

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

501(c)(4) non-profit Total membership Chapter: 777 Unit: 182
All Chapter and Unit Business is conducted by volunteer members.

Chapter 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 April, May, June Unit meetings at 12:00pm



DAV Chapter 10 Commander's Comments

I hope everyone is doing well. This winter is almost over so we can look forward to green grass again. For those of you that travel south for the

winter we look forward to you coming back to the area.

It is great to announce that the Chapter met this year's membership goal again. Thank you to all of you that have recruited a new member to our Chapter. However, don't stop bringing in new members. A friendly reminder that the Chapter is offering a "new membership" match program. For any new member that joins, the Chapter will help cover that member's Life membership cost. For more details, contact the Chapter leadership.

In April the Chapter will be electing new Chapter officers for the upcoming year. If you are able, please consider coming to our Chapter meeting. I also want to take this time to "Thank" all the volunteers that are assisting the Chapter with our Clothing donation program. Because of your dedication, our Chapter continues to be able to receive revenue to give back to veterans that need assistance as well as helping veterans programs in the area.

We are still in need of volunteer drivers for our Veterans Transportation program. Currently we only have one 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 needs assistance, 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,

Spring has arrived and summer is coming soon. Our busy season will soon be upon us. We are all looking forward to being able to participate in many more things this year for our veterans and within our communities.

As you continue your spring and summer cleaning remember our clothing bins. The money from our bins is used for many projects and to help our veterans and their families. Thanks to all who are and have helped with the collection and transportation of the clothing. If you are unable to deliver items to a bin, call me at 763.412.5273 and arrangements will be made.

The April meeting will include officer nominations, the election, and the installation of the new officers.

I welcome our four new members we recently signed up and invite them to attend meetings when they can.

Our Department Convention is on April 28-30 in St Cloud, for anyone planning to attend please contact Treasurer Glenice Karnes 507.340.1439 before April 13th.

Unit officers will be in contact with local nursing home activity directors for Memorial Day ceremonies. Members will be at Oak Terrace on May 26th. There will be music, a light lunch, and each veteran will be presented with a lap robe. Other homes' dates and details are pending, please contact Unit officers for details. We would like to thank Donna Jean Peterson for making the lap robes.

On June 26th, at the Nicollet Friendship Days Parade, on the Fourth of July in St Peter, and in August at the Nicollet County Fair in St Peter, the Chapter and Unit will be fundraising selling kettle corn. Details to be determined.

On Memorial Day – remember all Veterans who died in the service of our country.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful summer.

God Bless the USA.

Donna Beck
Unit Commander



2022 January, February, March Meetings - Adopted Motions**January 2022**

- Donate \$1,000.00 to VFW Post 950 for bathroom update/renovation with handicapped access. General Fund.
- Update the mileage reimbursement rate for Clothing Program drivers who haul clothing to Savers to \$.585.
- Approve Commander appointments: Reggie Worlds, immediate past Chapter Commander to the position of Nomination Committee Chair. Jeff Kronback to the position of Vets Day on the Hill Committee Chair.

February 2022

- Approve \$50.00 appreciation to Ronnie Jacobs for snowplowing around the clothing trailers. General Fund.
- Approve reimbursement for approved members attending the DAV Mid-winter Conference for travel and lodging with receipts up to \$1250.00. from General funds.
- Approve reimbursement for approved delegates attending the DAV Department Convention for mileage at the \$0.33 rate and up to \$104 per night for 2 nights. From General fund.
- Approve delegates for DAV Department Convention: Stephen Whitehead, Ron Haugen, Jim Mason, Harlan Mehlhop, Windy Block, Dave Wagner, Paul May.
- Approve chapter will pay the DAV Department convention registration fee for approved delegates. General Funds.
- Proceeds from the 2022 Rock Recon event shall be designated for the Chapter Veterans Relief Committee funds in addition to the Transportation Program.

March 2022

- Approve Jo Miller as an additional delegate for DAV Department Convention.
- Approve transfer to Chapter 10 request of member Jeffery Krumwiede.
- Approve up to \$1,000.00 from Profinium account for Rock Recon raffle prize, amount will match Scheel's value of gift cards.
- Approve up to \$1,500.00 to reserve a bus for Veterans Day on the Hill. Department will pay 50% of the total. General Funds.
- Proceeds from the 2022 Rock Recon event shall be designated for the Chapter Veterans Relief Committee funds in addition to the Transportation Program.

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 Veterans Clinic Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC)

We have some somber news and some interesting news for the 1st quarter of 2022. Three Veterans who have been receiving care at Mankato CBOC committed suicide, which had effects of the Russian Evasion of Ukraine. If you know of anyone that needs help, Mankato CBOC has Social / Mental Experience Staff for assistance. Contact Clinic and set up appt, they are staffed 5 days a week and for other times there is a HOT LINE number to call. (Entire staff are devastated they really care for Veterans, so when I visited, I could feel their emotions.) Mankato DAV Chapter 10 provided monies to upgrade wireless headsets plus additional purchase of 8 more for Personnel front lobby and for in-call Nurses.

Dr Richard Hastings, is new Medical Director, he replaced, who we have known as Dr. K. Additionally new PA was added to Medical Staff. Clinic at this writing, is fully staffed.

Face masks are required when reaching the CBOC as well as all Staff Members.

Work has begun, and is in-process, at future location of Mankato VA Clinic. Mpls VA personnel have been onsite preparing the move, effective January 1 2023. New VA Clinic will be located in the former Madison Ave Shopping Mall, next to JoAnn's. All Medical Equipment will be furnished by Mpls VA.

Mpls VA, will staff the clinic as a VA Clinic. Additional services will be added at that time on a rotating basis: Podiatry, Audiology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology ... to what extent, is not known at this time. Current services will be continuing as before: Pharmacy, Dietary, Radiology, Blood Draw, Social/Mental and Primary Care. We are Veterans, We Care for our fellow Veterans, we all can help Veterans in many ways, do your best in Veterans helping Veterans.

??? Why can't a bicycle stand on its own, two tired!!!

Harlan Mehlhop, Liaison: Mankato CBOC and Mankato DAV Chapter 10



2022 April May June Meetings

April 12

- 11:00am: Unit Lunch
- 12:00pm: Unit Meeting
- 5:00pm: Chapter Exec Committee Meeting
- 6:00pm: Dinner
- 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting

May 10

- 11:00am: Unit Lunch
- 12:00pm: Unit Meeting
- 5:00pm: Chapter Exec Committee Meeting
- 6:00pm: Dinner
- 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting

June 14

- 11:00am: Unit Lunch
- 12:00pm: Unit Meeting
- 5:00pm: Chapter Exec Committee Meeting
- 6:00pm: Dinner
- 7:00pm: Chapter Meeting

-Chapter and Unit Officer Elections will be held at the April 12th meetings for Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, Treasurer, and Chaplain.

-Kettle Corn season is here! First event that the Chapter plans to sell at is Nicollet Friendship Days parade on June 26th.

-The Department Transportation Program needs volunteer drivers. Would you like to drive veterans to medical appointments in the DAV/VA van? For more information call Kati Carpenter 507.703.1139

Our Clothing Program has a continuing need for extra help with unloading the trailer at the Savers stores when deliveries are made and for help unloading the clothing bins and bringing it to the trailers. Contact Daryl Steffen if you can help. 507.317.8906



DAV CONVENTION 2022

Where: Best Western Kelly Inn, Saint Cloud

When: April 28 - April 30, 2022

Room Rates: \$104 per night (Standard Room)

DAV of Minnesota Convention 2022 is just around the corner! We are in the planning stages keep an eye on the website and your email for updates!!

Please note, the registration cost TBD. Agenda will be share Mid-February after we meet with the hotel.

For room reservations please call 320-253-0606 mention the DAV Convention to get the discounted rate! For information on the hotel visit www.bestwesternstcloud.com

Room rates are guaranteed thru **April 13!** After that date room rates will increase to the full price rate.

www.davmn.org

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2022

WHEN:
APRIL 20TH, 2022

DAV of MN Presents:
Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch
Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE
LUNCH @ 11:00AM

(This event is a free catered lunch to discuss our priorities and all lawmakers have been invited, please let yours know you will be there)

Veterans March to the Rally @ 12:45

(Join with Veterans, family members, and community supporters as we march to the Capitol)

CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:
Rally at the Capitol 1:00-2:00pm

(Your opportunity to hear directly from those in power and let them know we are PAYING ATTENTION and want ACTION)

PLEASE NOTE THIS YEAR WEATHER PERMITTING THE ACTUAL RALLY WILL BE ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CAPITOL

WHERE:

Pre-Rally at St. Paul Armory
One block from Capitol Bldg
(Address: 600 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55101)
March to the Rally
State Veterans Services Bldg.
(20 West 12th St, St. Paul, MN)

ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ADVOCATES ARE INVITED TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS LEGISLATION



Topics include:

- ENSURING THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF OUR BLUE WATER NAVY HAVE ACCESS TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
- ENSURING THE LONGTERM STABILITY OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS ACROSS MN
- INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR OUR DISABLED VETERANS!
- FUNDING FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
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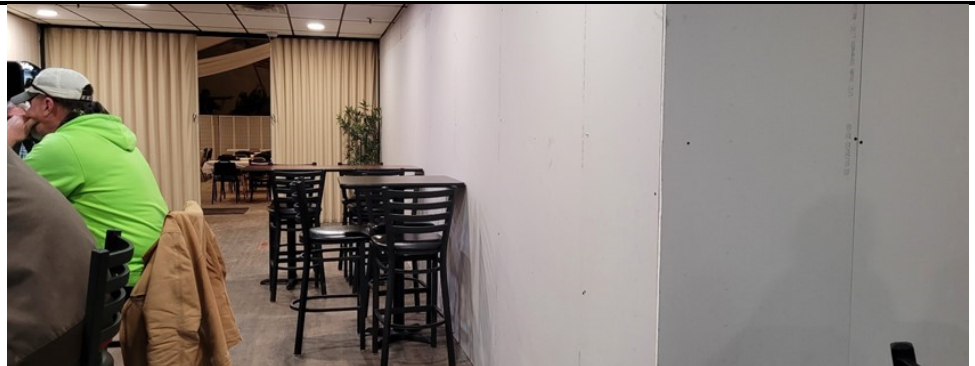
NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION REQUIRED. ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME!



Chapter Commander/Dept Adjutant Whitehead (4th from left) and Chapter Sr Vice Cdr/Dept Commander Haugen (8th from left) and other Minnesota DAV officers and members at the National Mid-Winter Conference at Arlington Virginia.



Pillowcase Committee members presenting Thank you cards and pillowcases to Veterans at local nursing homes.



Senior Vice Commander Haugen presenting VFW Post 950 Commander Tish with contribution for the upgrading the restrooms including disabilities access, which is being worked on now and should be completed in late April.



Mankato Public Safety Commander Craig Frericks, speaking at the March 8th meeting dinner about how to identify and protect yourself from mail, email, and phone scammers.

**County Veterans Service Officers
Serving the Chapter 10 Local Area**



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Chaplain's Corner:

Condolences to the family and friends of Ronald Mealman.

Remember to call me at 507--381-8865 and leave a detailed message including the name, address, phone number and reason for the card (deceased or sick/hospitalized, etc.)
Everyone have a safe Spring. The next 3 months will be busy for us all so enjoy your events and family.

Chaplin "Gunny" Mason
Semper Fi

New Chapter 10 Members:

Larry Anderson, Cynthia Christopher, Jacob Cottew, Richard Linde, Terry Mason, Richard Rowcliffe, Adam Schwichtenberg, William Telljoh;

Unit: Anne Haugen, Mallory Meyer, John Rosseau, Jr, Heather Tollefson



In Memoriam

Clement Lange, Edmond Miller, Robert Rohloff.

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**
- Adjutant Jo Miller 507.625.7613**
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- 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 763.412.5273**
- Senior Vice Cmdr Jamie Goettl 507.779.5141**
- Junior Vice Cmdr Char Giese 507.420.5677**
- Treasurer Glenice Karnes 507.340.1439**
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- Chaplain Tony Giese 507.345.3718**
- Adjutant Marilyn Hardt 507.420.9549**

Chapter/Auxiliary Committee Chairs

- Executive • Stephen Whitehead 507.381.2061**
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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

DAVMN Mpls VA Transportation Office 612.467.2768

National DAV: www.dav.org 877.426.2838

DAVA National HQ www.dav.org/dava 877.426.2838 option 5

Minnesota DAV: www.davmn.org 651.291.1212 or
888.317.2291

DAVA MN www.davamn.org

Chapters: www.davmembersportal.org

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

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