381-8865 & leave a detailed message including name and address of individual.

Keep all our DAV and DAVA members & families in your prayers.

Chaplin "Gunny" Mason Semper Fi

Veterans Day on the Hill is April 20th this year. Mark your calendars!

#### Mankato DAV Chapter 10 – Mankato VA-CBOC (community-based outreach clinic) Report Greeting Fellow Mankato DAV Members

With 2020 already here, Christmas and New Year's events passed, we are in the New Year! □ Plan and schedule your Mankato VA-CBOC Medical appointments. One for annual physical and the other for review of your medications. It is important to be pro-active with your Medical needs.

The Mankato VA-CBOC continues to add and subtract providers. Dr Vincent, well liked by Veterans, left on Dec.20th. Dr Kahler is covering Dr Vincent's patients through Feb 28th. New Medical Support personal have replaced two who moved out state. These positions are the first and last people you see at the clinic, for checking in and out. Other openings are being recruited or are in the credentialing process.

Jane Mugambi starts 1/6 and will see Veterans M-F. Christine Nsubuga also starts 1/6 and is going 4 days per week, with Fridays off.

You may want to stop in at the Clinic Thursday April 23rd for their annual open house, 11-1pm.

Many Veterans received their Flu shots, thanks to Mankato DAVA Commander Debbie Mason for organizing those specific days, coffee, juice and cookies, made the experience much better. Total flu shots were consistent as past years.

□ As a reminder, attend our DAV Monthly meetings, 2nd Tuesday at Mankato VFW Club. I give monthly reports of "News from Mankato VA-CBOC". In addition, I plan inviting Mankato VA-CBOC personnel; to speak periodically, at our Chapter Monthly Meetings, stay tuned.

Veterans clearly understand: **Independence is declared; it must be maintained!** (Sam Houston's quote) Harlan Mehlhop, Liaison for Mankato DAV Chapter 10 to Mankato VA-CBOC

#### **Chapter and Unit Photos and News**



#### New Chapter 10 Members

Donald Adams, Timothy Adams, Jeffery Bergeland, Gerald Binstock, Iris Blooflat, Michael Welcome! Bluhm, Dean Bohm, Jered Borden, Jeffrey Braun, Scotty Bruley, Christopher Buckmister, John Carlson, Ernest Clement, Norman Davis, George Dobler, Adam Erickson, Craig Esser, Ryan Frank, Michael Fraze, Jeff Frye, Darwin Ganzel, Thomas Geisler, Jerome Gill, Heather Gordon, Glenn Grams, Anthony Harding, Robert Hallberg, Jake Hesse, Steven Hillesheim, Paul Irvin, Wayne Johnson, Gary Kremer, Lawrence Krekes, Jeffrey LaMont, Richard Luepke, William Manske, Danielle Marenco, Richard McGraw, Galyn Minkel, Rodney Mueller, James Neary, Ronald Neary, Brian Parker, Thomas Phillips, Michael Rath, Matt Richardson, Joseph Rief, Joseph Rotering, Gary Sandvig, Hewitt Schaefer, David Schrader, Kenneth Schweim, Raymond Smothers, Joe Steck, Eric Steinmetz, Lynn Sternitzke, Jeffrey Stevens, David Stierlen, Donald Stuve, Kenneth Thiele, Bernard Thieman, Robert Timmerman, Gary Watson, William Weber, David Webster, Jay Wieland, Steven Willson, Tom Wolke, Gordon Wolters, Eugene Wytaske,



Nov 2nd. Clothing semi-trailer transfer event, A big Thank You to everyone: members from DAV Chapter 10, DAVA Unit 10, American Legion Lorentz Post 11, Morson-Ario-Strand Post 950, MNSU Veterans Resource Center, US Army Recruiting Mankato, Nicollet Sentenced to Serve, R&E Enterprises, and all individuals who contributed to the efforts. You all moved a total of 41,400 soft pounds. Anyone who would like a copy of this photo contact Adjutant Miller.

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## From your CVSO:

Pharmacy billing issues related to VA Community Urgent Care visits, veterans can find an urgent care and pharmacy 3 page PDF packet here: https://www.triwest.com/ globalassets/documents/ urgentcare/ va\_urgent\_care\_tips.pdf

Please call your County Veterans Service Office with any questions.

#### **Chapter/Auxiliary Committee Chairs**

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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 Forget-Me-Not Comm Chair