

COMMANDERS COLUMN



Comrades,

We have made it through another year? All seems to be going well here at the chapter house, our lounge Mgr. Irv has been constantly improving our chapter house with new menu items as well as equipment upgrades,,,, Thank You Irv.

Probably our biggest item coming up is our Holiday Meals program, please contribute to this worthy project if you can, donations can be directed to Steve Sehi or any other officer with the chapter, Drivers will also be needed as the time approaches to deliver the meals, please consider volunteering.

Hope all members and their families have pleasant and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Roger Pettigrew—Commander

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S COLUMN

I'd like to thank all the members and the state commander's that attended the Americanism dinner. There was a good question and answer program and plenty of food. Everyone was very helpful in the clean up and getting the chapter house put back to normal, so hope to see you next year.

Some of the things we have going on is fall conference in Hastings on Nov 21st, from 9:30-2:00. A lot of information will be presented. Meeting is at the Hasting's D.A.V chapter house, For a small cost lunch will be served. Don't forget Nov 11 is Veterans day so make sure you thank a veteran. We will be doing a Thanksgiving basket for a veterans family and 2 Christmas baskets to veterans family. We will be shopping and wrapping gifts for veterans in local nursing home on the first or second week in December, so if your interested in helping please call me for more information 402-423-1718.

I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Wonderful Merry Christmas!

Loretta Hanson - Unit #7 Commander

ADJUTANTS COLUMN



Greetings,

Summer has already come and gone and Fall is upon us. As we head into the Holiday Season, remember it is the time for giving.

Starting in October, we will start accepting cash donations for the Holiday Food Baskets for needy Veterans. All donations will be greatly appreciated. The cost of a basket is approximately \$60 and will feed a family of eight. This contains a complete holiday meal with all the trimmings: turkey, dressing, vegetables, potatoes, gravy, rolls, butter and even desert. These meals will be delivered by Chapter 7 members. Last year we delivered about thirty meals. All donations will be accepted by Commander Pettigrew, Adjutant Koehne, Treasurer Cidlik or just leave them at the Lounge. We thank you in advance for your help and support. All of the "Thank You" plaques have been delivered and were well received, i.e., Hy-Vee and Golden Corral.

A big thank you goes out to Commander Pettigrew for selling the old 2003 transportation van. Job well done!

Our Lounge has been doing very well with the new menu items and Wednesday Nite Specials. The support from our members has been fantastic. Thank You to Irv and his staff for an excellent job.

Football season has already started and is off to a decent start. Make sure to check for special events at the Lounge.

As a reminder to all, flags are available at the Chapter House. Cost is \$15 each. Flags are 3'X5' and are nylon with embroidered stars.

A special Thank You goes out to Tom Vodvarka and all of the drivers who transport veterans to and from the clinic. For the months of June and July alone, they transported 708 veterans, made 582 trips, drove 5,929 miles and had a total of 540.5 hours. An excellent job by all.

Have a great fall and Holiday Season!

Bernie Koehne - Adjutant

Do you need to retire an American Flag? If so they can be taken to the DAV Transportation Office at the Lincoln VA Medical Center or to the Chapterhouse at 70th & Seward.

They will be retired with honors and according to protocol by the Dwight American Legion. We want to thank them for their help on this endeavor.

**AUXILIARY ADJUTANT'S
COLUMN**

The busy season is upon us, with many events and activities to plan, attend, and enjoy. I had the pleasure of attending National Convention in Denver, CO in August and just returned from National Fall Conference in Louisville, KY. This year at National Convention, District 15 gave me their confidence and voted for me as our representative on the National Executive Committee, for this I am grateful and am committed fully to this title. Also at National Convention, Linda Stake from Arkansas was voted as this year's National Auxiliary Commander. Her theme, "Partners Pulling Together" continues our past National Commanders theme of "DAV and DAVA, Together as one". Past National Commander, Donna Adams was voted in as National Judge Advocate. Alice Ostrand (Unit 41- Broken Bow) was selected to receive this years Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Past National Commander award and was presented the award during the opening session by Past National Commander Judy Steinhouse. Best of all, Unit 7 Junior, Clarke Chandler won National Outstanding Junior. Two years in a row our unit has brought home this award!!!

We were sadly informed during National Fall Conference that due to a National DAV bylaw created in 1994, Chapters and Units as well as Departments, are not to solicit donations via mail. This will gravely impact our Unit programs as our two largest fundraisers are through the mail. Officers and members have already

done some much needed brainstorming and have reached out to community members seeking ideas for alternative fundraisers next year. For our Unit to be able to continue on helping our community Veterans and their families we will have to get creative and put our thinking caps on, WE CAN DO IT!

Officers of unit 7 would like to make reporting Community Service, Americanism and Legislation easier. In the works is a reporting form for all Auxiliary programs on one page. We would also like to make communication easier and more affordable for the Unit by creating a Unit 7 Email list. If you are interested in being included on this list please send an email to DAVAuxiliaryUnit7@gmail.com. .

We would love to have more members at meetings but understand life easily gets in the way, if you ever want to be involved with unit activities (e.g. handing out water during the Governors Run, ringing bells and/or wrapping gifts for Veterans in nursing homes during the Christmas season, etc.) you are more than welcome to contact any Unit 7 Officer for details.

I would like to end by giving a shout out to our Unit 7 Juniors. In just the last two years of creating an active Junior Membership, they have served countless veterans, given many hours of Community Service and won our Unit TWO national awards. If you have a Junior and would like them to get more involved or want to sign up a child in your life (only \$5 a year for dues, all the money goes to the Unit 7 Junior fund that is used to fund their projects only) please contact any member of our auxiliary or just come to a meeting the first Monday of the month at 7pm.

Breanne Chandler - Unit #7 Adjutant

These are the Lounge Specials

Wednesday	Oct 14	Wing & Rings
Wednesday	Oct 28	Chicken Fried Steak
Wednesday	Nov 11	Fish Fry
Wednesday	Nov 18	Wings & Rings
Wednesday	Dec 9	Wing & Rings
Sunday	Dec 20	Christmas Party (Music at 2PM Food at 5PM)
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	Open 1:00-4:00
Christmas Day	Dec 25	Closed
Friday	Jan 1	Open at Noon (No Food Kitchen Closed)

All Specials start at 5:30 PM

Note: Specials are \$10 and all you can eat and include a drink with meal!

TAPS

Gene Carstens

Leon Noble

Ronald Cutts

Peter Henggeler

Paul Baker

Clarence Busboom

Phillip Dinges

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John Higgins

Alan Bossemeyer

May They Rest In Peace

Paul Carpenter; Chaplin

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Special Occasion ADS

Anyone wishing to extend "Special Occasion Wishes" to family and friends may do so in the newsletter! Send \$10 and your announcement by the 15th of the month proceeding the quarterly newsletter, and it will appear in the that upcoming newsletter.

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