

DAVID W. RILEY NATIONAL COMMANDER 2016-2017

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Chapter Commander Gerard Walsh DAV Chapter #16 Somerville 232 Union Avenue Somerville, NJ 0887

Dear Commander Walsh,

Thank you for your kind letter of congratulations to my election as DAV National Commander. I am elated to have this opportunity to serve and am already having an amazing year traveling and meeting many members and their families while conducting business in our capitols to ensure we are always striving to improve the lives of veterans and their families.

I do remember you from the department of New Jersey convention. I thank you again for helping me and for sharing the many things your chapter has accomplished over the years. What a testament to your dedication to helping those in need, including your Forget-Me-Not Drive to support the rock and roll dinner parties held at the VA Lyons Hospital.

I am sorry to share that I already have travel scheduled over and around the dates of October 21st and will not be able to attend this year's event. I wish there was enough time in the days to travel to see all the great things our leaders are doing to raise awareness and hope for our veterans.

Please know my thoughts will be with you and those benefiting from your hard work and diligence.

Sincerely.