

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 778 Unit: 195  
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.

**Chapter/Unit meetings will be dependent upon state and local COVID guidelines.**

## DAV



### Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

I hope everyone is doing well and is excited about summer finally being here. I am hopeful to see more of our membership participate as time goes on. We remain in need of volunteers for our chapter. If you can find time to volunteer either helping with our clothing bin pick ups, selling kettle corn at one of our fundraising events, we would greatly appreciate it.

I am also asking if you are able to, please consider becoming a volunteer driver for our new transportation program. If you are interested in learning about this, please let us know. Your help will allow our chapter to

continue to fulfill our mission to take care of Veterans and their family members.

I look forward to serving each and every one of you this coming year as your Chapter Commander. Membership continues to be a priority for the DAV. Please be mindful of this and try to recruit community Veterans to join our chapter.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys the summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Chapter Commander  
Stephen "Butch" Whitehead



### DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments

Greetings,

We had elections at our May meeting and installation in June. Past Department Commander Dee Ahlstrom installed our new officers. They are: Commander Donna Beck, Senior Vice Commander Jamie Goettle, Junior Vice Commander Char Giese, Treasurer Glenice Karnes, Chaplain Tony Giese, Adjutant Marilyn Hardt. Congratulations, we are looking forward to a wonderful and prosperous year.

Summer has arrived and our lives are slowly returning to normal. Our busy season is here. We will be volunteering with the kettle corn at the Fourth of July parade in St Peter, and the Nicollet County Fair on Aug 11-15, we plan to have a Unit booth this year.

Currently, our Unit officers are contacting the Activity Directors at our local assisted living/rehabilitation centers/nursing homes for information, and we are

hoping we will be able to do our regular summer social events for our veterans if allowed.

Remember our DAV clothing donation bins, if you have lightly used clothing that you no longer want and need to know what we can accept and the bin locations; and/or if you would like to volunteer to assist with this program, please call me at (763) 412-5273.

I wish everyone good health in the coming year and a Happy Fourth of July!

I am looking forward to a great year of comradery with you and the chapter.

Remember all veterans and those now serving in your thoughts and prayers.

Donna Beck  
Commander  
Lyle C. Pearson, Sr.  
DAVA Unit #10



**2021 April May June Meetings Approved Motions**

**April 2021**

- Resolution to suspend Bylaws and delay elections due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Table Vets on the Water request for funds, wait for additional information.
- Donate \$3,000.00 unrestricted to DAV MN Foundation from Regular Funds.
- Donate to DAV MN Golf Classic “Crystal Lake Golf Club” in Lakeville, MN on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. \$250.00 for sponsorship and \$1,000.00 for a team to play. One abstains. From Regular funds.
- Up to \$50.00 approved to make and present Chapter appreciation plaque to Mankato CBOC Gerri DeWitte, Clinical Manager, for her years of service to veterans, who is leaving on May 14th. From Regular funds.

**May 2021**

- Provide reimbursement for National Convention for travel and lodging expenses up to \$1,000 with receipts from Regular Funds. Currently Ron Haugen and Stephen Whitehead attending convention.
- Membership Incentive provide \$125 with Dept match (upon approval from Dept) at the MACV Mankato Veterans Resource Event (Standdown) on Sunday, July 11, 2021, from 12pm – 3:30pm at Franklin Rogers Park. Regular Funds Adopted.
- Approve up to \$100 for MN Chapter Plaque to be presented to National Commander Stephen Whitehead. From Regular Funds.

**June 2021**

- Approve \$500.00 from Veteran Relief Fund for Veteran request for funds for assist in purchasing a vehicle via BECVSO.
- Pre-approve up to \$7,000.00 for meal expense for MACV Mankato Veterans Resource Event with request for DAVMN Foundation to cover half. From General Fund.
- Inviting new Mankato CBOC Administrator and Chief CBOC Medical Dr to speak at August meeting meal. And Inviting Mankato CBOC Social staff members (2) to speak at September meeting meal.
- Approve authorization for immediate action for Veterans in Need committee for approved fund requests approved by the committee.

For more information regarding the Chapter meetings, call Adjutant Jo Miller or email DAVMN10Adjutant@gmail.com, or talk to any Chapter officer listed in this newsletter.

**Report on Mankato VA (Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC))**

At Chapter 10 August 10th monthly meeting, Mankato CBOC chief medical doctor, Dr Laura Kamugisha and Mankato CBOC Administrator, Sandra Borden will be guests and arrive 5:45-7pm. They will present their background, then take questions.

At Chapter 10 September 14th monthly meeting, Mankato CBOC social work services, Melissa Butler LICSW and Christella Sackey LICSW will arrive 5:45-7pm. They will give their background for this new Service at Mankato CBOC, then take questions and give out pamphlets.

Harlan Mehlhop  
Liaison, Mankato DAV Chapter 10  
and Mankato Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC)

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



**2021 Jul Aug Sep Meetings**

**Jul 13**

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

**Aug 10**

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

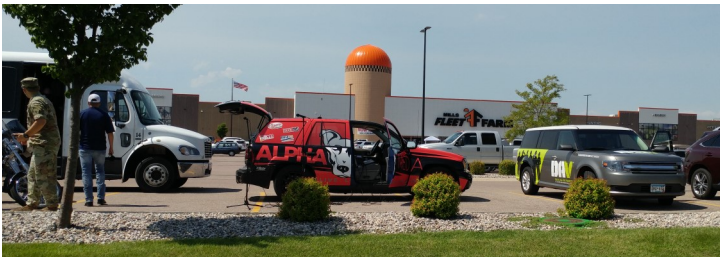
**Sep 14**

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

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We are planning to work again this year with Rock 95 and their Rolling Rock Recon IV event on Friday, August 13th. With planned prizes, raffles, and sponsors to raise money for support of our local veterans. Details will be announced at our July and August Chapter meetings.



The Chapter and Unit plan to have tables at the MACV Veteran's Resource Event. Formerly know as the Standdown.

The Chapter and Unit FMN Drive at storefronts is planned for September 3rd, but will be dependent upon covid guidelines.

JOIN MACV FOR A DAY OF FUN WITH YOUR FAMILIES AT THE BALLPARK.

# VETERAN'S RESOURCE EVENT

SUNDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2021  
12PM - 3:30PM  
Franklin Rogers Park, 601 Reed St, Mankato

Free Services Available Include:  
Public benefits, employment assistance, VA benefits, legal assistance, clothing, housing assistance, and local resources

★ Receive a FREE ticket to the MoonDogs game if you attend the resource event.  
GAME TIME: 5:05PM

Games, meet & greet with Mutt-nick and ballpark fun!

Questions? Call 507-345-8258

**The Lyle C. Pearson, Sr.**  
Chapter 10 And Auxiliary Unit 10

## 2021 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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Department Junior Vice Commander Ellsworth Fields installs the Chapter Officers during the May Regular meeting: (l-r) Chaplain Jim Mason, Judge Advocate Harlan Mehlhop, Treasurer LeRoy Kiecker, Junior Vice Commander David Wagner, Senior Vice Commander Ron Haugen, Commander Stephen Whitehead (Past Commander Reggie Worlds filling in for him), Officer of the Day Gary Luepke.



Chapter 10 Past Commander Ron Haugen (2nd from left) being installed as 2021-2022 Minnesota Department Commander, 5/1/21.



Daryl Steffen and Gary Luepke working at putting clothing from the bins into the trailer for transportation to Savers.



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Serving the Chapter 10 Local Area**



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**Chaplain's Corner:**

I sent two get well cards for Terry Davis and Larry Haring and I sent two sympathy cards to families of Larry Krueger and Bryan Bach. I would like to thank everyone who called with information about someone who was sick or in distress or deceased.

Everyone have a safe summer.

Chaplin "Gunny" Mason  
Semper Fi

**New Chapter 10 Members**

**In Memoriam**

Due to National Membership Portal not being available, I don't have recent new members or deceased members information.



**Chapter 10 Officers**

- Commander Stephen Whitehead 507.381.2061
- Senior Vice Cmdr Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- Junior Vice Cmdr David Wagner 952.412.4265
- Treasurer Leroy Kiecker
- Adjutant Jo Miller 507.625.7613
- Judge Advocate Harlan Mehlhop 507.354.8757
- Chaplain Jim Mason 507.381.8865
- 1 Year Trustee Ron Haugen 507.995.5575
- 2 Year Trustee Windy Block 507.934.2360
- 3 Year Trustee Reggie Worlds 612.306.2456
- Officer of the Day Gary Luepke 507.457.5731
- Sergeant-at-Arms Daryl Steffen 507.317.8906
- Chapter Service Officers:
- Jim Mason 507.381.8865
- Windy Block 507.934.2360

**Auxiliary Unit 10 Officers**

- Commander Donna Beck 507.344.4330
- Senior Vice Cmdr Jamie Goettl 507.779.5141
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- Treasurer Glenice Karnes 507.340.1439
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- Chaplain Tony Giese 507.345.3718
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**Chapter/Auxiliary Committee Chairs**

- Executive • Stephen Whitehead 507.381.2061
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**Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic  
(Mankato)**

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507-387-2939  
M-F 8:00 - 4:30

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**Minneapolis VA Health Care System**

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**Minnesota DAV:** [www.davmn.org](http://www.davmn.org) 651.291.1212 or  
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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