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7:pm 4th Wednesday of the month

### Facebook page:

DAV Youngstown Chapt. 2



The Canfield Fair starts August 29th and runs to September 3rd. We will need volunteers, so please sign up!

### Commanders Notes:

Well here it is one more week of August and we start prepping for the cold winter months ahead and the fall harvests are getting into full swing. Potatoes, carrots, beans, peppers, onions, and many others too numerous to mention. We, the veterans, are prepping for the fall and winter events ourselves. The Canfield Fair tops this list, then Patriot Night at Quaker Steak and Lube in Austintown, then there is the fall Pinning programs and the many visits to Senior Centers to pay tribute to the local veterans for the holidays. Those are the projects that are upcoming for all local veterans to look at.

While on another matter, there has been a lot of scuttlebutt going around about members acting like a spoiled brat on the school playground. My response to this is short and sweet; Act like the Man or Woman you are supposed to be. If a particular situation is not going the way you want, then suck it up and take it like the man or woman you should be. Quit with this sitting in the back ground and whining about a particular situation to those outside the chapter.

If it is chapter business, then that is where it is supposed to be; not all over Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana County.

If you are an officer of this chapter, be where you should be when you need and can be there. If your circumstances will not allow this to happen, then by all means YOU know the procedures for that too, follow them. If you are not an officer of this chapter, and circumstances will not allow you to be there, we still care and would like to know how you are doing.

ABOVE ALL WE CARE ABOUT ALL OUR MEMBERS

Thank you till next month.

### Sr. Commander notes:

Thanks for everyone signing up for the Canfield Fair. Thank you for the help on the Honor guard and color guards. It's all about working united as one!

Milo H. Johnston

Jr. Commander notes:

Judge advocate:

Treasurer:

Chaplain:

We have received the news that John Lane has passed away. He had a long battle with cancer and will be very missed. John was an active member and ran the 4 Seasons stand on Wednesdays.

**Sick and in Distress:**

Pat Murphy heart problems

Milo Johnston's son

"Wheel Chair Ron" Leg infection

Bob Guyan hospitalized

*Please let me know of any member or family member that is having health problems, so I can list them here. I can be reached by phone, text, and email which are listed in the newsletter. In the meantime, please pray for our members, their families, our military, President Trump and our country. -Lisa*

Our chapter did color guard for JR's in Austintown, the Italian Fest downtown Youngstown, and the Tractor Pulls in Ellsworth.

**Awards:**

Jennifer Figueroa- Color guard and Honor guard

Frank Young, Sr.- Honor guard

Phil Mariotti- Honor guard

Reno Ferri- Honor guard

Molly Dupuy- Honor guard and color guard

**Upcoming events:**

August 23 Mobile Unit with service officers @senior center

29 Canfield Fair begins

Sept. 3 Canfield Fair ends

6 Patriot night 5:00pm

8 Junk in the Trunk, Austintown Senior Center 7am-2pm

8 & 9-Shaker Woods, Antiques in the Woods

19-Executive Board meeting 6:00 pm

21 & 22- Forget-me-nots

26-Regular meeting 7pm (6pm for Honor/color guard practice)

## Meet one of our members: Tom Semer

Tom Semer was born in Youngstown, Ohio. He lived in Campbell, Ohio for one year and his family moved to the Southside of Youngstown. He graduated from South High School in 1964 and worked at Buckeye Body and Paint as a driver and counter service. He worked at Youngstown Building Materials at their Diamond Reo truck dealership in parts and service.

He got his draft notice and went to the Army recruitment office to talk with them about his options. Sent to Cleveland for a battery of testing to see what he was qualified for, he chose Special Electrical Device Repair MOS 35E20 and enlisted for a three-year hitch. February 1966 went to Ft. Jackson South Carolina for Basic Training because Ft. Knox, usually for Youngstowners, was quarantined because of massive illness. He was held over there for several months because of scheduling conflicts [came back with a southern accent!]. Finally went to Ft. Belvoir Engineering School for 13 weeks of training. Came out top of his class and they asked him to stay on and became an Instructor MOS35E30. Part of the training was on searchlights and each year his unit would go down to illuminate the DC cherry blossoms in the evening. Also, he got assigned TDY to the Research and Development Testing Lab at Ft. Belvoir for several months working development and testing in different environments on newer searchlight designs with companies in Toledo and Texas.



Big push in 1967 took troop levels to peak over 500,000 in 1968. His MOS was in need and he went to Vietnam in October of 1967. He was stationed in Cha Rang Valley, Camp Addison, 86th Maintenance Battalion, 98th Maintenance Company which was about 15 miles above Quin Non Harbor.

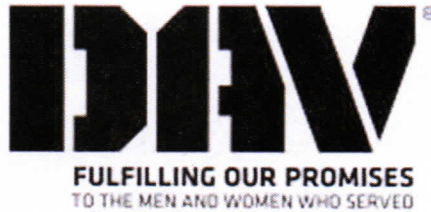
Night Vision equipment, Starlight Scopes - NOD's, and mine detectors were being serviced very well. The searchlight repair was almost nonexistent. Along with members of his Platoon, they put together a test stand to service and repair searchlights. Many were cannibalized for parts because they were shot up so bad. The backlog finally started going down and when the word got out that there was a place to repair them, they really got busy.

By December of 1967, he made SPC-5 and in the spring when his Platoon SGT left and because lack of NCO's, he was made a dual E-5 SGT (T) position. Had his one year in country October of 1968 and instead of being reassigned, he got an early out of three and a half months. He said a funny thing; he went in on Valentine's Day February 1966 and discharged from active duty Halloween October 1968.

After service, he started towards an Electrical career. Worked at Economy Electric, General Fireproofing, Thorofare [old Loblaw's] warehouse where he picked up Commercial Refrigeration and Air-conditioning background and finally Journeyman Electrician for 32 years at GM Fabricating Plant. The last eight years began training on Electrical Safe Work Practices, Robot programming and Electrical repair and finally he became training coordinator for the FAB plant his last six years and retired in 2012.

He married June A. Banner in 1972 they have two grown boys. He has worked with Cub Scout and Boys Scouts at the Unit, District, and Council levels since 1989. He has belonged to Canfield Sportsmen's Conservation Club since 1980. Belongs to Poland United Methodist church and makes copies of audio church service for shut-ins. He became a VA Volunteer Driver in 2013, 52 weeks a year driving Veteran's from Belmont CBOC clinic to Cleveland VA hospital for daily appointments and occasionally taking Vision Impaired Veterans Group on field trips. He joined DAV Chapter #2 in 2015.

Since the summer of 2017 he has been working with Pat Murphy getting free food weekly from Gleaner's on Pyatt St and delivering to halfway home for Veterans on Glenwood Ave. When VA closed that program down, they were still able to continue to do this for some Veterans moved to Meridian Fox Run Commons along with the other residents. This has expanded to free once a month grocery bags from Assemblies of God Church. This has further expanded to another free program for seniors with limited income to get a FEMA food box and block of cheese monthly. With help from some of our other members, our own membership is benefitting from some of these programs. Tom is also in charge of putting together the Junk In the Trunk fundraiser which is Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, let him know if you want to help out!



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER #2**  
**“JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE”**

**A One-Day Sale from the Trunk of Your Vehicle!**

**Items: Garage/Yard Sale – Arts & Crafts –Antiques & Collectables - Vendors**



**SAVE THE DATE.....Saturday September 8th 2018**  
**9:00AM ‘til 2:00PM**

**Austintown Senior Center**  
**110 Westchester Dr Austintown, Oh 44515**

**Registration Is \$15.00 For Two Parking Spaces, one for vehicle and one for selling.**

**Registration on day of event or postmarked after August 25<sup>th</sup> is \$20.00**

**Procedures of the Sale: Please no hot food, soft drink or raffles**

**There Is Limit of 60 Double Spaces, so reserve your space early!!!!**

**After your registration payment is received you will be notified of confirmed space.**

**Vendors May Arrive After 7:30AM And Must Be Setup By 8:30AM**

**Concessions By DAV Disabled American Veterans Chapter 2**

**NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON...EVENT will be held Rain or Shine**

**Questions: Call: Tom Semer 330-503-6096 or email [dav2yooh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dav2yooh@sbcglobal.net) or web at [oh.dav.org/02](http://oh.dav.org/02)**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT Veterans of Mahoning County**

**Please fill out the form below and mail to:**

**Tom Semer 6855 Youngstown Pittsburgh Rd Poland, Oh 44514**

**ATTN: JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE**

**(circle one) JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE**

**Please reserve   1     2     3   space and enclosed is my check ! (Non-Refundable )**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DAV Chapter #2 Recvd: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: Tom Semer 6855 Youngstown Pittsburgh Rd Poland, Oh 44514**

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

# September 2018

Birthstone: Sapphire Flower: Aster

The dedicated family members and loved ones of our veterans who return home from service with life-altering injuries are truly everyday heroes. As caregivers, they go 'above and beyond' everyday. Read some of their inspiring stories in our *Caregivers Circle* at [www.SupportVeterans.org](http://www.SupportVeterans.org).

AUGUST 2018							OCTOBER 2018						
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ⓑ Last Quarter


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 Honor Veterans  
Fly the Flag!

 Labor Day

 Honor America's Heroes  
Fly the Flag!

 Patriot Day

 Honor Veterans  
Fly the Flag!

First Day of Autumn

ⓐ New Moon  
SHAKE  
WOODS

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ⓐ First Quarter

Grandparents Day

Rosh Hashanah  
(Begins at sundown the day before)

Yom Kippur  
(Begins at sundown the day before)

POW/MIA Recognition Day

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ⓐ Full Moon

United States Air Force Birthday  
(1947)

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LAST  
FARMER'S  
MARKET  
AUSTINTOWN  
PARK 5-8

MEETING  
7:00

FORGET  
ME

WOT'S

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