

# 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 Supper is served at 6:00PM cost \$5.00.

For January, February, and March DAVA meetings at 11:00am

**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 enjoyed their Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year celebration. I hope you all were able to spend some quality time with your friends and family. Welcome to 2022... I want to start off by saying that while 2021 was still a tough year because of the pandemic, Lyle C. Pearson Sr. was still able to do a lot of great things for the veterans we serve.

The Chapter is extremely close to meeting our membership goal again this year. We are currently down to only needing 4 new members for the Chapter to meet our goal. A friendly reminder that the Chapter is offering a "new membership" match program. Any new member that joins the Chapter will help cover that member's Life membership cost. For more details, contact the Chapter leadership.

I am also asking if you are able to, please consider becoming a volunteer driver for our new transportation program. Currently we only have 1 volunteer driver for the van that transports veterans to and from their medical appointments. 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.

Serving the veterans in our area continues to be a top priority for the Chapter. If you or some other veteran are in need of help, please reach out. Winter months can be tough on people. Make sure you let the veterans you know that the Lyle C. Pearson Sr. Chapter 10 is here to help. In closing, I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Stephen "Butch" Whitehead  
Chapter Commander



## **DAVA Unit 10 Commander's Comments**

Greetings,

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

Our meeting times in January, February, and March will be at 11:00am and still be on the second Tuesday of each month.

In November, to honor our Veterans, Auxiliary members took special treats to the local nursing homes and the Directors presented the treats to the Veterans for Veterans Day.

In December, we also partnered with the chapter to give our veterans in the local nursing homes Christmas cards and a monetary gift. They were given to each Veteran by the Activity Directors in each home.

Some of the unit members again rang the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Fund raiser.

The Unit and Chapter participated in the Sibley Park Kiwanis Holiday Lights celebration. Our Christmas tree was put up and decorated with a military theme. Many hours were spent working the Concession stand and the many outside activities such as directing traffic and collecting donations.

I want to thank all our volunteers for these events, your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated.

On January 29th, 2022, we will be participating in the MACV Soup for Troops contest. Located at the Loose Moose Saloon, 119 S. Front Street, Mankato. From 11:00am to 1:30pm.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to help us at our events during the year. If you would like to assist us and need transportation, contact me and a ride will be arranged.

Please remember Ginger Edwards, DAVA State Senior Vice Commander, who passed away December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

God Bless and remember our Veterans who served and those who are still serving in your prayers.

STAY SAFE – STAY HOME when you are sick. We need to stop this virus.

God bless the USA.

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



**2021 October November December Meetings - Adopted Motions****October 2021**

- Donate \$100.00 to Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake for maintenance of the facilities. General Fund.
- Donate \$300.00 to Morson-Ario-Strand VFW Post 950 for the Veterans Day Dinner for veterans. Forget-Me-Not Funds.
- Donate \$100 for Nicollet American Legion Post 510 Veterans Day Dinner for veterans. Forget-Me-Not Funds.
- Donate to DAVA Unit 10 \$1,500.00 for Christmas cards gifts of \$15.00 each for 100 veterans in the local nursing homes. Forget-Me-Not Funds.

**November 2021**

- Spend up to \$1,500.00 for materials including fabric and thank you cards for the Pillowcase Committee. General Fund.
- Approve transfer in of Rand Hodgman.
- Spend up to \$730.00 to purchase 10 headsets to loan to Mankato CBOC. General Fund.
- Approve scholarship request for Ethan Kiecker.

**December 2021**

- Donate \$500.00 to Wreaths for the State Veterans Cemeteries. General Fund.

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.

## Mankato VA Lyle C Pearson Sr. CBOC (Community Outreach Clinic) Report

- Positive feedback was received about the CBOC guest speakers in August and September, prompting continuance in Guest Speakers in 2022.
- Mankato CBOC staff has been busy dealing with an uptick in flu symptoms. We are urged to seek medical help when we are feeling flu symptoms.
- Mankato DAV Chapter 10 membership approved a motion to loan the Mankato CBOC 10 upgraded wireless headsets. Front office admission personnel will be first group to have theirs replaced.
- Mankato Chapter 10 donated Hy-Vee a luncheon gift card to be used for staff appreciation for their work serving veterans and their families, especially during the flu season.
- This past November, Minneapolis VA Director, Patrick Kelly, visited Mankato CBOC, I attended. He announced that January 2023 Mankato VA Clinic will be moving into what once was Madison East Shopping Center. This clinic will be staffed with VA personnel. (Previously Sterling Medical was contracted by the VA to staff Mankato CBOC). It is my opinion, Veterans will see improved services in the new location, which is readily accessible. It is anticipated late 2022 will be the beginning for getting new facility ready.



We should never become complacent when helping a Veteran.

Jo Miller, Chapter 10 Adjutant/Treasurer: Send me a joke! Harlan M: Sorry, I'm working now. Jo Miller: Send me another one!\*

Harlan Mehlhop, Liaison for Mankato DAV Chapter 10, and Mankato VA CBOC.

\*(I deny any knowledge of said joke. -Jo)

**2022 Jan Feb Mar Meetings**

**Jan 11**

**11:00am: DAVA Lunch Meeting**  
5:00pm: Chapter Exec Committee Meeting  
6:00pm: Dinner  
**7:00pm: Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Feb 8**

**11:00am: DAVA Lunch Meeting**  
5:00pm: Chapter Exec Committee Meeting  
6:00pm: Dinner  
**7:00pm: Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Mar 8**


**11:00am: DAVA Lunch Meeting**  
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DAV National  
2022 Mid-Winter Conference  
February 27 – March 2, 2022 (Tentative, pending confirmation on Capitol Hill)  
Crystal Gateway Marriott  
1700 Richmond Highway (Note: Jefferson Davis Highway was renamed to Richmond Highway)  
Arlington, VA 22202  
Telephone: 1.800.266.9432 or 1.703.920.3230  
Hotel Reservations Group Name: Disabled American Veterans  
\$207 Single/Double

**LVAP - ABOUT THE LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

- LVAP was established in 2007 to facilitate and recognize initiatives in which volunteers can contribute their skills, talents, profession abilities and time in ways the benefit veterans residing within their local communities
- The program empowers individuals to find and develop new and unique ways to support veterans and their families by providing resources, assistance or help with everyday needs
- LVAP initiatives are carried out through Departments, Chapters, Auxiliary Units, associated organizations, corporations and individuals
- Since inception of the DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP), 10,383 volunteers have donated over 4,150,328 hours to veterans residing in their local communities
- DAV is required to report volunteer hours to Congress, watchdog groups, Members and Donors
- LVAP Volunteers can Dedicate their time in the Following ways
  - Chapter and Department Service Officer work
  - DAV Specific outreach efforts
  - Fundraising efforts
  - Direct assistance to veterans, surviving spouses, or families
- Volunteers that donate their time to DAV become eligible for the Volunteer Recognition Program



**MACV** Soup for Troops contest.  
January 29th, 2022,  
Located at the Loose Moose Saloon, 119 S. Front Street, Mankato.  
From 11:00am to 1:30pm.

We are looking for a few people who could ride with our driver to Savers' locations to help unload it. Contact Daryl Steffen if you can help. 507.317.8906





Ron and Ann Davis attended our November meeting to donate \$1,000.00 to the chapter, presented to Senior Vice Commander Ron Haugen.. We appreciate their generosity and commitment to helping fellow veterans. Thank you!

DAV Mankato Chapter 10 pillow case committee members Harlan Mehlhop, Gary Luepke, and Chair Ron Patterson presenting Veterans at Laurels Edge and Peak their Branch of Service pillow case and thank you cards.



Some old photos of our namesake, Lyle C Pearson Sr.

Thursday  
November 11, 2021

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## DAV leaders channel their upbringings

Haugen, Whitehead graduates of Butterfield High

By Eric Schriberbach  
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An infographic on the birth of the Unknown.

**MANKATO** — Two graduates of Butterfield's small high school have dedicated their time to providing aid to Minnesotans injured in military battles and those who suffer from illnesses tied to their time in the service.

Both Ron Haugen, of Kanota, and Sgt. Maj. Stephen "Butch" Whitehead, of Rosemount, returned home from service overseas years ago, yet both men continue to look out for military comrades in need of assistance.

"There were 30 people in my high school class. I knew everybody," said Whitehead, who grew up in Trimont.

He said the size of his hometown — its population is lower than 800 — helped form his values.

"I was raised to give back. I believe I am here to help others. The DAV is an organization that fell right in line with my beliefs."

Whitehead is the state's executive director of Disabled American Veterans. A former national commander for the organization, he was the first Iraq war veteran tapped to lead its million-plus members.

He is chairman for multiple department-level

Photo: see DAV, Page A8

Stephen "Butch" Whitehead (left) and Ron Haugen (right) present Hank Soder (center) with an Outstanding Mankato Disabled American Veterans Chapter member plaque in October 2019. Whitehead and Haugen both served in the military after they graduated from high school in Butterfield.

In case you missed it, the Veterans Day, November 11th, 2021, edition of The Free Press featured a front page above the fold article about our chapter Commander Whitehead, also Past National Commander and current Department Adjutant, and our Senior Vice Commander Haugen, also current Department Commander. They both graduated from Butterfield's high school. They are working to find volunteer drivers for the vans that provide rides to medical appointments. You can still read the entire article at the following internet URL address;

[https://www.mankatofreepress.com/news/local\\_news/small-town-upbringing-guides-two-men-to-dav-service/article\\_c1a486dc-40d0-11ec-bb20-cb4a8ee8f8f0.html](https://www.mankatofreepress.com/news/local_news/small-town-upbringing-guides-two-men-to-dav-service/article_c1a486dc-40d0-11ec-bb20-cb4a8ee8f8f0.html)

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**Chaplain's Corner:**

Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful New Year. Condolences and cards were sent to the families of Bob Menk and Robert Fischer. Card went out to Darrel Robb with our hopes & prayers that he is doing better and is at home now.

Thank you all for calling me at 507-381-8865. Remember to leave a detailed message including the name, address, phone number and reason for the card (deceased or sick/hospitalized, etc.)

Everyone remember to be safe and stay healthy. Enjoy the wonderful upcoming holidays and get-togethers with family and friends.

Chaplin "Gunny" Mason  
Semper Fi

**New Chapter 10 Members, In Memoriam**

Due to National Membership Portal not being available yet, we 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 Jo Miller 507.625.7613
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- 3 Year Trustee Reggie Worlds 612.306.2456
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- Chapter Service Officers:  
Jim Mason 507.381.8865  
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**Auxiliary Unit 10 Officers**

- Commander Donna Beck 507.344.4330
- Senior Vice Cmdr Jamie Goettl 507.779.5141
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(Mankato)**

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

Primary preventative and mental health care services

**Minneapolis VA Health Care System**

612.725.2000 or 866.414.5058

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888.317.2291

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**Members:** <https://www.davmembers.org>

**MN Dept of Vets Affairs** [www.mn.gov/mdva](http://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