

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 766 Unit: 195
All Chapter and Unit Business is conducted by volunteer members.



DAV MN Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

Comrades,

I am hopeful that everyone has remained healthy. The executive committee voted to have a Chapter Meeting on October 13th at their last meeting. It will be an important meeting as we hope to hold elections for members seeking office for this year.

I would like to thank the many chapter and auxiliary members who have continued to support our functions during the pandemic. We had great representation and leadership at our 3rd Annual Rock Recon. The Kettle Corn committee has continued to seek opportunities to raise revenue to support

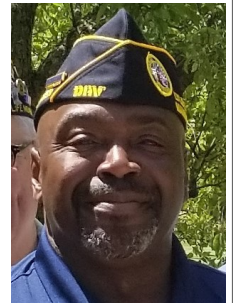
our Veterans in need, and we had a solid showing of support at the MACV Stand Down on Saturday September 19th.

I look forward to seeing members that attend our upcoming Chapter meeting. In the meantime, please continue to seek out and support each other and Veterans in our community.

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,

Remember on Oct.13 Tuesday at 11:30am Auxiliary meeting held in the back room and you may stay after for lunch.

No meeting in November.

December 4th on Friday at 4pm, remember to bring your Christmas cards already signed. We have a lot of

things to do this meeting. In the backroom again.

When items come up during the time between meetings, I will call members to get advice/votes to pass for these projects.

Everyone stay healthy and safe and see you at meetings.

Debbie Mason
Commander
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 July August September Chapter Meetings Approved Motions

July-August-September 2020

- Meetings were canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic

Exec Comm 8-12-2020

- “Stay-in-Place“ for current Chapter Officers and Appointees until April 2021.
- Treasurers Reports June and July as read.
- Suspend FMN Drive store Drive until October.

Exec Comm 9-8-2020

- Approve MACV Standdown Request for Funds for meal and advertising costs up to \$3,200.00 with request for matching funds to the DAVMN Foundation.
- Increase Chapter Membership incentive to \$75 until December 31st, 2020.
- Verbally commit to a golf team for the 2021 Last Man Club of Vietnam War Era of St Peter Golf Classic Fundraiser June 18, 2021.
- Plan to hold October Chapter Regular Meeting.
- Activate 3 clothing bins, 1 at VFW, 2 next to trailers; reevaluate monthly.
- Donate \$500.00 for Rock Recon III fundraiser expenses to Eagle Lake American Legion Post 617.
- Suspend Forget-Me-Not Store Drive in 2020 due to restrictions from COVID-19.

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.

RollinRockRecon III, was a huge success!

RockRecon III happened on Friday, August 21, 2020. It started with a local VA medical update at the Mankato CBOC and ended with dancing in the parking lot at the Eagle Lake American Legion Post #617. We had live music at North Mankato American Legion Post #518, Morson Ario Strand VFW Post #950 and at American Legion Post #617. Recon III generated nearly \$11,000.00 for DAV transportation. WOW!!!!

Scheels All Sports stepped up again and donated three shotguns for the Raffles. AlphaMedia (Rock95) donated three laser cut U.S. Flags and DAVMN donated three framed prints of “Coming Home”. The raffles “sold out” thanks to many helpful members in both selling and buying of raffle tickets.

A special Thank You to all our major cash donators, Chambers Exc., Profinium Bank, Richard Giroux, Mankato Area Foundation, Home Farm Partnership, and American Legion Post #617.

The person behind this event is SPENCE, Jeff Spence of Rock95, AlphaMedia , SPENCE spent

the day doing radio interviews with the DAV National Commander, DAVMN Sr. Vice Commander, Chapter Commander, Unit Commander, DAV Transportation Director, DAV Nation Veterans Service Officer, County Veteran Service Officers , CBOC officials, U.S.M.C. Recruiter, U.S. Air Force Recruiter, U.S. Army Recruiter, Scheels All Sports, Legion Riders, Legion Commanders and more. A Special Thank You to SPENCE who is the catalyst behind this event! He says there is going to be a RockRecon IV in ’21.

A “Thank You” to the RockRecon Committee and to all those who helped in making this a very successful event and to our fellow Veteran Organizations that helped and participated in this event to generate funding for Veteran transportation: American Legion Post #37, St. Peter; American Legion Post #518, North Mankato; VFW Post #950, Mankato; American Legion Post #617, Eagle Lake; Legion Riders Post #37, St. Peter.

THANK YOU!

Ron Haugen, PC RockRecon III Committee Chair.

Clothing Bins : We have put two bins next to our trailer. Please if you have a key to the trailer put clothes into it. Otherwise use the two bins there. There is also a bin by the VFW. But it would be best to use the two by the trailer as it will be easier to empty them. We will keep you updated as to when all other bins will be put back out within the communities. Thank you for all that you do for our organization. Clothing Chair Daryl Steffen.



2020 Oct Nov Dec Meetings/Events**Dependent upon Pandemic situation, please call Chapter Adjutant for up-to-date times****Oct 13**

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting

6:00pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Regular Monthly Meeting**November 10**

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting**December 8**

5:00pm: Exec Committee Meeting

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Regular Monthly Meeting

For more details about future events call any of-
ficer or come to the meetings.

Chapter #10 Nominations: Annual Election

DAVMN Chapter #10 will be holding a regular meeting at Morson-Ario Strand VFW Post #950 on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at which time the Chapter will hold the annual election of officers.

The Chapter will be electing a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, Treasurer, and Chaplain.

After the election and installation of officers, the Commander will appoint the Chapter Adjutant, Officer of the Day and Sgt. Of Arms along with Committee Chairs.

If you as a Veteran and a member of DAV Chapter #10 wish to place your name in nomination for any of these offices or wish to have your name in consideration for any of the appointed positions, please contact the Chapter Adjutant Jo Miller or me.

Ron Haugen, PC

Nominations Committee Chairman

507 995-5575 or rhaugen@fmwildblue.com

Let's think about membership!

The DAV is an organization that is over 1 million members **STRONG** and growing!

DAV Department of Minnesota is nearly 20,000 members **STRONG!**

WE are an organization that has both influence and strength in our endeavor of "*Veterans Helping Veterans*" at all levels, Local, State and National.

I'm proud to announce that the DAVMN was presented the DAV National "*Judge Robert Marx Award*" (*Judge Robert Marx was the founder of the Disabled American Veterans*). The award is for the largest percentage increase of Life Membership in a Department. Chapter #10 was a significant factor in the Department of Minnesota receiving this award. The Chapter alone had over 60 new Life Members in the fiscal year 2019-2020. The Department of Minnesota was Number 1 in the Nation, DAVMN Chapter

#10 was Number 1 in the state. Congratulations *Lyle C. Pearson Sr. DAV Chapter #10!*

We have to continue to recruit new members, to remain STRONG, to continue to help our fellow brothers and sisters. If each of us as Chapter members would sign up one new member, just think of where we would be at for members!

Presently the Chapter has the 50/50 program to help with membership recruitment, bringing down the Life Membership cost from \$300.00 to \$200.00. There maybe some Department/Chapter incentive programs coming in the future.

If you have questions about recruiting, costs, etc. contact the Chapter membership Chair: Butch Whitehead or the DAVMN membership Chair Ron Haugen.

Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC) / VA Primary Care Clinic, Mankato MN

-Will be having drive-up flu shot clinics: starting 9/24, continuing 10/1, 10/8, 10/15 Weather permitting. NO Appointment required.

- now has VEText, veterans can text from their cars to let staff know you are here, you are asked to stay in your car until you are advised to come in. This method may have some kinks during this learning process for staff to work out, be patient.

-Appointments are encouraged for other times, other than the flu shots outside the Clinic. Due to COVID-19, they will be limiting veterans in the lobby area.

-They are planning to return to more normal clinics on 10/1; however, it will depend on how the COVID-19 rates are in the state.

** Veterans who need a cane to assist with walking, Mankato CBOC has a limited inventory, check with staff for availability.

"We all want to grow old and we all want to deny we have arrived there"

Harlan Mehlhop, Liaison between Mankato DAV Chapter 10 and CBOC, Mankato MN.

Chapter and Unit Photos and News



Rock Recon III
 - some of the sponsor stops of the day:

- Lyle C Pearson VA Clinic (CBOC) - Rock 95 Jeff Spence and National Commander Whitehead on air.
- Profinium - members and volunteers
- Fleet Farm - Jeff Spence, Alex Kempe DAV MN Dept Service Officer and DAVA Unit 10 Commander Debbie Mason on air
- Scheels, River Hills Mall - DAV van, Alpha Media and bus setting up
- Dave's River Valley Harley Davidson - American Legion Post 37 Riders joined the group for the rest of the days stops, including Red Men Club in St Peter, American Legion Posts 518 and 617 and VFW Post 950

Ceremony at the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans 2020 Standdown on September 19th at Franklin Rogers Park. The event was a success and many veterans and their families came and used the free services offered; such as legal, housing and employment assistance. The DAV Department Service Officer and Chapter 10 Service Officers and local County Veterans Service Officers were able to answer questions from many veterans and their family members.

Forget-Me-Not Drive.
 The 2020 Forget-Me-Not Drive was limited to our newsletter donations. And the Chapter/Unit exceeded all expectations and was triple our largest past year newsletter receipts! As of 27 September you have donated \$3, 337.00 to our Forget-Me-Not Fund, which is used towards our main mission of assisting disabled veterans and their families. Thank you for your contribution.



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Serving the Chapter 10 Local Area**



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New Chapter 10 Members



Dayna Gums
Bruce Norgard
Steven Oachs
Mark Tell
Jorge Valdez

Chaplain's Corner:

We are all glad to see Gary Speiss recovered nicely. Hope everyone is staying safe and well. Remember prayers for everyone & if a card needs to go for an individual or family let me know at 507-381-8865. Leave message or text with name and address with message for card.

Chaplin "Gunny" Mason
Semper Fi

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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
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DAVMN Mpls VA Transportation Office 612.467.2768

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DAVA MN www.davamn.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