

## ***State of Chapter #63 (Clermont County, Ohio) Report 2015***

Chapter #63 (Clermont County) has made many achievements/accomplishments during 2015 and the purpose of this Report is to briefly highlight a few of them.

- We rendered Memorial Day Honors at four (4) cemeteries in 2015 and we will be rendering these Memorial Day Honors at six (6) cemeteries in 2016.
- We co-sponsored a Memorial Day breakfast for veterans.
- We participated in both the local Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades.
- We accepted a \$45,000 donation for and on behalf of the National DAV Organization at the **HELP** Veterans Day breakfast in Cincinnati.
- We attended the State Convention; Fall Conference; District #1 Meeting; National Convention; National Mid-Winter Conference; and National Commanders/Adjutant Conference.
- We had a speaker explain the Million Veterans Program to our Chapter.
- We participated in four (4) Quilts of Valor Presentations.
- We introduced, at the District #1 Meeting, a resolution for the issuance of a Commemorative Stamp honoring the DAV on its' 100th Year Anniversary.
- We supported the Ohio Veterans Home (in Georgetown) by:
  - (a) Sponsoring four (4) dinners for disabled veterans at the Home.
  - (b) Participating in the dedication of the New Wing at the Facility.
  - (c) Participating in Home's Wreaths Across America Program.
  - (d) Visiting with veterans at Ohio Veterans Home
- Sixty-four (64) disabled veterans and families attended our Summer Picnic.
- Sixty-two (62) disabled veterans and families attended our Christmas Party.
- We are investigating obtaining a larger facility for our 2016 Christmas Party.
- We participated in the DAV 5K Run/Walk in November.
- We participated in the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP):
  - (a) In 2014, we had 131 hours of service recorded.
  - (b) In 2015, we had 377.5 hours of service recorded.
- We appointed a new Webmaster for our Webpage.
- We have improved Chapter publicity in both state and local media.
- We inducted a new Chapter member at our December Meeting.
- We are accomplishing tasks from our Chapter's Commander's Survey.
- We passed the District #1 Commander's Inspection in October.
- We are already planning for our 2016 Forget-Me-Not Campaign Drive.

***(Please See Reverse for Additional 2015 Highlights)***

The Chapter's two (2) major fund raisers for 2015 consisted of the ***Golden Corral Fund Drive*** and the ***Forget-Me-Not Annual Drive***.

- The ***Golden Corral Fund Drive*** was conducted on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, and Chapter #63 collected \$566.43 in donations. All the donations were forwarded to the DAV Department of Ohio's Hospital Fund. This year, the DAV Department of Ohio will utilize the Hospital Fund for the purchase of two (2) vans for the Fischer Houses in Cleveland and Dayton. There are sixty-seven (67) Fischer Houses throughout the United States. The Fischer House, which is similar to a Ronald McDonald House, is a place where military families may stay free of charge while the injured or ill veteran receives needed medical treatment at the VA facilities.
- The ***Forget-Me-Not Drive*** is an annual campaign in which all the donations collected ***must*** be utilized to providing services for disabled veterans. During 2015 Chapter #63 solicited donations at three (3) Kroger Stores [Amelia Marketplace on Saturday; Cherry Grove on Saturday; and Eastgate on Thursday] and one (1) Sam's Club [on Friday.] During 2014, Chapter #63 solicited donations only at Sam's Club [on Saturday and Sunday.]
- In the October Chapter #63 Meeting, the following distribution of the collected Forget-Me-Not Drive donations were made:
  - \$500.00.....Southern Ohio Veterans Home (Georgetown)
  - \$500.00.....Cincinnati VA Center Volunteer Services
  - \$384.00.....DAV Department of Ohio Hospital Fund
  - \$300.00.....DAVA Chapter #63
  - \$200.00.....National DAV Blind Chapter
  - \$123.00.....DAV Department of Ohio Hospital Fund
  - \$ 50.00.....American Legion (Veteran's Day Breakfast)

The ***State of Chapter #63's Report*** covers a few of the highlights of what was accomplished during 2015 but it does not cover ***all*** the activities and services performed by Chapter members in 2015 for our disabled veterans. We, as a united Chapter, will collectively look forward to 2016 as we strive to achieve our Chapter's DAV goals and adhere to our Chapter's DAV Mission Statement.