

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 735 Unit: 211
All Chapter and Unit Business is conducted by volunteer members.



DAV MN Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

Comrades,

The Covid-19 virus continues to be prevalent in our state and hampers our ability to fellowship with one another in person. I am hopeful that all of Chapter and Auxiliary members to include our family and friends are well, safe and healthy.

The Executive Committee met on Monday June 29th at the VFW in Mankato for the first time in many months. Topics of discussion include officer nominations and elec-

tions, the upcoming Rock-Recon III event, the cancellation of the DAV National Convention and our hopes to have our first chapter meeting on the usual second Tuesday of the month in August if deemed safe for us to do so.

Information about candidates for office and the rock recon are included in this newsletter.

For the time being, we are all taking a wait and see approach towards any planning any events for the generation of revenue such as our Forget me Not Drives, selling of Kettle Corn or putting our clothing bins back on line. We will follow the guidance set by National

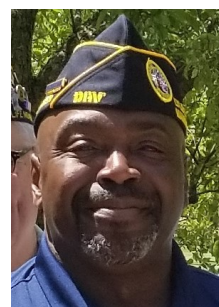
and Local officials to ensure that we can conduct business safely and responsibly when allowed to do so.

In the meantime, please continue to reach out and support our members and Veterans in our communities. I remain hopeful that we will all be able to gather together in fellowship again soon.

Stay safe, be well and remain healthy!

In service to Veterans

Reggie D. Worlds
Commander,
Chapter 10



DAVA MN Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Dear Aux. Members,

As you may have heard the testimonial dinner and the National Convention in Dallas, Texas has been cancelled.

Last year's Officers were all asked

if they would stay another year to make it easier for Marilyn to do the paperwork.

When things calm down and we have a meeting again everyone will be called to announce the date. If something comes up or if you have questions, please call me at 507-327-6520.

If possible, keep up the good work that you are doing sewing or writ-

ing cards to the nursing homes and Veterans' homes. Remember to record your hours.

I know this is different than what we are used to, but stay busy and safe.

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



"As COVID-19 continues to affect communities around the country, it's having a devastating impact on many of our nation's veterans. On top of the additional health risks our wounded, ill and injured veterans face with the coronavirus, thousands of veterans with service-connected disabilities are being laid off or have had to close their small businesses due to this pandemic.

DAV has established a COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide financial aid to service-connected disabled veterans who have lost employment or income due to COVID-19. The issued grants are meant to help veterans pay bills, obtain food and provide for their families during these difficult times.

The application for this relief can be found at <https://www.dav.org/covidrelief/>. Veterans will need to fully complete the application and provide documentation verifying their status as a service-connected disabled veteran who has lost employment as a result of the pandemic. Disabled veterans who are small business owners or who work independently and have been negatively impacted financially as a result of the virus may also be eligible for this assistance."

With sincere appreciation, J. Marc Burgess National Adjutant

2020 April May June Meetings Approved Motions**April 2020**

- Meeting was canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic

May 2020

- Meeting was canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic

June 2020

- Meeting was canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic

June 29 Exec Comm

- Candidates for Chapter Elected Officers:
Commander: Reggie Worlds
Senior Vice Commander: Stephen Whitehead
Junior Vice Commander: Brad Hardt and Ron Haugen
Treasurer: LeRoy Kiecker
Judge Advocate: Harlan Mehlhop
Chaplain: Jim Mason
Elections will be held at next Chapter Meeting.

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.

Rock Recon III

Rock Recon by The Rock Station: Rock 95 KMKO-FM 95.7 FM radio will be rollin' again on Friday, August 21, 2020. The man behind this promotion is Jeff Spence, the radio host of "The Morning with SPENCE". Scheel All Sports is donating three shotguns and DAV MN is donating three Bald Eagle prints that will be given away that Friday. Tickets will be \$20.00 each, with only 300 tickets printed. Hope you can find time to participate with our full day of activities. There will be a listing posted at all the Recon stops. The final stop will be at the Eagle Lake American Legion and the word is that the Legion has a BIG party planned. The proceeds of this event will be going to Veteran Transportation in the Greater Mankato area. Soon you will be seeing a DAV transportation van in our area.

Ron Haugen, PC
Rollin Rock III Committee Chairman

From DAV Minnesota Department concerning the Clothing Program

"To the friends and supporters of DAV of Minnesota: Thank you for your patience while we navigate resuming operations that were suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are currently in the odd situation in which there is a large demand for a place to donate second hand items, but until second-hand retail stores and overseas markets get back up and running we do not have anywhere to deliver the donated items we may collect.

We are very hopeful that we will be able to resume our residential collection services in a limited capacity by the Independence Day holiday. If that is longer than you would like to wait, the Savers and Unique stores throughout the metro did open up a short while ago and are accepting donations on behalf of the DAV of Minnesota at the Community Donation Centers on site. The last few months have been challenging for all, and on behalf of the DAV MN elected and appointed officers, our roughly 19,000 members, and the over 300,000 Minnesota Veterans and their families we serve, we offer our sincere gratitude for your patience and your continued support. Note from Chapter 10. The Department is keeping the Chapters aware of the situation and informed as to when we will be able to move forward.



2020 Jul Aug Sep Meetings/Events
Dependent upon Pandemic situation

July 14

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting

August 11

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting

September 4th. Forget-Me-Not Drive

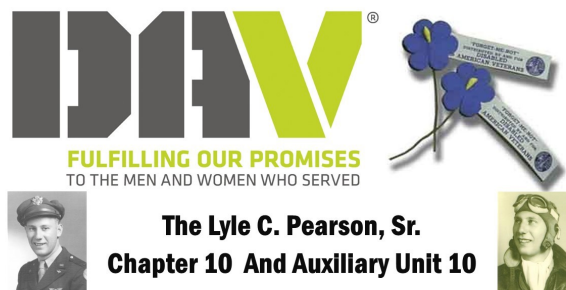
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For more details about future events call any officer or come to the meetings.



2020 Forget-Me-Not Drive

Your kind generosity will help ensure disabled veterans and their families can access the benefits available to them. Your contributions help local disabled veterans

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Minneapolis VA Health Care System

If you're a Veteran seeking medical care, call your VA health facility if you have symptoms of the virus. Or sign in to <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home> and send a secure message. You may be able to get diagnosed and receive care through VA telehealth without having to come in at all.

VA health care facilities are adding protocols to ensure the safety of its patients and visitors. If you visit a VA hospital, clinic, community living center or other health care facility, you'll be met at the entrance by a staff member. They will greet you and ask screening questions. Depending on your answers, a VA health care professional will assist you on the next steps of your visit. Some facilities, especially community living centers, may have visitor restrictions in place. Call before visiting so you're aware of changes.

If you're a Veteran coming in for an appointment, plan to leave home earlier than usual to allow time for the screening.

We're doing all we can to make sure everyone in every VA facility — patients, families, visitors, staff and anyone else — stays as safe as possible during this situation.

For the latest VA updates on coronavirus and common-sense tips on preventing the spread of disease, visit <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/>.

Forget-Me-Not Drive.

The Sep 4th Forget-Me-Not Drive may be affected by the pandemic and cooperation of the stores that normally allow us to approach their customers, and if volunteers feel safe and well enough to participate. Please consider using the enclosed envelope to donate.

From DAV National

DAV Service Office locations are closed to the public until further notice in an effort to implement social distancing and reduce the transmission risk of COVID-19 Coronavirus. You may speak to a service officer Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by calling 1-888-604-0234. We appreciate your patience.

<https://www.dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office/>

Chapter and Unit Photos and News



Chapter 10 Clothing Donation bins are being used for donations of Medical PPE and face masks for Nicollet County and Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato.



Pat O'Brien, "Colonel Corn" & Crew! Popping Kettle corn in May, which was sold at Becky's Floral & Gift Shoppe in Mankato.

Chapter and Unit members stuffing forget-me-not flowers into envelopes at VFW.



DAV MN Chapter 10 golf team, Mark Lawrence, Charlie Fogarty, Rick Makepeace, and Dick Holz at the 5th Annual Last Man Club Golf Classic on June 19th at Shoreland Country Club, St Peter. Proceeds go to LMC Veteran Relief Fund which provides emergency assistance to local veterans where no Federal, State or Local program exists

Chapter 10 members and veterans getting together at Sonny Meyer's place, talking about everything under the sun, and maintaining esprit de corps.

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New Chapter 10 Members

Patrick Stoterau, Michael Votca



Chaplain's Corner:

Nothing to report this time around.

Remember to let the Chaplin know if any family or members need cards sent to them.
Call Jim at 507-381-8865 and leave a message with address, name and if member or family details.
Thank you. Be safe.

Chaplin "Gunny" Mason
Semper Fi

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Our namesake

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1921-2013

US Army Air Corps
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Prisoner of War 1944-45
Chapter 10's Adjutant 1960-2009
National Commander 1975-76
National Legislative Comm mbr
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