



## P I O N E E R C I T Y C H A P T E R # 5 2

### G R E E T I N G S

We made it through another year. Quite the winter weather we had here. Now we have almost 3 months gone of the New Year and spring has arrived without a major weather event. How time flies.

First, I want to thank our members of the chapter, along with their families. What a great service organization we have dedicated to the men and women who served and will someday serve. No matter the changing landscape of our country, we will always be thankful to the soldiers and families who have given so much.

Secondly, I want to thank the communities of Washington County and all those who have supported us this

past year. It truly means a lot to have someone say, "Thank you for your service."

We hope that all of you have a great year filled with good health and happiness!

With that said, let us keep in mind that while we are secure in our homes enjoying this spring weather as it comes to us, somewhere out there is a young service member; a son, daughter, brother sister, mother or father who stands guard dutifully prepared to give their life for us and others. Let's not forget them, and remember those who have given all.

One more thing to mention - we do have homeless veterans across the nation.

Keep them in your thoughts and be generous in giving something. It is unbelievable that here in America, we have homelessness still going on. Give or volunteer. It will make you feel good. If you know of a homeless veteran or family, let us know so we can get them help.

Our web site for the chapter is chocked full of information so please, if you have a chance, look over the web page. I try to update it regularly with events, news and information to help us and our families. The web address is on the back page.

Remember on this St Patrick's Day - When Irish eyes are smiling...they are probably up to something!

### I T I S O U R C H A P T E R

This past year as it came to a close had been somewhat fruitful. A few of us are trying to build the chapter into a true non-profit charitable veterans service organization. The problem is, it is just a few of us. The same 5-6 people, as with the auxiliary, are making meetings, bringing ideas, volunteering, and doing all the work to keep our chapter going. We could use some help. If you are a member, try to come to meetings at least once in a

while. If you are not a member, we would love to have you and your family. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 1800 hrs (6pm) Come give us your input to help build our chapter.

If you can't make it to a meeting, bring your family or neighbors to one of our fundraisers. Watch for them in the Times or if you have internet, visit our website. Our calendar has all things posted on it.

When you see us at a parade be sure and let your families know who we are. So many people ask, "What is the DAV? Is it a legitimate organization?" You would be surprised how many veterans ask that same question.

If you would, please help us save postage and printing by letting us know you would like to receive this letter by e-mail (Send it to me) and we also will post it on the web page under the NEWS tag. Along with past articles.

## OUR MEETING HALL

If you have never been to our meeting hall, it is pretty easy to find. Yes, we do have members who don't know where we are located:

At exit 6 off of I77, take SR 821 north towards Whipple and Lower Salem. After you get off the interstate, it is just a few hundred yards to DAV road. There is a large red, white and blue sign with DAV on it. Turn right and follow the road 8/10 of a mile to the hall which will be on your left.

You will hopefully find the hall to be a place to bring the family. We sell no alcohol, allow no smoking inside, and there is no gambling machines. I have heard some say this is the reason they don't come. But can't you support us then go somewhere else for malted beverages, fermented fruits and distilled grains? A family place to relax and enjoy is what we offer. Besides, when the land was deeded it stipulated no alcohol.

We would like to talk this year about developing the field across the road from the hall into a picnic area and horse shoe pit, with an area to the back of the field for some camper spaces. It takes fund raising and help from our members though. So please, help us out if you can. Stay tuned for future updates on how we progress with this venture.

*"What is the  
DAV and  
Why Did I  
Join?"*

The **Disabled American Veterans**, or **DAV**, is an organization chartered by the United States Congress for disabled military veterans of the United States Armed Forces that helps them and their families through various means.

The organization's seal has since its foundation featured a World War I soldier, armed, kneeling before Columbia, who dubs the soldier a knight. The logo design was taken from certificates used in World War I for sick and wounded veterans.

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interest of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Why did you join? Ask yourself this question. We need each other now as much as we needed our buddies during service. Male, Female, young and old. If we stand silent, we may someday lose everything we have now. Don't be just a member, be a part of the chapter.

## DAV AUXILIARY

*What is the  
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Auxiliary?*

The DAV Auxiliary is the sister organization of the Disabled American Veterans. Its mission statement is "Making a difference in the lives of disabled veterans and their families". Members of the DAV Auxiliary include fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, widowers, widows, sons, daughters, step sons, stepdaughters, grandsons, granddaughters and legally adopted male and female lineal descendants of members of the DAV. Like the chapter, we need the auxiliary as much as they need us to keep our chapter going. Please join.

## M O V I N G I N T O 2 0 1 5

We have since closed out 2014 and moved into 2015. I would like to ask that everyone who reads this to please contact us if nothing else but to say 'Hello! I believe in you.'

We have a mission- to serve the veterans of the community and their families. Like all veterans service organizations, there are membership requirements to meet. Our DAV NSO's are the best there is when it comes to service connected claims and upgrading your claim should additional disabilities arise. We are here for you and your family.

However, if ANY veteran is in need of

help, we will not turn them away. If we cannot help them with the question or problem they may be having, we know where to refer them for help. Don't face it alone. We are all buddies: men and women, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers. We will always have your back.

We need you. Please think about helping make our chapter a better place. With your help, we can reach out further into the community and find those veterans and families that need help. And Membership DOES have benefits! Visit the national website and see what we have exclusive to DAV members.

We want to make this a place to bring your family and children. It is not a place for 'just a bunch of good old boys.' We would be glad to have you!

The hall is available for dinners, parties, and family reunions or whatever. It's clean, we have a new heating and cooling system, and sets in a quiet country setting surrounded by farms.

Help us make 2105 a very good New Year for all of us!

## S O M E U P C O M I N G D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

**15 April 2015** the DAV National Service Van will be at our chapter hall to answer questions about claims and help veterans and families get claims upgraded and started. This is a great opportunity to discuss service connected claims with experts, not lay people. The DAV Nat'l Service officers who staff the van are all service connected veterans themselves. 10am until 5pm and we will be having lite snacks and beverages. Tell everyone if they need us, we will be there! Watch the paper and WTAP for more information.

**25 April 2015** our chapter will be the meeting place for the Dist #8 spring meeting. . Come out and make our chapter visible to the rest of the district. We will be nominating next years officers and serving snacks and lunch.

**25 May 2015** Memorial Day Parade. Watch for us.

After the parade, we will be going back to the chapter hall and enjoying lunch together. Come have a free meal. You earned it! Bring your family and let us show you OUR chapter hall.

**14 June** is Flag Day

**4th of July** comes on a Saturday this year

Watch our web site for more things happening. We hope to be at the Waterford Fair again this year( 13 -16 Aug), and maybe the Barlow Fair. It depends on how many people we get to help us out.

We will have our annual gun raffle again this fall. Please help us sell tickets. This raffle pays our bills for the year.

## D I S A B L E D A M E R I C A N S F O R L I F E M E M O R I A L

We have a new memorial in Washington DC. I attended this Dedication ceremony with another veteran on 05 Oct 2014. What a special memorial dedicated to the disabled Veteran.

If you get a chance to go to DC, and see the memorial's, make sure you put this one on your list. It is a great piece and certainly makes a mark on memories. All I could think about

while I was walking through the area was all the veterans and families who this memorial was dedicated to.

As I made new friends in the crowd, I couldn't help but think of these men and women, young and old, who had made this trip, many through tears, saying "Thank You for Remembering us." When I think of the sacrifices of the soldier and families, this memorial is a fitting tribute. On our web page under the drop down for 'News'

is a copy of the newsletter I received recently. While you are browsing through our web site, don't forget to read this newsletter. Remember- everything we have today; VA Benefits, Medical Care, Compensation, and RESPECT... it has all come as a result of someone who came before us fighting for what we have. The fight will always be there for a new generation. When our ranks grow silent, we will be forgotten. Join us today?

**PIONEER CITY  
CHAPTER # 52**  
SERVING THE VETERANS  
OF WASHINGTON

**Fulfilling Our Promises to the Men and  
Women Who Served-Forget Me Not**

The first DAV Forget-Me-Not drive was held in 1926, to raise funds for services and assistance for veterans of the first World War. It is a symbol that commemorates those fallen in war, while promising the hope of renewal. For more than 80 years, this small blue flower of remembrance has been the staple of Chapter-level fundraising to support local disabled veterans.

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