

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

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



DAV Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

Comrades,

Current circumstances have found us in some unfamiliar territory. The COVID-19 virus has limited our ability to gather and affected our way of life and conducting business. As a result, we are all staying at home, practicing the guidelines put in place to keep us safe and healthy. We will see better days ahead of us!

The Chapter 10 executive committee has been in contact with each other and we have made some decisions to ensure we keep our members safe and set ourselves up to continue our operations as soon as we can.

We will not have an April meeting, which will delay our Chapter elections. All current officers will remain in place until elections can take place. We will ensure proper notice of the elections, to the best of our ability, is sent to members in a timely fashion. As of today, our plan is to hold elections during the May meeting (5/12/2020).

We have suspended our clothing program until further notice. Savers has informed our DAV Minnesota Department leadership that they will not be accepting clothing at their stores or warehouses until at least April 6th.

Our community clothing bins have been taken off-line. All but one has been taken out of service from their current locations and placed in the parking lot across from the VFW. The only bin that was not collected is the one in Arlington, MN, which has been wrapped and secured to ensure no clothing can be placed in it.

The clothing items that were in bins prior to being taken off line were unloaded from them and placed in the travel trailer.

The DAV MN Department has communicated the following information to Chapter leadership:

The Veterans Day on the Hill event scheduled for April 20th has been cancelled.

The DAV MN Department Convention has been postponed until Friday, June 26th at the Kelley Inn in St. Cloud.

The DAV MN Donor Connect program which provides medical equipment to Veterans has also been suspended until Further no-

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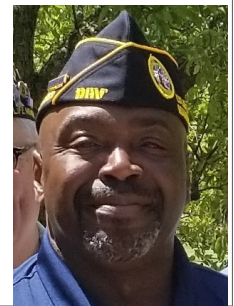
These are some of the more important pieces of information we wanted to get out to Chapter 10 members. I want to take a moment to thank Daryl Stephan, Donna Beck, Ron Haugen, Gary Luepke, Art and Mary Jo Hiller for their efforts to get our clothing bins unloaded and moved off line. They worked over 9 hours to get this accomplished using their own equipment to do so.

I charge each of us as members to continue to look out for one another. Please make a phone call, send a text or email to stay in contact with each other. We need to support each other during these tough times. We will do our best to continue DAV's mission to take care of our Veterans and Family members.

Stay safe, be well and remain healthy!

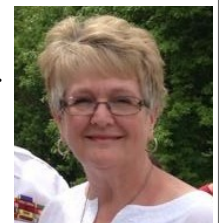
In service to Veterans

Reggie D. Worlds
Commander,
Chapter 10



Convention is cancelled and the rooms were all cancelled. Take care.

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



DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Dear Aux. Members,

Hope that this time of being at home means you are all well. Remember to communicate with

friends & family. Fill out your yearly reports & either mail or delivery to Marilyn but call her first. Keep yourself busy. Clean and get ready for spring. So far no meetings or events are planned for April. This may be extended for several months.

Remember the MN DAV State

2020 January February March Meetings Approved Motions**January 2020**

- Donate \$500 to Morson-Ario-Strand VFW Post 950 for Veterans Activities. 1 Abstain Reg Funds.
- Sponsor 1 hole for the Last Man Club Golf Classic Jun 19, 2020 for \$100.00; and 1 team entry fee of \$400.00. Used for LMC Veteran Relief Fund. FMN Funds.
- Provide up to \$600 with receipts for travel and lodging to approved members attending the 2020 National Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, VA Feb 22-26th. Reg Funds.
- Letter of Endorsement for DAV MN Department Commander for Ron Haugen.
- Provide local Chapter new life membership incentive of \$50.00. Reg Funds.
- Commander Worlds appointed Jo Miller as LVAP Committee Chair.

February 2020

- Approve transfer in of member Jeff Kronback.
- Provide \$250.00 for golf cart sponsor and \$1,000.00 for team fee for DAVMN Foundation Golf Classic Fundraiser on June 11th, 2020 at Crystal Lake Golf Club Lakeville. Reggie Worlds will be Team Captain.
- Proceed with reservation for 56-seat passenger coach bus for upcoming Veterans Day on the Hill event on April 20, 2020. \$938.00 quote. FMN Funds.
- Chapter mileage reimbursement rates for Clothing Fundraiser trailer trips to Savers stores will be 57 and 1/2 cents per mile. For approved Chapter business travel rate will be 37 cents per mile, for pre-approved DAV recreation events travel rate will be fourteen cents per mile. Reg Fund.
- Continue to participate in the DAVMN Chapter/Unit Clothing Program Fundraiser for 2020.

March 2020

- Up to \$50.00 for snacks for Mankato VA CBOC open house on April 23rd from 11am-1pm from FMN funds.
- Up to \$3,000.00 for DAVMN Foundation to be presented at April Convention at Parade of Donors; designation to be determined at April meeting.
- Approve appointment of Ron Haugen to Nominating 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 newsletter.

From DAV National - **DAV is continuing to work for veterans nationwide. However, all DAV offices are closed to the public until further notice to reduce transmission of COVID-19**

Now, more than ever, DAV is proud to continue serving America's veterans

As of March 19, 2020, DAV service offices are available exclusively online. Benefits advocates will be working remotely. Contact them for assistance through benefitsquestions.org.

For further information about claims assistance, veterans can request information by **calling the VA directly** at 1-800-827-1000. Keep in mind that wait times may be extended due to the volume of calls received.

All DAV-hosted physical job fairs have been canceled through May and are being rescheduled as virtual job fairs. To see the full listing of city specific, regional and nationwide virtual job fairs, please go to <https://www.dav.org/veterans/employment-resources/job-search-events/>

2020 Apr May Jun Meetings/Events

APR 14

CANCELED Exec Committee Meeting
CANCELED Dinner
CANCELLED Regular Monthly Meeting

MAY 12

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting
6:00pm: Dinner
7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting
Feb 23-26 National Mid-Winter Conference

JUN 9

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

Norman Gullickson age 95 and Ross R. Wilder who serviced in the Army have passed on.
Ron Patterson has had foot surgery.

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

What to do if you think you have COVID-19

DO NOT GO TO ANY VA FACILITY WITHOUT CALLING FIRST. This includes clinics, urgent care or emergency rooms, especially if you have symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath. Calling ahead allows VA employees to provide you with the latest information, and to protect medical staff, you and other patients.

Upon arriving at VA facilities, all patients will be screened for flu-like symptoms before being permitted to enter. Steps such as these are vital to containing COVID-19, and to protect more at-risk populations.

Any veteran with a fever, cough or shortness of breath should contact their local VA facility immediately.

VA patients will receive information on the next steps for testing by downloading the VA's Telehealth app—<https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect>—or calling VA's nurse advice line, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (202) 745-8000.

The VA is now encouraging all of its patients to receive care by phone or video, instead of an in-person visit for non-emergency needs.

For additional information about how the VA is responding to the ongoing pandemic, visit the department's [coronavirus FAQs page](#).

Chapter and Unit Photos and News



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DAV MN National Service Office

Currently the Office is closed until further notice and all Service Officers will be working remotely for the safety of the veteran population and ourselves. The only way to make contact with the NSOs is through our corporate email at dav.vbaspl@va.gov or through our National NSO locator at www.benefitsquestions.org.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 reduction efforts, the DAV of Minnesota will be temporarily suspending our metro residential pickup service effective March 23, 2020. We hope to resume our collection activities on or around Monday, April 6th, 2020 if conditions allow. We truly appreciate the support and advocacy we have received and express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued support for the DAV of Minnesota and the Minnesota Veterans, their dependents and survivors we serve. The DAV of Minnesota sincerely wishes health and safety to all during these unprecedented and unfortunate times.

<https://donatedavmn.org/>

From DAV National

Help us reach our critical goal of \$2.5M to help veterans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your gift today will help DAV provide many levels of assistance to veterans who are financially struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to support all of DAV's programs for our nation's veterans.

DAV has always been committed to serving and protecting the men and women who have bravely served our country. And now more than ever before, we must dedicate our efforts to supporting veterans who need our help. Please make an urgent gift now. Go to <https://www.dav.org/covid/> and click on Donate Now

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Serving the Chapter 10 Local Area**



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New Chapter 10 Members

Roger Brenke, Roger Emmons, Debashish Gupta, Richard Holz, James Michels, Jay Strande, Terry Zenker, David Ziesmer



Transfer In: Jeff Kronback

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.

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- Junior Vice Cmdr Brad Hardt 507.340.6987
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- Chapter Service Officers:
Jim Mason 507.381.8865
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888.317.2291
DAVA MN www.davamn.org

Chapters: www.davmembersportal.org
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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