



Gamecock #5 Newsletter Sumter, South Carolina March 2016 Edition

Commander's Corner

Final nominations and election of new officers will be in March. All positions are open.

Chapter 5 has a \$200 club. Anyone who donates \$200 gets his or her name on a wall plaque. If you would like to donate to the club but do not have \$200, you can make several donations. (You can make your checks payable to DAV Chapter 5.)

You will get your name on the plaque when your total reaches \$200. We are excited to announce that we have a few new names to add.

Our Chapter home is currently unmanned. If you call, please leave a message with your name, phone number, date and reason you called so that we may better serve you

Membership

We need 28 more people to make our goal for this year. Gamecock 5 extends a warm welcome to our new members.

Service Officers

DAV Service Officers currently operate in the Sumter Clinic on Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 12PM.

Please let Betsy West know if you wish to be included in the upcoming training to assist Veterans in filing claims. 803-499-1003

Auxiliary News

Final nominations and election of new officers will be conducted at our March meeting. All positions are open.

The DAVA collects food coupons throughout the year to send to service members overseas and canned goods to take to a local food pantry. Please bring your non-perishable items to our monthly meetings.

Unit 5 also collects new clothing and hygiene items (nothing containing alcohol) for inpatients at Dorn VAMC. We continue to hold the record as the largest contributor. No magazines older than 6 months and no catalogs please.

In order to receive credit for all of your work, please remember to record all of your volunteer hours in the Volunteer Book each month.

We have room in our newsletter for your advertisements. For pricing, please call Paul at 803-840-1001. All ads have expired. It is time to renew your ads.

Would you like to advertise with us? We have many spaces available and our newsletter reaches approximately 900 people. Your ad will run for a year and now your ad will have an online link to your website or any coupons you offer to our members and readers.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

MARCH 22 at 6:30PM

DAV members and Auxiliary should bring a dish to ensure we have enough food to go around and have a variety of dishes for everyone to sample the creations of our wonderful cooks.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. We have chicken catered from Golden Corral. We ask everyone to bring a side dish and desserts to make sure we have a wonderful meal each month.

Chaplain's Corner

Chapter 5: Fred Levi 803-481-4953,
T.C. Smith 803-840-7188
Unit 5: Doris Dawson 803-499-4423

If you would like to make a few phone calls or a visit, or write a card or two, it would be greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who is sick, needs prayer, is hospitalized, or has passed away, please let us know.

Please keep Fred Levi, D Davis, John Rogers, Gladys Gilmore Scarborough, George Spangler, Ruth Muller, Leon Holloway, T C Smith, Jim Wilder, Dickie Graham, Jim Dawson, Billy Brown, Lee Pearson, Lori Levi and Lucy Amundsen in your thoughts and prayers.

Fundraising Events

Please contact Ken Miller at 803-720-1053 if you have any fundraising ideas or if you would like to volunteer for any of our events we have already planned. Volunteers are needed now as we kick off our fundraising for Camp Corral.

Mobility Equipment

We have several wheelchairs and adaptive appliances available if you or any Veteran you know might be in need.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

If you know of any events happening around town, please let us know so we can share with all of our readers.

Sumter, SC COMBAT VETERANS GROUP

2nd Annual Black Tie Gala Fundraiser
30 April 2016
Meet & Greet@ 6PM
Gala@7PM

Tickets are \$50 or \$250 for a table of 6 and \$350 for a table of 8

Contact Leroy Peoples 803-509-2868
or Henry Boyd 803-464-1239

DAV State Convention

Columbia, SC

May 19- 22

Please plan to attend to learn more about the DAV and what we are doing for our Veterans in SC.

Register before May 10, 2016 to avoid a \$10 late fee. Registration forms available at our meetings and online.

Please get your name in to Betsy West, by the end of March, if you want to take the Service Officer Certification class at the convention. 803-499-1003

Shaw Air Expo

May 21-22

Purple Heart recipients are welcomed to join the Sumter chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Call 803-506-3120 for more information.

Transportation

The DAV has provided van service for veterans who have appointments at Dorn VA Hospital. The van leaves daily at 7:30AM from the parking lot near the Sumter County Law Enforcement Center.

If you are interested in community service and would like to help our veterans, this is a very fulfilling duty. You do not need a special license to drive the van but you will have to pass a physical. You must also possess a valid driver's license and a clear driving record. There is always a need for more van drivers. You do not have to be a DAV member to be a driver. For more information or to schedule a ride, please call Valerie Brunson at 803-436-2302.

New Digital Newsletter

We are discontinuing the print version of our newsletter. It is now available online on our chapter's website and by email. You will still be able to receive your newsletter by mail if you do not have internet. We want to make sure we can still reach every member. Please send me an email with DAV in the Subject line and be sure to include your name, address we were sending your newsletter, membership number, and email address you wish us to use:

Veteransrep@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Committee

Would you like to contribute to this newsletter? Would you like to work with preparing the newsletter? Email the information to D Davis by the 1st Tuesday of the month so we have time to compile everything and get it ready to print. Veteransrep@yahoo.com Thank you for your responses. Your input allows us to continue to have an award winning newsletter.

LVAP

DAV members please pick up an LVAP(Local Veterans Assistance Program) sheet and record your volunteer hours. The time you spend visiting Veterans, driving a Vet to a doctor's appointment or the grocery store, fixing up around someone's house, assisting widows and widowers of Veterans, and their families...and so much more, is all considered as volunteering and we get credit for reporting the time we spend assisting others. More information is available online in the LVAP manual and we can print one to have available at the meetings as well.

Volunteer

Volunteer Orientation classes are being held twice a month at VAMC Dorn on Wednesdays. Reserve a spot and become a registered volunteer. I encourage everyone to participate. The rewards are beyond measure.

Newsletter available online at our chapter's website

<http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/sc/05/default.aspx>



**SUMTER, SC COMBAT
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SECOND ANNUAL BLACK TIE
GALA FUND RAISER
SPEAKER: REP. DAVID WEEKS**



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April 30, 2016 * MEET & GREET @ 6PM

GALA STARTS @ 7PM

SUMTER COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

TICKETS ARE \$50.00 EACH OR BY THE TABLE

**\$250.00
TABLE FOR
6**

**CONTACT
LEROY PEEPLES
803-509-2868**



**\$350.00
TABLE FOR
8**

**CONTACT
HENRY BOYD
803-464-1239**

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