



JANUARY 2015 Issue,

JANUARY MEETING TUESDAY JAN 13.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Be there by 6:00 for Some food and
visiting
Meeting starts at 7:00

Web page <http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/ok/09/default.aspx>

THE WORD,

Creek County Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9

REMEMBERING 2014

A good part of this issue will be reflecting on our chapter from 2014.

We will take a look on some of the accomplishments of our chapter some of our members.

We will mention what it takes to raise the funds to provide the help this chapter provides.

We will list some numbers that may surprise some members. Some of these numbers will be hard fact numbers and some will be estimated.

We will celebrate our new members and the brothers that have moved from this life to the next.

Hopefully by looking at the past year we will begin to form the vision of how to form, meet and exceed our future goals.

Veterans Helping Veterans

If you are or know a veteran that needs help getting the benefits they deserve we hope the information below will help.

DAV Creek County chapter 9, Sapulpa OK.

Address: 1429 S Main St, Sapulpa, OK 74066

Phone: 918) 224-0656

Every Monday From 10 AM to 1 PM

Service Officers are available to help Veterans file for the benefits they deserve.

DAV Chapter 9 helps veterans with money raised through donations and fund raisers. Our main fund raiser is :

BINGO

Join us every Thursday and Friday Evening (Concessions available)

Card sales start at 5PM

Earl Early games start at 5:30 PM



Chaplain Bob Crowl's words of spiritual inspiration for January 2015

This months quote is not a bible verse but is a very powerful statement.

“If you know me and forget me you have lost nothing. If you know Jesus Christ and forget him you have lost everything.”

FYI In 2014 on many, many occasion our chapter chaplain, BOB Crowl has gone to hospitals, homes, funeral homes and churches to serve our members and their families. Bob has offered prayer, council friendship and compassion to everyone he was informed of that was sick, hurt, or in need.

When Bob was asked to estimate how many hours he had spent performing his duties as Chaplain this year he smiled and said I have no Idea. When he was asked how many miles he had traveled Bob went to his car and came back with his beginning mileage for 2014 and his current mileage. The total was over 37000 miles. Bob would not speculate on how many of those miles were part of his duties a Chaplain. Those members that have any Idea of how much Bob is on the go to tend to the needs our members know that the majority of those miles were driven serving God and our chapter.



LIMBS FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

Call Toll Free: 1-888-235-5462

Creek County chapter 9 is a collection point for limbs for life. If you have a Prosthetic that is not in use and have no need for you can drop it off at Creek County DAV and we will make sure it gets to Limbs For Life.

- Limbs for Life serves as a repository for used prosthetic limbs.
- We accept used limbs from anywhere in the United States.
- We also accept UNOPENED accessories (i.e.: Liners, Socks, Sleeves, etc.)
- We do **NOT** accept new or used orthotics (i.e.: Shoes, Braces, Crutches, Wheel chairs, etc.)
- To donate Just drop the Limb off at DAV Creek County Chapter 9.

Upon receipt, Limbs for Life breaks the donated limbs into components that can be reused to make further prosthetic limbs for individuals who cannot afford them. <http://limbsforlife.org/>

If you are or know a runner this event will benefit the many veterans that have paid the price of a limb while serving our country.

For details Go to <https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/100648/>

LEGISLATION CONCERNING VETERANS

1. **Oklahoma Statute 68 OS 2358.E.5** The purpose of this legislation is to make military pay permanently 100% tax free .
2. **Oklahoma Statute 68 OS 2358.E.18** The purpose of this legislation is to change military retirement pay from 75% or \$10,000.00 tax exempt to 100% or \$10,000.00 tax exempt which ever is greater.
3. **Oklahoma Statute 56 OS 54.** Require all coroners, funeral homes, etc. to report indigent or unclaimed bodies of deceased veterans to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure proper burial honors are provided.
4. **Oklahoma Statute 70 OS 3201** The purpose of this legislation is to provide tuition waivers for dependent children of Oklahoma Veterans or service members who died in action or died from a service connected disease or disability.
5. **Oklahoma Statute (unknown)** The purpose of this legislation would be to provide health care providers tax incentives who enroll in and stay enrolled as a Tricare medical provider. My personal input is there needs to be a law that requires all medical providers in the state of Oklahoma to be Tricare providers.
6. **Oklahoma Statute (unknown)** Proposed the State pay up to \$5000 to each qualified totally disabled veteran for the purpose of purchasing or remodeling a home to improve handicapped accessibility.
7. **Oklahoma Statute (unknown)** Establish a state goal that 3% of all state contracts be awarded to disabled veterans.
8. **Oklahoma Statute (unknown)** Establish an Oklahoma Reservist and veteran Business loan program offering no interest loans to recently retired service members who want to start a business in Oklahoma.
9. **Oklahoma Statute (unknown)** Provide a tax free \$5000 grant to any veteran for the purchase of a first home in Oklahoma.
10. **Oklahoma Statute (unknown)** Waive Oklahoma pike pass fees for Oklahoma veterans rated at 100%.

If you have any input for our law State Law Makers about any of the proposed legislation shown above please contact them and let them know your thoughts.

YOU CONGRESSMAN

Creek and Osage County's are in District 3

FRANK LUCAS https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/frank_lucas/400247

Tulsa county is in district 1

JIM BRIDENSTINE https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/jim_bridenstine/412567

Okmulgee County is in district 2

MARKWAYNE MULLIN https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/markwayne_mullin/412568

State Senators

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THOMAS COBURN https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/thomas_coburn/400576

OUR SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS

In 2014 chapter #9 has provided help to many fellow veterans and their families. The chapter has paid over \$49,000.00 out to help veterans.

The food bank is one way the chapter helps veterans by providing them with nutritious food products.

Utility bills are another way our chapter helps. In the extreme heat of the summer and cold of the winter low income veterans struggle to pay those bills.

The chapter has helped financially strained veterans pay rent, house payments, car payments etc..

It is a difficult process to weed out the deadbeats that are just out to get as much as they can and help the veterans that are truly in need. Our diligent Commander does a great job at this.

If you know a veteran that is truly in need please let them know to see the commander on Mondays at the DAV from 11 AM to 1 PM or on Thursday and Friday afternoon before 4:30 PM. After 4:30 the Commander is occupied getting ready for Bingo. They will need proof of their financial status and a copy of the bill that the veterans need help with.

BINGO

Most of the funds raised by chapter #9 is from bingo on Thursday and Friday evenings. Most members do not understand what it takes to hold bingo two nights a week. Below is a list of the volunteers that make our bingo happen.

Name	Job	2014 hours
Opel Miller	Floor Worker	40 Total Hours
Vicky Bundies	Floor Worker	45 Total Hours
Amanda Lakey	Floor Worker/Caller	125 Total Hours
Bryan Perkins	Floor Worker	120 Total Hours
Greg Coffee	Floor Worker	130 Total Hours
Linda Coffee	Floor Worker	125 Total Hours
Jay Spiller	Floor Worker	50 Total Hours
Greg Coffee	Floor Worker	130 Total Hours
Jennie Long	Floor Worker	85 Total Hours
Vane Bell	Floor Worker	60 Total Hours
Diana Banks	Floor Worker	65 Total Hours
Howard Hollingshead	Floor Worker/Pull Tabs	21 Total Hours
Vane Bell	Floor Worker	60 Total Hours
Vicky McClelland	Pull Tabs	32 Total Hours
Carrol Glaze	Pull Tabs	752 Total Hours
Francis	Office	495 Total Hours
Bill Cuthbertson	Office/Floor	95 Total Hours
Jim Lakey	Office/Floor/Caller/Chair	931 Total Hours
Wayne McClelland	Office/Floor	931 Total Hours
Karen Hoover	Concisions`	850 Total Hours
Violet	Concisions`	150 Total Hours
Kenny Banks	Office/Floor	465 Total Hours

That is a total of 5757 volunteer hours to run the Bingo for 2014. This doesn't include the time spent cleaning and the main caller. I did not include these because the people doing these tasks are getting a very small amount of pay.

OUR SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS

Service Officers

The chapter #9 service officers are second to none in their efforts to aid veterans in obtaining the benefits they deserve.

Our service officers are lead by Charlie Thompson. Charlie has decades of experience as a service officer and his aid and leadership is of the highest value to this chapter. The service officer include:

Charlie Thompson

Ron Pandos

Gary Hendrick

Ray Hollingshead

Jerlleta Halford

Including new service officer

Vang Bell

Each of our service officers helped between 80 and 120 veteran and their family members in 2014. Each service officer has 150 to 200 hours of volunteer time as service officers in 2014.

Battle Buddies

Battle Buddies is a program of veteran volunteers in Oklahoma that help veterans that are incarcerated or recently released from incarceration in Oklahoma. There are currently 680 inmates or recently released participants in the program.

The volunteers help the recently released veterans navigate the bureaucratic process of receiving benefits for medical, physical and mental health. They help them find a job in the community and create a support network of friends and family for them.

Finally, Battle Buddies will help the incarcerated veterans find a "family of faith," a place that will be an underpinning of support.

Ron Pandos, Jerlleta Pandos, and Gary Hendricks are chapter 9 volunteers in the program. In 2014 they visited all 17 prisons in Oklahoma at least once. All total they did 26 outings to prisons in Oklahoma. Each visit involves driving to the prison, two hours at the prisons and then the drive home. Some of those trips are 12 hours to get to the prison, see the inmates and return home.

Ron, Jerlleta, and Gary have each put in approximately 2000 hours of volunteer time for this program in 2014. They are planning a similar program for 2015.

Remembering the members we lost in 2014

We have lost some members in 2014. Many were a part of our lives for a long time and are missed dearly.

Silas McCarthy	O.B. Philpot	John Andrew
Ray Carroll	Rodger Kinkada	
Richard Jack	Clyde Haney	
Charles Halle Meier	Phillip Coon	
Lucky Turner	Alva Robie Robinson	
Thomas Hood	Truman Archer	
Edward Livermore	Robert Hall	

May they rest in peace

NEW MEMBERS IN 2014

In 2014 we added 13 new members to our rolls.

Donald Harrold

Larry Johnston

Donald Tiger

Robert Bayliss

Frank Suddich

Leonard Bramble

Gary Pierson

Sherman Youngblood

Todd Jones

Charles Courter

James Garrison

James Hicks

Welcome Aboard

MILITARY WISDOM

Communication Breakdown...

The reason the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines squabble among themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For example, take a simple phrase like, "Secure the building."

- The Army will put guards around the place.
- The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.
- The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.
- The Marines will kill everybody inside and make it a command post.

Time Check

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The pilot replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied "It makes a lot of difference.

If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock.

If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours.

If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells.

If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3.

If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour".



Alligator Shoes

An Army Ranger was on holiday in the depths of Louisiana, where he tried to buy some Alligator shoes. However, he was not prepared to pay the high prices. After failing to haggle the vendor down to a reasonable price level, he ended up shouting "I don't give two hoots for your shoes, man, I'll go and kill my own!"

The shopkeeper replied, "By all means. Just watch out for the two Marines who are doing the same.

"So the Ranger went out into the Bayou, and after a while saw two men with spears, standing still in the water. "They must be the two Marines," he thought. Just at that point he noticed an alligator moving in the water towards one of them. The Marine stood completely passive, even as the gator came ever closer. Just as the beast was about to swallow him, the Marine struck home with his spear and wrestled the gator up onto the beach, where several already lay. Together the two Marines threw the gator onto its back, whereupon one exclaimed "Damn! This one doesn't have any shoes either!"

Military etiquette

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, SIR!