

Disabled American Veterans  
Swamp Fox Chapter 17  
10154 Bell Wright Road  
Summerville SC 29483

### **Minutes for 20 March 2014 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Junior Vice Commander Jensen  
Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: None

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: Leroy Ganaway and Gene Milligan were first time attendees.

Correspondence: Letter from Cain Bay HS concerning awards night.

Hospital committee report: The February 18 visit included Gary Jones, Jacque Coram, Sarah Harry, Bob Wells and James Ray.

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported that in January CSOs helped 711 veterans by working 359 hours. He is making arrangements for a DAV van to take attendees to the CSO training May 1.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson provided an update on the Independent Budget.

Publicity: No report

Membership: Senior Vice Commander Stout reported that we had exceeded our goal by six new members.

Scholarship: Joe Tallon stated that one application had been received.

Hospital Service Coordinator:

Old business: None.

New business:

Chapter shirts were distributed

The Camp Corral fund raiser will be March 31 to May 31. DAV does not allow solicitations for Camp Corral, but members can participate as veterans without any DAV identification.

Nominations were made and officers were elected: Jerry Stout (Commander), Bob Jensen (Senior Vice Commander) and Allen McNealy (Junior Vice Commander). Appointed officers were: Waymon Atchley (Treasurer), Dennis Cox (Chaplain) and Buzz Nielsen (Adjutant). Installation was performed by Charles Wood, District 1 Commander.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Cox.

Commander Stout led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2030.

The Auxiliary provided the Commander's Reception.

Door prizes were awarded.

Our next meeting will be 17 April 2014.

James Ray

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### **Minutes for 20 February 2014 Meeting**

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Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Stout  
Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 absent

Visitors:

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Chaplain Tallon reported going to several funerals, none for Chapter 17 members.

New members: Will Burns, recently transferred. Alvin Klebs, first time attendee.

Correspondence: Donation 'thank you' notes from SC Department and VA Volunteer Services.

Hospital committee report: The January 21 visit included Gary Jones, Jacque Coram, Sarah Harry and James Ray. The February 18 visit had James Ray.

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported that in January CSOs helped 355 veterans by working 174 hours. The CSO training will be May 1, with attendee names to be submitted by the March meeting.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson provided an update on current legislative events, budget status, CAN and DAV Talking Points.

Publicity: No report

Membership: Senior Vice Commander Stout reported that we had exceeded our goal by two new members.

Scholarship: Joe Tallon stated that two nonqualified applications had been received due to confusion on the web site posting.

Hospital Service Coordinator: Jerry Stout stressed the need for van drivers, especially due to the increased workload by going to Columbia, and James and Johns Islands.

Old business: District One Commander Charles Wood stated he had received two volunteers to serve on the District committees.

New business:

DAV does not allow solicitations for Camp Corral, but members can participate as veterans without any DAV identification.

The SC convention will be May 2-4. There will not be any ads sold this year for the program book.

Denise and Charles Trotter reported that the Spinners concert was very good.

Meeting door prizes will be continued with Denise and Charles Trotter managing.

**\*\*Due to the early date of the SC State Convention, the Judge Advocate for SC has determined that chapter officer elections must be held a minimum of ten days prior to the convention. That means that Chapter 17's election will need to be held during the March 20 meeting. The officers to be elected are: Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander. Nominations are currently open and will continue until the March 20 meeting, when they will close and the election will be held. Any member can be nominated for office.\*\*** **This change was received after the February meeting.**

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2030.

Refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary. Our next meeting will be 20 March 2014 at VFW Post 3433.

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### **Minutes for 16 January 2014 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1938 by Senior Vice Commander Stout  
Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Junior Vice Commander Jensen  
Officers: 12 Officers present, 0 absent

Visitors: Vanessa Smallsbryant, Jim Percy

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Chaplain Tallon reported: Commander Curtis was sick, Leroy Ganaway's wife had died, Tim Riordan had died in October but we found out only today.

New members: Bob Bear attended his first meeting. Bill Burns transferred into the chapter.

Correspondence: A transfer request was noted.

Hospital committee report: The monthly ward visit will be next Tuesday, January 21

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported. CSOs helped 331 veterans in December and 3546 total in 2013.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson provided an update on current legislative events

Publicity: Tom Musolf reported that meeting notices were being submitted to the newspapers but he's not sure if they are always being run

Membership: Senior Vice Commander Stout reported that we only need 7 new members to meet our goal.

Scholarship: Joe Tallon has the packages ready

Hospital Service Coordinator: Jerry Stout reported December hours were 866, miles were 14,452 and over 300 veterans transported. This was the total from all DAV vans provided through the Charleston VAMC.

Old business: N/A

New business:

It was noted that a DAV van was being used to take Beaufort CSO's to training during the 9<sup>th</sup> NEC.

The chapter approved giving \$500 to VFW Post 3433 and \$100 to Heritage Baptist Church.

Members with over 30 volunteer hours during the Military Appreciation fund raiser were given a DAV cap:

Gary Jones, Barbara Curtis, Tim Schneider, Mary Schneider, Charles Wood and Allen McNealy. Allen McNealy was also given a \$50 gift card for contributing the most hours (150 or 27% of total).

District One Commander Charles Wood asked for volunteers to serve on the District committees.

Tom Musolf said that 100% disabled veterans can now get space available flights on Air Force craft.

It was stated that there is now a new DAV trust to mirror the Camp Corral fund raiser.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Senior Vice Commander Stout led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2036.

Refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary.

Our next meeting will be 20 February 2014 at VFW Post 3433.

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### **Minutes for 21 November 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 absent

Visitors: Waymon Ashley

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Member Tony DeGuzman died. Past Commander Jerry Hall had a broken rib.

New business:

Harriett Hudson received a plaque for her years helping veterans as Hospital Service Coordinator.

Joe Tallon mentioned recognition for the Daniel M. Richards ceremony.

Commander Curtis: COLAs will be effective December 1. The gross receipts from the Golden Corral fund raiser was \$15,636. He wants the chapter to support Camp Corral in the spring.

It was voted to provide Commander Curtis with \$400 for fraternal items.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2000.

Members and guests enjoyed the holiday fest provided by the Auxiliary.

Kenneth Wilder of Habitat for Humanity gave a presentation during the meal.

Our next meeting will be 16 January 2014 at VFW Post 3433.

James Ray, Adjutant

Due to the brevity of the meeting, the following were not mentioned but are listed here:

New members: Joshua Jaques became a life member.

Hospital committee report: Bob Wells, Ken & Barbara Curtis,

Service Officer: During October 397 were assisted and 237 hours worked.

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### **Minutes for 17 October 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1933 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Stout  
Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 absent

Visitors: N/A

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: None noted.

Hospital committee report: Gary Jones, James Ray, Bob Wells, Jacque Coram, Ken & Barbara Curtis, Charles Wood

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported. Will have a CSO training session Nov 9

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson provided an update on current legislative events

Publicity: N/A

Membership: Senior Vice Commander Stout reported.

Scholarship: Joe Tallon will start at end of January

Old business: Commander Curtis stated that we need more volunteers at Golden Corral

New business:

Naomi Nimmo, Assistant Director of the Summerville Orchestra, gave a presentation

On Nov 2, a Purple Heart ceremony will be held at Summerville Admin Building

Dept of SC requested a donation of \$1 per member. It was voted to give them \$1500.

The chapter approved Commander Curtis' request for \$320 for DAV decals for 2 VA vans.

Summerville Acupuncture will provide \$5 treatments for veterans.

The November meeting will be our holiday gathering.

Forget-me-not's will be distributed November 11 at Golden Corral Military Appreciation

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2043.

Refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary.

Our next meeting will be 21 November 2013 at VFW Post 3433.

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### **Minutes for 19 September 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Senior Vice Commander Stout  
Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Junior Vice Commander Jensen  
Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 absent

Visitors: N/A

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Adjutant Ray.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: Letters from VAVS, Harbour House, SC Department, St. Padre Pio Church

Hospital committee report: Gary Jones, James Ray, Bob Wells, Jack Olson

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported.

Legislative Committee: N/A

Publicity: N/Atom Musolf noted contacts with local media.

Membership: Senior Vice Commander Stout reported banner received from Department, need for more new members.

Scholarship: N/A

Old business: None

New business:

Dorothy Hodges from the Veterans Victory House gave an informative presentation.

Senior Vice Commander Stout discussed the National Convention

District Commander Charles Wood displayed a float banner.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Senior Vice Commander Stout led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2100.

Refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary.

Our next meeting will be 17 October 2013 at VFW Post 3433.

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### **Minutes for 20 June 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis

Opening prayer given by Jack Olson

Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Stout

Officers: 8 Officers present, 4 absent

Visitors: DAV State Commander Chris Maddox, Berkley County Veterans Representatives Jan Helton and Jerry Baxley, DAV District One Commander Charles Wood. Several family members also joined us.

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Genelia Peagler and Bill Roberts.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: None noted

Hospital committee report: Gary Jones, James Ray, Ken and Barbara Curtis, Bob Wells, Jerry Stout

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported 258 claims filed 190 hours worked in May.

Legislative Committee: Report was given by Jack Olson

Publicity: N/A.

Membership: Report was waived.

Scholarship: N/A

Old business: None

New business:

State Commander Maddox presented the Dasher award for Joe Tallon (Jack Olson accepted in Tallon's absence). Commander Curtis noted that Chapter 17 had earned six awards, out of thirteen available, at the SC Convention in May.

Commander Curtis discussed why DAV Members could not solicit for Camp Corral.

County Veterans Representatives Helton and Baxley gave a presentation on claim tips.

It was approved to buy a banner for the DAV float at the Veteran's Day Parade. It was also approved to donate \$100 for BBQ after the parade.

Unit 17 will do a Forget Me Not fund raiser in the future.

Motion was made to adjourn.

The meeting was closed at 2022.

A buffet meal was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be 19 September 2013 at VFW Post 3433.

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### **Minutes for 18 April 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis

Opening prayer given by Vanderbilt Evans

Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Stout

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 5 absent

Visitors: Bernard Seabrook, Renee Seagle

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was waived.

Sickness and distress: waived.

New members: Genelia Peagler, Robert Schneider joined at the meeting.

Correspondence: None noted

Hospital committee report: Gary Jones and James Ray

Service Officer: Buzz Nielsen reported that 16 members are scheduled for Service Officer training May 16.

In March 219 claims were filed while SO's worked 113 hours.

Legislative Committee: waived

Publicity: waived.

Membership: Jerry Stout reported the chapter was over our annual goal by two but the state still needs additional new members.

Scholarship: Joe Tallon reported that six students qualified for the scholarships. The membership voted to approve the six scholarships, increase each scholarship to \$1500 and purchase 6 plaques.

Old business: None

New business:

Elected officers were: Ken Curtis (Commander), Jerry Stout (Senior Vice Commander) and Bob Jensen (Junior Vice Commander). Appointed officers were: Jack Olson (Treasurer) Joe Tallon (Chaplain) and James Ray (Adjutant). Installation was performed by Charles Wood, Aide to District 1 Commander.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

Door prizes were awarded.

The meeting was closed at 2018.

The Auxiliary provided the Commander's Reception.

Our next meeting will be 20 Jun 2013 at the Golden Corral.

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### **Minutes for 21 March 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Junior Vice Commander Jensen  
Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 absent

Visitors: Tim Matthewson

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Chaplain Tallon attended four veteran's funerals.

New members: Gordon Martin and Jacque Coram made first visits.

Correspondence: Thank you letter Hank Hyduk family

Hospital committee report: Jerry Stout, Joe Tallon, Ken & Barbara Curtis, Bob Wells, James Ray

Service Officer: N/A

Legislative Committee: Report given by Jack Olson. Discussed Continuing Resolution and the chained consumer price index (CPI) detailed in the CAN (Commander's Action Network).

Publicity: Local newspaper notifications did net at least one visitor.

Membership: Jerry Stout reported the chapter needs another 10 members by June 30 to meet our annual goal. The state needs 392. He discussed recruiting ideas received from members.

Scholarship:

Old business: Sarah Harry still has chapter shirts to sell. Bill Roberts is collecting boosters donations. Members were encouraged to sell SC convention book ads and were reminded that the chapter gets 40% of the proceeds.

New business:

The chapter will have a table at the Low Country Harley Davidson Info Expo (Veterans Resource Day) June 15.

DAV van drivers are needed.

First nominations were made for Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander with the current officers in those positions being nominated. Additional nominations will be held in April, followed by the election.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplain Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

Door prizes were awarded.

The meeting was closed at 2052.

The Auxiliary provided food and members socialize

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### **Minutes for 21 February 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: Richard Miley, Robert Lytle

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived except for tabled item.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Chaplin Tallon reported the death of member John Bowen and two other vets.

New members: Steven Seagle was a new member. C.T. Frederick and Don Blair made first visits.

Correspondence: Thank you letter for sandals from VAVS was acknowledged

Hospital committee report: Jerry Stout, Joe Tallon, James Ray

Service Officer: CSO Buzz Nielsen reported 225 claims filed and 168 hours worked by the Service Officers in January at the VAMC.

Legislative Committee: Report given by Jack Olson. Discussed CAN (Commander's Action Network), CHAMPVA and article in upcoming chapter newsletter.

Publicity: Local newspaper notifications did net at least one visitor.

Membership: Per Jerry Stout, the chapter needs another 16 members to meet the current goal. He requested recruiting input from members.

Scholarship: 15 scholarships available this year.

Old business: \$100 donation to Bethemay Methodist Church Veterans outreach program in honor of Hank Hyduk was approved.

New business:

Robin Hardie collected \$209.67 at the gun show and donated to the DAV.

Alleine Simmons of Nulife Housing for Homeless Heroes gave a presentation on the status of the project.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplin Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2050.

The Auxiliary provided food and door prizes were awarded.

Our next meeting will be 21 March 2013.

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### **Minutes for 17 January 2013 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis

Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 absent

Visitors: Josha Jaques, Chad Rush, Andy Farrau

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Chaplin Tallon reported the death of member Hank Hyduk.

New members: Josha Jaques joined. Member Sam Muscarella made his first visit.

Correspondence: Thank you letters from donees were acknowledged

Hospital committee report: Ken & Barbara Curtis, Gary Jones, Jerry Stout, Robert Wells, Bob Jensen, James Ray

Service Officer: CSO Buzz Nielsen is now also Clinical Service Officer at the VAMC and reported 154 claims filed in December for a total of 3254 year to date.

Legislative Committee: Report given by Jack Olson. HR 42, concerning the DIC offset, is in committee. The old CAN (Commander's Action Network) is now called Stand Up For Veterans and all members are encouraged to review.

Publicity: Per Tom Musolf, meeting notifications were sent to local media outlets.

Membership: Per Jerry Stout, the chapter has 1,118 members and needs another 16 to meet the current goal.

Old business: Joe Tallon will deliver scholarship packets to the schools this month.

New business: The National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans will be February 10 – 16 and DAV will pass out treats on one day.

Per Tom Musolf, the American Veterans Cemetery in Philippines is now under US government supervision and funding.

No Agent Orange Presumption for 'Blue Water' Navy Veterans

It was voted upon and approved to: 1) increase the chapter mileage rate to 60 cents per mile, 2) give a one-time donation to VFW Post 3433, and 3) to give \$100 to Heritage Baptist Church for a Veterans outreach program.

It was tabled until next month to give a donation to Bethemay Methodist Church in honor of Hank Hyduk.

New shirts are available and some were distributed.

Motion was made to adjourn. Closing prayer given by Chaplin Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2030.

Pat Moretti, with the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program of SC Works gave an informative presentation on employment and education benefits available to disabled veterans; he also assisted some of our members on specific issues.

The Auxiliary provided fine meal.

Our next meeting will be 21 February 2013. Our speaker will be Alleine Simmons, CEO, President of Housing 4 Homeless Heroes

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### **Minutes for 15 November 2012 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1901 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Stout  
Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 absent

Visitors: Several family members and friends.

Reading the minutes of the last meeting: N/A.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: N/A.

New members: N/A.

Correspondence: N/A.

Hospital committee report: N/A

Service Officer: Commander Curtis gave the report, 289 claims filed in October for a total of 2856 year to date. The Service Office will not be staffed Dec 22 – Jan 7.

Legislative Committee: N/A.

Publicity: N/A

Membership: N/A

Old business:

New business:

The Golden Corral Military Appreciation fund raiser was a success but Commander Curtis emphasized we needed more Chapter 17 volunteers to work. The total received will be approximately \$12,750 which is more than last year but Chapter 17's portion is smaller (\$4,847) due to less coverage.

Commander Curtis stated that we need more Service Officers and that the DAV Mobile Service Van (MSO) will be in the area in the spring.

The Victory House donation will be made later and members will be notified of the date and time.

Member Hank Hyduk died and services will be Saturday at 12:00.

The 9<sup>th</sup> National Executive Committee will meet in January at Myrtle Beach.

The meeting was closed at 1923.

Door prizes provided by the Auxiliary were awarded. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal.

Our next scheduled meeting will be at 7:30pm Thursday, 17 Jan 2013 at VFW Post 3433

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### **Minutes for 18 October 2012 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1933 by Commander Curtis

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: Charles Rapp.

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson. The annual 990N was file after overcoming some obstacles.

Sickness and distress: Chaplin Tallon had made several visitations.

New members: Tim Schneider completed paying his life membership dues.

Correspondence: Letter from Charleston VAVS thanking us for refreshments. Notification that our SC Application for Exemption was accepted and we are in compliance.

Hospital committee report: Ken & Barbara Curtis, Gary Jones, Jerry Stout, Robert Wells, James Ray

Service Officer: Chapter Service Officer Buzz Nielsen gave the report, 215 claims filed in September for a total of 2567 year to date.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson stated that the 1.7% Disability Compensation COLA was still in the senate.

Publicity: N/A

Membership: N/A

Old business: Treasurer Olson stated that checks have been sent for the previously approved donations. The last scholarship check had to be rewritten and mailed.

It was approved to send \$1000 each to HSC, NSO and VAVS.

The new chapter shirts that are still available can be purchased by any member, see Sarah Harry.

Commander Curtis emphasized we need volunteers to work at the Golden Corral fund raiser. This is also a DAV outreach program to assist our fellow veterans and provide exposure to the many good deeds that Chapter 17 offers.

New business:

The Veterans Day Parade in Charleston will be Saturday November 10 starting at 3:30 pm. DAV District One will have a float and chapter members and family are encouraged to participate.

November 11 at 10:00 will be the Summerville Veterans Day ceremony with Chapter 17 member Bill Sessoms being the keynote speaker.

Golden Corral Military Appreciation Monday is November 12.

There will be a Retiree Appreciation Day at CAFB on October 27. Call 963-2228 for info.

It was approved to have our next meeting at Golden Corral at 7:00pm November 15. The chapter will pay for the meals for each member and one guest.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2031.

Door prizes were awarded. The Auxiliary provided fine meal.

Our next scheduled meeting will be at 7:00pm Thursday, 15 Nov 2012 at Golden Corral.

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### **Minutes for 20 September 2012 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Jr. Commander Jensen

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present , 1 absent

Visitors: Kenny Williams, District One Commander.

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress:

New members: Daniel Tuck.

Correspondence: Several letters were noted, thanking us for donations, recognizing our name change to Swamp Fox and a DAV banner for meeting our 2012 membership goals.

Hospital committee report: Ken & Barbara Curtis, Gary Jones, Buzz Nielsen, James Ray

Service Officer: Commander Curtis appointed Buzz Nielsen as the Chapter Service Officer. Our DAV Service Officers filed 248 claims in July and 269 in August, for a total of 2352 year to date.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson discussed several issues.

Publicity: Tom Musolf: wants scholarship presentation pictures. Meeting notices were in two media sources.

Membership: Jerry Stout: recognized that several members owed less than \$100 and should be encouraged to pay the balance. Referenced the DAV magazine article stating how the new National Commander was asked to join.

Old business: New chapter shirts are still available, see Sarah Harry.

New business: The chapter had received a substantial donation and it has been partially distributed to several worthwhile veteran causes.

It was approved that donations greater than \$500 would require a vote by chapter members.

It was approved to move \$14,000 to the scholarship fund.

The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at Golden Corral October 1 and the Publix in Goose Creek October 4, from 10:00 – 4:00 each day. The National Service Officers will assist any veteran with claims and other benefits.

The Veterans Day Parade in Charleston will be Saturday November 10 starting at 3:30 pm.

DAV District One will have a float. Kenny Williams encouraged members to participate in the parade and the 9<sup>th</sup> NEC in Myrtle Beach in January.

Military Appreciation at Golden Corral fund raiser will start October 5 and we need volunteers to solicit funds. This is also a DAV outreach program to assist our fellow veterans and provide exposure to the many good deeds that Chapter 17 offers. Attend the September and October meetings for more details. **November 12** Golden Corral Military Appreciation Monday is November 12.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2058.

Door prizes were awarded. The Auxiliary provided snacks.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 Oct 2012.

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### **Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 21 June 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: All 12 Officers present

Visitors: Steve Comstock, Delia Chariker, Shanta Barron-Millan, Rhonda Rosade, Sabrina Lott.

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: John Means is in a hospital in Mass.

New members: Member Frank Hoag's first meeting

Correspondence: Several letters were noted

Hospital committee report: Joe Tallon, Ken Curtis, Gary Jones, Jerry Stout, Robert Wells, James Ray

Service Officer: Ken Curtis: 305 claims filed at the VAMC office in May, 1606 year to date

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson discussed budget and claims backlog.

Publicity: Tom Musolf: notices are now in three media sources

Membership: Jerry Stout: need one new member to meet annual goal

Old business: Have one applicant for scholarship. New chapter shirts are still being distributed, see Sarah Harry.

New business: Delia Chariker, and three others, from the Charleston VAMC system gave a presentation. It was voted to donate \$200 to the VAMV Chaplin fund.

The Camp Corral fund raiser made \$4600. DMV will now put 'Veteran' on drivers licenses.

The new District One officers are Kenny Williams (Commander), Charles Woods (Aid), Ken Curtis (VAVS). There are now 8 districts in SC.

A scrap metal donation to the chapter should net around \$1000.

At the DAV state convention in May Chapter 17 received seven awards: Joe Tallon (Chaplin), Harriett Hudson (Notable Service and Auxiliary), Jack Olson (Legislative), Tom Musolf (Blue Cap), James Ray (Volunteer) Ken Curtis (Commander).

A donation to Epsilon Sigma Alpha International (ESA) for military working dogs was tabled pending further research.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2040.

Door prizes were awarded. The Auxiliary provided a meal.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 20 Sep 2012.

James Ray, Adjutant

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**Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 19 April 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: Three

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Hospital needs volunteers.

New members: None

Correspondence: None

Hospital committee report: Participants: Joe Tallon, Ken Curtis, Charles Wood

Service Officer: Ken Curtis, 326 claims filed at the VAMC office in March

Legislative Committee: None.

Publicity: None

Old business: Curtis: New shirts have been received and are available, see Sarah Harry. New orders are still being taken.

New business: Final officer nominations were made and election held. The officers are: Commander Ken Curtis, Senior Vice Jerry Stout, Junior Vice Bob Jensen, Adjutant James Ray, Treasurer Jack Olson, and Chaplin Joe Tallon. The Unit 17 officers are: Commander Virginia Holley, Senior Vice Commander Melvina Mazyck and Junior Vice Commander Clara Bishop. District 1 Commander Kenny Williams installed the Chapter 17 and Unit 17 officers.

The chapter voted to provide a \$1000 scholarship for one high school student and \$40 for a plaque.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2008.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 Jun 2012.

Thanks to Tom Musolf for taking the minutes.

James Ray, Adjutant



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**Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 15 March 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1931 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by acting Chaplin Olson  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: None

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None.

New members: None

Correspondence: None

Hospital committee report: The visit will be next Tuesday, Mar. 20

Service Officer: Ken Curtis, 268 claims filed at the VAMC office in February

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson discussed the Million Veteran Program.

Publicity: Tom Musolf: Meeting notification in the Summerville Patch is still active

Old business: Olson: Scholarship packages have been distributed to 3 high schools.

Hall: Constitution and Bylaws committee review was completed and is okay.

Curtis: Polo shirt orders are still being taken

Curtis: Bob Jensen will be the chapter sponsored escort for the WWII Veteran Honor Flight on April 21.

Curtis: The date of the Camp Corral fund raiser has not been set.

Curtis: State Executive Committee meeting is Mar 24 in Columbia

Curtis: The Mobile Service Office van will be available in the May/ June timeframe.

Musolf: The \$500 donation to VFW Post 3433 was made.

New business: Initial officer nominations were made: Junior Vice (Bob Jensen), Senior Vice (Jerry Stout) and Commander (Ken Curtis). Final nominations and election will be held at the April meeting.

Curtis: members wishing to receive Service Officer training need to apply by March 27 to either the Commander or Adjutant.

The chapter voted to change the chapter name to Swamp Fox.

The chapter voted to give the SC Department \$400.

The chapter voted to donate \$100 to Heritage church for use of their facilities.

The River Dogs will have a Veterans Appreciation baseball game July 28.

Curtis: The chapter may qualify for a Wal Mart grant of \$10,000.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Jack Olson.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2023.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 Apr 2012.

James Ray, Adjutant

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### **Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 16 February 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 absent

Visitors: Dennis Bright, Norma Hawkins

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Member James Phillips died.

New members: First time attendance by members Joe Bible, Charles Wood, Gary Jones

Correspondence: None

Hospital committee report: The visit will be next Tuesday, Feb. 21

Service Officer: Ken Curtis, 411 claims filed at the VAMC office in January

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson discussed Vet Job Fair and read letter from Joe Violante, DAV National Legislative Director, about the Commander's Action Network.

Publicity: Tom Musolf –chapter is now posted in the Summerville Patch

Old business: A plaque will be presented to the Golden Corral on Feb. 22 at 2:30 in recognition of a successful Military Appreciation fund raiser.

Suggestions for a new chapter name are Old Fort, Swamp Fox and Tri County.

Contact Commander Curtis to order a chapter shirt.

Approval was voted to sponsor one escort for the WWII Veteran Honor Flight on April 21.

A local fund raiser is being developed.

Commander Curtis challenged each member to make \$100 in sales of DAV State Convention ads.

Volunteers are needed for the National VA Volunteer Services meeting March 14–16.

New business: A Constitution and Bylaws review committee was established with Jerry Hall, Bob Block and John Means.

The chapter voted to donate \$500 to VFW Post 3433.

It was discussed to give the SC Department \$625, but was tabled.

The Mobile Service Office van will be available in the May/ June timeframe.

A Camp Corral fund raiser will be forth coming.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2033.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 Mar 2012.

James Ray, Adjutant

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### **Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 19 January 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1929 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: Janice Cox

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Chaplin attended two funerals. Three members died.

New members: Denise Trotter

Correspondence: None

Hospital committee report: January 17 visit attendees: Dennis Cox, Robert Wells, Buzz Nielson, Joe Tallon, James Ray.

Service Officer: Ken Curtis, Claims filed at the VAMC office: 294 in November and 226 in December.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson gave a summary of the new VA Emergency Care Payment Policy.

Publicity: Tom Musolf –chapter is now posted in the Summerville Patch

Old business: Joe Tallon said that the last 2011 scholarship had been awarded.

\$2,000 was voted to be moved from the van fund to the scholarship fund.

Commander Curtis noted that the Golden Corral Military Appreciation fund raiser was very successful, with the North Charleston restaurant ranked number seven in the nation and number one in South Carolina. He presented certificates of appreciation to Melvina Mazyck and Clara Bishop for working a total of 114 hours, or 1/3 of the total hours worked by Chapter 17.

A check was presented to the Auxiliary for their portion of the fund raiser.

Tom Musolf said that 24 pairs of shower shoes had been ordered for the mental health ward.

New business: Having a local fund raiser was discussed.

We need to sell ads for the SC convention in May.

The National VA Volunteer Services meeting will be held in Charleston March 14 – 16 and volunteers are needed.

Proposals for chapter name changes will be accepted at the February meeting.

Annual DAV awards need to be submitted by April 2.

Sponsoring another Honor Flight for a WWII vet will be discussed at the February meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2032.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 Feb 2012.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 17 November 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1925 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 absent

Visitors: Frieda Miller, Will & Trisa Burton, Laurie Brooks, Robert Schneider, Scott Cote

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by James Ray.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: Dennis Cox, Tim Schneider, Jerry Faulkenberry

Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from Charleston VAVS thanking the Chapter for \$500. Letter from SC Department Commander Poser thanking the Chapter for \$500 each to NSO and HSC.

Hospital committee report: November 15 visit attendees: Jack Olson, James Ray.

Service Officer: 368 claims filed for October at the VAMC office.

Legislative Committee: Joe Tallon reported meeting with Roger Yongue, the Vet Rep for a representative.

Publicity: None

Old business: Joe Tallon said that one of the scholarships has still not been awarded.

New business: Commander Curtis thanked our members for volunteering for the Golden Corral Military Appreciation and the Camp Corral fund raisers which brought in \$12,874. He also stated his appreciation for the success of the Veterans Day parade and Veterans Day ceremony.

Commander Curtis said that a new shirt order will be started in January.

Jerry Stout mentioned that there would be another Honor Flight April 21 to take WWII vets to DC.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 1952.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 Jan 2012.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 20 October 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 absent

Visitors: Dennis Cox, Gary Jackson

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Past Commander Jerry Hall was injured but is at home.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from Charleston VAVS thanking the Chapter for shower shoes. Letter from Disability Resource Center thanking the Chapter for CPAP machine. Letter from Dolly Mercer of Golden Corral thanking the Chapter for Camp Corral fund raiser.

Hospital committee report: October 18 visit attendees: Ken and Barbara Curtis, Bob Wells, James Ray.

Service Officer: 327 claims filed for September at the VAMC office.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported on Veteran's issues, including 3.6% COLA increase for disability, Social Security, military retirement.

Publicity: Tom Musolf mentioned that the Summerville Journal Scene reported the Chapter 17 presentation of certificates to two members of the Dorchester County Veterans Affairs office.

Old business: Joe Tallon said that 3 of the 4 scholarships have been awarded. The Chapter 17 shirts were distributed.

New business: Commander Curtis reminded members that the Golden Corral Military Appreciation fund raiser was in progress and requested volunteers. He also mentioned that other restaurants and stores had Veterans Day specials.

Informative presentations were given by Veterans Affairs staff headed by Patrick O'Leary, Transitional Patient Advocate. They included: Patricia Hancox, the Women's Veterans Program Manager; Linda Boyd, the Caregiver Support Coordinator; Heather Friesen, the Myhealthvet coordinator; Meredith Miller, the Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator; Sandy Scherling, the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record Community Coordinator. The topics were well explained and questions answered. It was also mentioned that the VA was pursuing a Fisher House for Charleston.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2048.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 17 Nov 2011.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 15 September 2011

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Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: None noted

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from Charleston VAVS thanking the Chapter for ward visitations.  
Letter from North Greenville University thanking us for the scholarship to John Higgins.

Hospital committee report: There were 8 participants for the June visit, 4 for each of July and August.

Service Officer: 343 claims filed for August at the VAMC office.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported on Veteran's issues.

Publicity: Tom Musolf is putting notices in the newspapers requesting van drivers.

Old business: Camp Corral fund raiser will be September 30 thru October 2 at the Golden Corral. Members signed up for Chapter 17 polo shirts, which should be received by the next meeting.

New business: Senior Vice Jerry Stout reminded members to sign u for MyHealthEvet.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2007.

A Long Term Care presentation was made by Dan Riggs of Bankers Life and Casualty.

Door prizes were awarded and refreshments were provided by the auxiliary.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 20 Oct 2011.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 16 June 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Curtis  
Opening prayer given by Chaplin Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Curtis  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 absent

Visitors: None noted

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: Notice from National that we had meet our annual membership quota and received a streamer to attach to the Chapter's colors.

Hospital committee report: The June visit will be next week.

Service Officer: 215 claims filed for May at the VAMC office.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported on Veteran's issues.

Old business: Four \$1000 scholarships were awarded this year. Jack Olson requested all SO's that drove to Columbia to submit their mileage requests.

New business: Harriett Hudson stated that the VA is trying to get people to visit confined veterans who do not otherwise have visitors. An effort will be made to get pocketed polo shirts with the chapter logo. Camp Corral was discussed and it was voted to donate \$400 next year. On July 2 there will be a parade in Moncks Corner. On July 3 there will be a special church service at Old Fort Church. Commander Curtis reminded members to wear their military ribbons on special days.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

The meeting was closed at 2030.

Door prizes were awarded.

An excellent meal was provided by the auxiliary.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 Sep 2011.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville, SC on 21 April 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1935 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officers absent

Visitors: None noted

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: None noted.

Correspondence: Notice from SC Department that we only needed 4 additional members to meet our annual quota.

Hospital committee report: Attended by Comrades Tallon, Olson, Stout and Curtis.

Service Officer: None.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported with a correction from the prior month.

Old business: It was voted and passed to have four \$1000 scholarships this year due to the number of qualified applicants received.

New business: Additional officer nominations were made then the election was held. The new Chapter 17 officers are: Ken Curtis (Commander), Jerry Stout (Senior Vice Commander) and Bob Jensen (Junior Vice Commander). The new Unit 17 officers are: Virginia Holley (Commander), Melvina Mazyck (Senior Vice Commander) and Clara Bishop (Junior Vice Commander). SC Auxilliary Commander Harriett Hudson installed the Unit 17 officers and District 1 Commander Bob Provo installed the Chapter 17 officers.

Door prizes were awarded.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Curtis led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 June 2011.

The meeting was closed at 2017.

After the meeting we enjoyed a reception for the new Commander.

James Ray, Adjutant



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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 March 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1929 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 12 Officers present, 0 Officers absent

Visitors: Capt. Paula McClure, Wendy Davis, Rick Velo, Bob & Lisa Provo

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: None noted.

New members: Ray Hicks, William Jones, Edward Johnson were members making their first visit. Dave MacCarrol transferred in.

Correspondence: NSO request for names of Service Officers to attend training May 19-23. Celebrate Freedom Festival press release.

Hospital committee report: Attended by Comrades Tallon and Ray.

Service Officer: Report by Ken Curtis; need more Service Officers.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported current topics.

Old business: Still need volunteers for the Charleston Air Expo 2011 on April 8-9.

New business: Joe Tallon reported status of SC convention ad sales. Ken Curtis reported the 10 wheel chairs were ready to be picked up by the VA to be stenciled then delivered to the hospital and clinics.

Nominations were made for Commander (Ken Curtis) and Senior Vice Commander (Jerry Stout). No nominations were made for Junior Vice Commander. Additional nominations can be made at the April meeting followed by the annual election. Harriett Hudson, HSC, stated that we also need volunteer drivers for the DAV vans. District 1 Commander Bob Provo attended and spoke with some of the officers after the meeting.

Capt. Paula McClure and VA Admin Officer Wendy Davis gave a very informative presentation about the Naval Health Clinic Charleston.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 Apr 2011.

The meeting was closed at 2100.

After the meeting we enjoyed refreshments provided by the Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 February 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1931 by Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 Officers absent

Visitors: None

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson.

Sickness and distress: Member Dan Watson is infirmed.

New members: None

Correspondence: Email from the DAV Flight Team (B-25 Panchito) requesting volunteers for the Charleston Air Expo 2011 on April 8-9. Email from the TV series OUR AMERICA with Lisa Ling wanting us to help in their search for vets seeking prolonged exposure therapy for PTSD. Letter from DAV Headquarters appointing James Ray as Deputy VAVS Representative at Charleston VAMC.

Hospital committee report: Attended by Comrades Olson, Tallon, Curtis, Stout, Wells, Ray.

Service Officer: Report by Ken Curtis; the clinical office did 51 claims in January.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported current topics including that the VA budget has already been approved and will not be affected by the continuing resolution.

Old business: The scholarship fund requirements were changed to allow two recipients from the same school and to increase the number to three. The slippers and trail mix were delivered to the VAMC Mental Health Ward Feb. 15.

New business: Commander Musolf noted that former VAMC Mental Health employee Ed Gillard praised Chapter 17 for their dedicated service in assisting the Mental Health ward. The chapter approved \$250 for the speaker at the SC Convention in May. Ken Curtis stated that 10 wide wheelchairs had been purchased and he is in the process of getting them ready for distribution to the hospital and clinics.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 17 Mar 2011.

The meeting was closed at 2029.

After the business meeting we enjoyed refreshments provided by the Auxiliary and door prizes were awarded.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 20 January 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 1933 by Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 12 Officers present, 0 Officers absent

Visitors: Raymond Hall, Willard Thompson  
Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.  
Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson  
Sickness and distress: Member David Unwin died. Comrades Ray and Hess were infirmed.  
New members: None  
Correspondence: Letter of appreciation from Charleston VAMC for our ward visitations. Letter from Honor Flight recognizing our \$1,000 gift.  
Hospital committee report: Attended by Comrades Olson, Tallon, Curtis, Stout.  
Service Officer: No report.  
Legislative Committee: Jack Olson reported current topics including possible increase in Tri Care co-pays and possible DoD cuts.  
Old business: Slippers, trail mix and glasses have been received and will be distributed to the VAMC Mental Health Ward.  
New business: Commander Musolf recommended giving service officers the choice of a shirt or badge. Jerry Stout volunteered to be a guardian on the next Honor Flight. Jerry Stout was appointed Junior Vice Commander pro tempore. Ken Curtis is in the process of buying wide wheel chairs for distribution to the hospital and clinics. The chapter approved up to \$2000 to purchase the wheel chairs.

Motion was made to adjourn.  
Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.  
Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.  
Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 17 Feb 2011.  
The meeting was closed at 2030.

After the business meeting we enjoyed refreshments provided by the Auxiliary and several door prizes were awarded.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 November 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Visitors: Tom Bauer, Jean Jensen,

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: None noted

New members: Andy Gancarz. Charles Carley and Robert Jensen, first visit.

Correspondence: Not read.

Hospital committee report: Attended by Comrades Olson, Tallon, Wells, Crotty, Ray

Service Officer: None

Legislative Committee: None.

Old business: The chapter will donate \$1,000 to the WWII veterans honor flight, \$250 to the Veterans Center toward a DC trip for other veterans and \$300 to VAVS.

New business: Commander Musolf noted that Chapter 17 members volunteered 248 hours during the Golden Corral fund raiser and the chapter will receive \$5,082.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 20 Jan 2011.

The meeting was closed at 1955.

After the business meeting we enjoyed a great holiday meal provided by the Auxiliary. Several door prizes were awarded.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 21 October 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1936 by Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Visitors: Reginald Geddis, former DAV member  
Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.  
Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson  
Sickness and distress: Chaplin Joe Tallon told about the death of Junior Vice Commander Douglas Gist.  
Jack Olson gave a presentation about Comrade Gist's funeral and life.  
New members: Lou Boissonneault transferred in.  
Correspondence: We received a notice about Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial groundbreaking.  
Hospital committee report: Attended by Comrades Olson, Tallon, Ogden, Ray  
Service Officer: Ken Curtis updated us on the MSO van schedule.  
Legislative Committee: Report given by Jack Olson concerning current events.  
Old business: The chapter will donate to the WWII veterans flight in April to Washington, DC.  
New business: Tina Lybrand gave a presentation about the VA MOVE program. She said it was nutrition education and encouraged members to join. Lou Boissonneault and Fred Wilson discussed the Vet Center's program to send any veteran to Washington, DC. A donation for the program will be discussed at the next meeting. The Auxiliary said that DAV van drivers are still needed and they will prepare a holiday meal for the next meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn.  
Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.  
Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.  
Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 Nov 2010.  
The meeting was closed at 2058.

After the meeting 2 door prizes were awarded, then we socialized and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 16 September 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Visitors: None reported

Reading the minutes of the last meeting was waived.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: John Bowen is recovering from knee surgery. Auxiliary member Dotty Lewis died 29 June.

New members: First time attendance for new members Buzz Nielsen and Keefe Walker.

Correspondence: We received a thank-you letter from the Veterans Disabled for Life for our donation.

Hospital committee report: None given

Service Officer: Ken Curtis updated us on the need for Service Officers at the Weapons Station, Service Officer meeting for 23 Sep and the MSO van schedule.

Legislative Committee: Report given by Jack Olson.

Old business:

New business: The chapter authorized 2 \$1000 scholarships to be awarded this year. An inquiry was made to move the chapter meeting location to the Goose Creek American Legion, but it was voted to stay at VFW Post 3433. J.D. Mellert will check into sponsoring a WWII vet for a flight to Washington, DC. Service Officer certificates were presented to all that completed the training in May. For the first time, the 2 new members were presented with Certificates of Initiation. Dorchester County Veterans Affairs Officer Ed Burns thanked the chapter for submitting his name to the South Carolina department DAV for the best in state award, which he won. Joe Tallon will preside over the commissioning of 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenants from Carolina Southern University on 2 October. Jerry Hall has 3 wheel chairs available for distribution to any veteran with a need.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Joe Tallon.

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 Oct 2010.

The meeting was closed at 2040.

After the meeting 2 door prizes were awarded, then we socialized and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 June 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1935 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officers absent

Visitors: Andy Gancarz and Leif Luffman will transfer in.

Minutes of last meeting were omitted because they had been emailed to members, are posted on the chapter web page and a copy provided at the sign in table.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: Auxiliary member Dotty Lewis is at Heartland Health Care for rehab. Isiah Mazyck died Tuesday, 15 June.

New members: Bob Wells joined and Laurine Boevin transferred in.

Correspondence: We received thank you letters from VAMC Charleston and SC Department for some donations.

Hospital committee report: Visitation was Tuesday, 15 April by Tom Musolf, Jack Olson, Ken Curtis and James Ray.

Service Officer: No report.

Legislative Committee: Report given by Jack Olson.

Old business: The chapter scholarship has been completed.

New business: Commander Musolf displayed the awards received by the chapter and members at the SC Convention in May. The chapter voted to authorize \$200 to purchase long distance phone cards for use by veterans at the VAMC that live out of the area. The chapter voted to authorize \$300 for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Jerry Hall.

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 Sep 2010.

The meeting was closed at 2005.

After the meeting we socialized and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 April 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Willy Campbell  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 12 Officers present, 0 Officers absent

Visitors: Pat Block, Chet Charrier, Barbara Curtis, John and Shirley Ashmore  
Minutes of last meeting were omitted because they had been emailed to members and are posted on the chapter web page.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: None noted

New members: Jackie Brooks became the newest member by joining at the meeting.

Correspondence: None noted

Hospital committee report: Visitation will be next Tuesday, April 20.

Service Officer: No report.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Old business: No report

New business: Jerry Hall held the final nominations and election of officers. SC Department Adjutant John Ashmore performed the installation of the new DAV Chapter 17 officers.

The officers for 2010-2011 are:

Commander	Tom Musolf
Senior Vice-Commander	Ken Curtis
Junior Vice-Commander	Douglas Gist
Treasurer	Jack Olson
Adjutant	James Ray
Chaplain	Joe Tallon
Legislative Chairman	Jack Olson
Service Officer	Ken Curtis
Membership	John David Mellert
Sergeant At Arms	Willy Campbell
Officer of the Day	John David Mellert
Public Relations	Bob Block

DAVA 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander Shirley Ashmore performed the installation of the new DAVA Unit 17 officers.

SC Department Adjutant John Ashmore discussed the upcoming SC Convention.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Willy Campbell.

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 17 June 2010.

The meeting was closed at 2005.

After the meeting we socialized and enjoyed a nice meal provided by the DAV Auxiliary.



James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 March 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Visitors: George Neil

Minutes of last meeting were omitted because they had been emailed to members and are posted on the chapter web page. They are also available at the sign in desk prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: None noted

New members: Steve Williams became the newest member by joining at the meeting. Tom Ogden made his first visit as a member

Correspondence: None noted

Hospital committee report: Visitation was March 16 by Ken Curtis, Jack Olson, Tom Musolf and James Ray.

Service Officer: No report.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Old business: No report

New business: Commander Musolf noted that the chapter had donated a microwave to the Mental Health Clinic at the VAMC.

Jerry Hall took officer nominations for the upcoming year. Nominated so far are Tom Musolf for Commander, Ken Curtis for Senior Vice Commander and Douglas Gist for Junior Vice Commander.

Nominations will remain open until the election at the April meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was a presentation by Steve Williams, Chief of Health Administration Service at the VAMC. He gave a very thorough explanation of Financial Assessment, Beneficiary Travel and Fee Basis. This provided excellent insight into topics that affect all of us that use the VA Medical Center.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 April 2010.

The meeting was closed at 2119.

Door prizes were awarded.

After the meeting we socialized and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 February 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 Officer absent

Visitors: Tom Fasnacht

Minutes of last meeting were omitted because they had been emailed to members and are posted on the chapter web page

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: Tony Fowler had been in the hospital

New members: Chip Hanna made his first visit as a member

Correspondence: None noted

Hospital committee report: Visitation was Feb. 16 by Ken Curtis, Joe Tallon, Tom Musolf and James Ray.

Service Officer: Ken Curtis is the new Clinical Service Officer at the VAMC and noted that two SO's were out due to health, leaving only three SO's for coverage. He solicited new SO's and mentioned that the only certification training is held in May.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson did the report.

Old business: Commander Musolf noted that the television had been donated for the mental ward at the VAMC and he read the letter of appreciation for it's receipt. It was decided to purchase the new copier for the Service Officers when the cartridge was used up in the old one. Checks were written for donations to HSC (\$300) and VAVS (\$200).

New business: Cliff Davis' widow is trying to dispose of his handicapped equipped vehicles if there is anyone in need of such. It was emphasized again the need for new Service Officers.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 March 2010.

The meeting was closed at 2000.

A door prize was awarded.

After the meeting we socialized and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 21 January 2010

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Visitors: Pat Block and father Chet

Minutes of last meeting were omitted because they had been emailed to members and are posted on the chapter web page

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: None noted

New members: None

Correspondence: None noted

Hospital committee report: Visitation was Tuesday Feb. 19 by Ken Curtis, Tom Musolf and James Ray.

Chaplin report: Chaplin had attended one veteran's funeral, Dwayne Delk

Auxiliary report: Harriett Hudson stated they will have a fund raiser and that the VA needs coffee, underwear and socks. Dottie Lewis thanked the drivers for helping with the wheelchairs at the VAMC

Old business: None noted.

New business: Commander Musolf proposed three budget items that were approved: \$1000 for a television in the mental ward at the VAMC, \$500 for a new copier for the Service Officers and \$500 for VFW Post 3433 for use of the facilities. It was also approved to purchase shirts for the Service Officers but no dollar amount was determined. Commander Musolf proposed changing the name of the chapter, to be decided latter.

Good of the order: Diana Johnson, the Community Relations Manager for HomeHelpers, provided a presentation about their services as caregivers to go into clients homes to help meet their daily needs. She was informative and knowledgeable of veteran's needs.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 February 2010.

The meeting was closed at 2035.

Door prizes were awarded.

After the meeting we socialized and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 19 November 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 0 Officers absent

Visitors: Dorchester County Council members Richard Rosebrock and wife Grace, Larry Hargett and wife Linda, and Jamie Feltner. Previous guest speaker Pat O'Leary and daughter.

Business portion of the meeting was waived.

New members: John Harrison and Bob Jensen. Charles Trotter transferred in.

New business: Commander Musolf noted that the Golden Corral Military Appreciation event had raised \$5,027 in donations for the chapter and members had volunteered 191 hours during the fund raiser.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 January 2010.

The meeting was closed at 1940.

Members and guests then socialized and enjoyed a holiday meal prepared DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 October 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1933 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 0 Officers absent

Visitors: Dr. Florence Hutchison

Minutes of last meeting were omitted

Treasurer's report was given by Jack Olson

Sickness and distress: None noted

New members: None

Correspondence: Letter from The Village at Summerville (Presbyterian Home) stating they are hosting a Salute to Veterans Nov. 11 at 3:00 at their facility.

Hospital committee report: No report because hospital visit will be next week.

Legislative committee: Jack Olson discussed the Health Care Bill and other issues.

Old business: Joe Tallon presented information on the scholarship fund. The chapter voted to approve and to name it the Jerry Hall Scholarship Fund. Comrade Tallon will present it to Dorchester District II.

Honor Flight for WWII vets: it was decided to not donate to the Fleet Reserve but instead to pursue making a direct donation in the spring by the chapter.

Discussions with the VAMC determined a golf cart was not needed, so one will not be purchased.

New business: Dr. Florence Hutchison gave an informative presentation about the programs and direction of the Charleston VAMC. Among her topics were the Patient and Family Care Center, the new PET CT Scan, clinical programs and Palliative Care (end of life). She stated that a veteran had recently gotten a liver transplant at MUSC through the VAMC. She updated the status of the clinics in our area. The new clinic at the Weapons Station is scheduled to open June 2010 and is a joint venture with DoD. The VA plans to keep in operation the space currently at Trident Hospital but with some movement teams. The Navy is leaving the old Navy Hospital on Rivers Ave. but the ability of the VA to obtain space there is not known at this time. She also discussed the MOVE, My HealthVet and suicide prevention programs.

Good of the order: Jerry Stout mentioned the SC Lost Boats ceremony at Patriots Point 3:00 Nov 11.

The adjutant solicited volunteer van drivers and service officers to help with the expansion of clinics.

Harriett Hudson requested donations to the VAMC Spouse Fund to assist family members of out of town veterans.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 November 2009 for our holiday meal.

The meeting was closed at 2111.

Door prizes were awarded.

After the meeting Dr. Hutchison met with individuals, we socialized, and enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 September 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1931 by Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 6 Officers present, 5 Officers absent

Visitors: Don Sauter and Steve Bushy. SC State Commander Horace Adams

Minutes of last meeting were read by James Ray

Treasurers report was given by James Ray

Sickness and distress: Chaplin Tallon stated that Harold Sedivy had died. James Ray noted that his mother had died, she was a WAC in England during WWI.

New members: Tom Russell transferred from Mississippi and Mark Haight was a member attending for the first time.

Hospital committee report: Visit made Sept. 15 by Tom Musolf, Ken Curtis, Jack Olson and James Ray.

New business: Steve Bushy and Don Sauter gave a presentation about the Benefit Bike Rally being held October 3 at the Dorchester Shrine Club 2150 Beech Hill Road in Summerville. Doors open at 11:00 and it will be a full day event with bands, family activities, vendors and a car and bike show. The Marshall Tucker Band will perform around 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Proceeds from this event go to the DAV so it is important that Chapter 17 members attend and volunteer to assist in any way we can. Volunteers do not have to pay admission.

Commander Musolf discussed the scholarship fund.

A vote of approval was made to check into the possibility of donating a golf cart to the VAMC.

State Commander Horace Adams discussed the Golden Corral event in November and some other items.

DAVA State Commander Harriet Hudson mentioned the expansion of the VA clinics in the area. This will be further discussed at our October meeting when our guest speaker will be Florence Hutchison, Chief of Staff at the Charleston VAMC.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 October 2009.

The meeting was closed at 1835.

After the meeting we socialized, enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

An excellent door prize was awarded.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 June 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1938 by Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 8 Officers present, 4 Officers absent

New business: Most of the regular business portion of the meeting was waived in order to allow time for the guest speaker.

Sickness and distress: Chaplin Tallon noted that Commander Gilbert had died since our last meeting. Commander Musolf noted that the chapter and members excelled at the state convention in May by receiving three awards: the Hanna Award that was received by Chapter 17 as the best chapter, the Greer Award to Joe Tallon as outstanding chapter member and the Emma Clark Auxiliary Award for Harriett Hudson as outstanding auxiliary member.

Our guest speaker was Pat O'Leary, the OEF/OIF Transition Patient Advocate at Ralph H. Johnson VAMC, Charleston. He gave an excellent presentation on the assistance being provided to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Due to the death of Commander Gilbert some changes were made in officer roles. The officers are:

Commander	Tom Musolf
Senior Vice-Commander	John David Mellert
Junior Vice-Commander	Lenzy Lewis
Treasurer	Jack Olson
Adjutant	James Ray
Chaplain	Joe Tallon
Legislative Chairman	Jack Olson
Service Officer	Ken Curtis
Membership	John David Mellert
Sergeant At Arms	Willy Campbell
Officer of the Day	Tom Musolf
Public Relations	John Mellert

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 17 September 2009.

The meeting was closed at 1835.

After the meeting we socialized, enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary and Pat O'Leary answered individual questions.

Several excellent door prizes were awarded.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 16 April 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1934 by Senior Vice Commander Musolf

Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Musolf

Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 2 Officers absent

Visitors: Texnyankee Productions donated \$600 to the chapter as proceeds from a motorcycle rally. Senior Vice Commander Musolf noted that Joe Smith, a van rider, donated \$1,000.

New business: The business portion of the meeting was waived in order to install the officers.

The South Carolina DAV Commander, Charlie Pettigrew, presided over the installation of officers. The new elected and installed officers are:

Commander	Richard Gilbert
Senior Vice-Commander	Tom Musolf
Junior Vice-Commander	John David Mellert
Treasurer	Jack Olson
Adjutant	James Ray
Chaplain	Joe Tallon
Legislative Chairman	Jack Olson
Service Officer	Lenzy Lewis
Membership	Tom Musolf
Sergeant At Arms	Willy Campbell
Officer of the Day	Tom Musolf
Public Relations	John Mellert

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Senior Vice Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 June 2009.

The meeting was closed at 1955.

After the meeting we socialized and enjoyed a nice meal provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

The door prize was won by new Chapter 17 member Albert Christopher.

James Ray, Adjutant



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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 19 March 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1932 by Senior Vice Commander Musolf  
Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon  
Pledge of allegiance led by Senior Vice Commander Musolf  
Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Treasurers Report given by Comrade Jack Olson. He noted that since the report date the chapter had paid \$13,500 for a new van that will be delivered later this year.

Visitors: None.

Prior minutes: The business portion of the February meeting was not held to allow time for the guest speaker, Dr. Mark DeSantis.

Sickness and distress: Reported by Chaplin Joe Tallon: Commander Gilbert is at Roper Hospital with an expected release date of April 2.

New Members: Bob Bear is transferring from Massachusetts.

Hospital committee report: The visitation was Tuesday, March 17 by Tom Musolf, Joe Tallon, Jack Olson and James Ray.

Legislative Committee: Jack Olson provided an update of current items affecting veterans. One item of special mention was the concerted effort of veterans groups to cause the administration to back down from a proposal that treatment for service connected disabilities be paid by the veteran's private insurance.

Old business: None noted.

New business: Joe Tallon gave a status update of the chapter's State Convention ad sales: 24 ads sold for \$1275. He expects to be finished selling by the SEC meeting March 28. He read a list of the donors.

Nomination of officers was conducted by Past Chapter Commander Jerry Hall. The nominations received were:

Commander	Richard Gilbert
Senior Vice Commander	Tom Musolf
Junior Vice Commander	John Mellert

Nominations remain open until the election at the next meeting, April 16.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Senior Vice Commander Musolf led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 April 2009.

The meeting was closed at 2015.

After the meeting we enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

The door prize was won by DAV member Tom Musolf.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 19 February 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1934 by Commander Gilbert

Opening prayer given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Gilbert

Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 3 Officer absent

It was moved to dispense with the normal business portion of the meeting to allow time for the guest speaker.

The guest speaker was Dr. Mark DeSantis from the Ralph Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, who gave an excellent presentation on suicide prevention.

After the meeting we enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

The door prize was won by DAV member Jerry Hall.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 January 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 1936 by Commander Gilbert

Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Gilbert

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Treasurers Report given by Comrade Jack Olson.

Visitors: None.

Prior minutes read by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Reported by Chaplin Joe Tallon.

Hospital committee report: The visitation will be next Tuesday, January 20.

New Members: Sonny Grant has been a member for awhile but this was his first meeting.

Old business: 9<sup>th</sup> District NEC will be at Myrtle Beach January 23 – 25

The SC Department convention will be in Columbia May 14 – 17

The Dorchester County Council mailed a check today for \$8600 for a new van. Our staff will pursue Berkeley County for some van funding also.

There will be a new van pickup point in Hollywood.

New business: Joe Tallon gave a presentation on his 36 year struggle to get some of the medals that were due to his service in Vietnam. His speech supported the idea that with perseverance a person can succeed.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Gilbert led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 February 2009.

The meeting was closed at 2034.

After the meeting we enjoyed refreshments provided by the DAV Auxiliary.

The fantastic raffle package was won by DAVA member Connie Washington.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 20 November 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Gilbert

Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Gilbert

New business: Commander Gilbert stated that the chapter was going to purchase one van for the DAV Transportation Network and not two as had been previously discussed.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Gilbert led in the salute to the flag.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplin Joe Tallon

The business meeting was closed at 1745 and the members and guests then enjoyed our holiday meal provided by the Auxiliary.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 January 2009 and.

James Ray,  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 16 October 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Gilbert

Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Gilbert

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Treasurers Report given by Comrade Jack Olson. A discussion was held about filing the IRS Form 990N and other financial topics.

Visitors: None.

Prior minutes read by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: None reported.

Hospital committee report: The visitation will be next Tuesday, October 21.

New Members: Jerry Stout has been a member for awhile but this was his first meeting.

Old business: A correction was made stating the COLA for next year Will be 5.8%.

New business: Several upcoming events were noted: Moving Wall ceremony, October 18 at 10:00 at the Performing Arts Center; Homeless Vet Stand Down, October 30 & 31; Veterans Day parade in Charleston, November 9 at 2:00; Patriotism in the Park at Azalea Park November 9 at 3:00; Veterans Day ceremony at the Dorchester County Admin building November 11 at 10:30; Salute to Veterans at the Provost Dungeon, November 13 11:00.

It was noted that VA designated ALS as a service connected disease.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Gilbert led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 20 November 2008 and the Auxiliary will provide our Holiday Meal.

The meeting was closed at 2125.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 September 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Gilbert

Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Gilbert

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 2 Officer absent

Treasurers Report given by Comrade James Ray. It was stated that the DAV annual report and IRS Form 990N had both been filed.

Prior minutes read by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Comrades Richard Gilbert and Jerry Hall had medical problems but were in attendance. Comrade Harry Tallon had died.

Hospital committee report: Joe Tallon, Tom Musolf and James Ray distributed refreshments at VAMC on 16 September.

Visitors: None.

Old business: None

New business: Joe Tallon stated that a veteran that dies at a VA hospital is entitled to a payment.

Jerry Hall stated that the COLA will be 8.2% for the upcoming year.

Jerry Hall stated that the NSO van has been rescheduled from October to an undetermined date.

Richard Gilbert presented pictures of the new van.

Richard Gilbert stated that October 4 is Veteran appreciation day at the AFB.

Richard Gilbert passed out forms for Vietnam Veterans to be recognized during the Moving Wall ceremony, October 18.

The Tricounty free van was discussed.

James Ray mentioned that the next newsletter would have an application for those wishing to continue receiving the newsletter by postal mail. Otherwise it will be available on the web site and by email.

James Ray presented an appreciation plaque to the chapter from the VAMC for the new van.

Bob Block presented the Paul Greer award to Jerry Hall. This award was from the May SC convention.

Tom Musolf presented the highest membership award to the chapter. This award was from the May SC convention.

Tom Musolf asked for a discussion on what to donate to the family of a deceased member.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Gilbert led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 October 2008.

The meeting was closed at 2130.

James Ray, Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 19 June 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Gilbert

Opening prayer given Chaplin Joe Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Gilbert

Roll Call of Officers: 8 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Treasurers Report given by Comrade Jack Olson

Prior minutes read by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Comrade Joe Connor's wife died.

Hospital committee report: Joe Tallon, Jack Olson and James Ray distributed refreshments at VAMC on 17 June.

Visitors: Hank Hyduk and Jimmy LeCroy, both are DAV Life Members and want to transfer to Chapter 17. This was the first meeting to be attended by new member Germal Bradley.

Old business: None

New business: Bob Block has retired from the VA. Currently he is in transit to get the new van to be used to carry patients to VAMC, Charleston.

A discussion of the Memorial Day Ceremony was held and Joe Tallon reminded members that the flag should be flown at half mast on Memorial Day.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Gilbert led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 September 2008.

The meeting was closed at 2130.

James Ray  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 April 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 8 Officers present, 3 Officers absent

Treasurers Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Additional nominations for officers were requested. A motion was made and passed to accept the slate of officers as nominated. SC DAV Commander Charlie Pettigrew installed the officers for 2008-2009

Commander	Richard Gilbert
Senior Vice-Commander	Tom Musolf
Junior Vice-Commander	John David Mellert
Treasurer	Jack Olson
Adjutant	James Ray
Chaplain	Joe Tallon
Legislative Chairman	Jack Olson
Service Officer	James Ray
Membership	Tom Musolf

New business: A donation of \$925.00 was made by BLV Entertainment, Inc. (Steven E. & Cynthia Bushey)

Joe Tallon has collected \$3,535 in ads for the upcoming DAV Conference in May.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 June 2008.

The meeting was closed at 2130 and was followed by the Commander's reception.

James Ray  
Adjutant



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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 20 March 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 2 Officers absent

Treasurers Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Richard D. Voegeli passed away on 13 March. Bob Block (1<sup>st</sup> District Commander) will be attending the funeral at the Beaufort National Cemetery.

Harry Tallon is recovering from a recent fall.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Old Business: Last month there was discussion about starting up a scholarship fund. Joe Tallon gave us the information on the research he has done. There was a motion and a second to start a scholarship fund starting next year. There was a lot of discussion on how it was to be run and organized. The final result was that the motion passed. Joe Tallon has been put in charge of the committee and will work out the details at a later day.

New business: The SC DAV State Conference is being held from 15 – 18 May 2008. It will be held at the Radison Hotel in Columbia. Anyone needing an application please see Adjutant Block.

There was a motion and second to purchase seven (7) sweat suites. Each DAV van would keep one (1) sweat suite in the case of an emergency. Richard Gilbert was put in charge of this project.

Motion passed.

Our sales for ads sold for the upcoming DAV Conference in May has been very successful. All the sales to date have been sold by Joe Tallon. He has collected \$3,060 to date. He received a large round of applause.

There was a motion and second to donate \$100.00 to this years Commanders Breakfast at the State Conference in Columbia. Motion passed.

Nominations for next year's officer: 2008-2009: the following individuals were nominated for next year. At next months meeting we will hold further nominations and election of officers.

Commander – Richard (Dick) Gilbert

Senior Vice Commander – Tom Musolf

Junior Vice Commander – John (JD) Mellert

Treasurer – Jack Olson

Chaplain – Joe Tallon

In the appointed position of Adjutant will be James Ray.

Good of the order: A letter of appreciation was read to Roy Joseph Smith III, % Carol J. Moore. He recently donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the chapter.

Motion to adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 17 April 2008.

The meeting was closed at 2145.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 21 February 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 2 Officers absent

Treasurers Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: None noted

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Legislative Report: Given by Comrade Jack Olson

Old Business: None

New business: It was noted that we should not wear any DAV gear if campaigning for a politician.

Joe Tallon has sold \$500 – 600 in ads so far.

Dick Gilbert will check about buying sweat clothes for the homeless at the VA hospital.

Commander Hall mentioned the possibility of providing a scholarship. This will be discussed at an officer's meeting.

Dick Gilbert will fill the Senior Vice Commander position and Tom Musolf will fill the Junior Vice Commander until the end of the year.

Motion to Adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 20 March 2008

The meeting was closed at 2030.

James Ray  
Acting Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 January 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 9 Officers present, 2 Officers absent

Treasurers Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Jack Olson's wife was involved in a pretty bad car accident but she is doing pretty well. Col. John Poindexter (USMC retired) passed away.

Old Business: None

New business: There were several suggestions made for future fund raisers.  
Concerning the money raised for the new DAV van: \$13,000 was donated by the Dorchester County Council, and \$3,000 donated by Takata (Commander Hall's son's company).  
There are now 4 beds at the VA Hospital for the sleep study.  
Palmeto house needs members on the board of directors.  
Ed Burns' office in now by appointment only.  
The ninth district meeting will be held in Myrtle Beach 25 – 27 January.

Motion to Adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 February 2008

The meeting was closed at 2015.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 November 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 4 Officers excused

Treasurers Report: None given. Our treasurer is excused from this meeting.

Sickness and distress: None.

Old Business: None

New business: Comrades Joe Tallon, Jack Olsen, and James Ray all worked at the "Forget Me Not" fund raiser on 10 November at the Charleston Air Force Base Commissary.

Our meeting was cut short in order to celebrate our Thanksgiving meal together. The meal was put on by our Auxiliary and they did an outstanding job. Thanks for a job "Well Done".

Bob Block  
Adjutant

Disabled American Veterans  
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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 October 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 8 Officers present, 3 Officers excused

Treasurers Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Pearl Myers is still an inpatient at the VA Hospital.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Visitors Report: Dennis Dayton joined our chapter as of tonight. He became a fully paid life member the first night.

Old Business: None

Correction to 20 September 2007 minutes: There was \$450.00 sent to State Headquarters as the yearly donation vice \$180.00 as recorded.

New business: There was a second reading of the new constitution and by-laws. Motion carried.

Jack Olson and Joe Tallon represented our chapter at last months retire information seminar held at the Charleston Air Force Base.

The following committees were formed.

The Audit Committee is Joe Tallon, JD Mellert, Tom Musolf, and Joe Connor.

Grievance Committee: Bob Block, Jack Olson, Douglas Gist, and Wilmer Shirey

Fund Raiser: There were several suggestionws as to how to raise money. There was a great deal of discussion.

Treasures Report Discussion: It was brought up that if the chapter has over \$10,000.00 in our account, Nation Headquarters has the right to take some of that money. But, since we now have a designated colum labeled "VAN Fund", they will not touch it.. A motion was made, seconded, and voted on that on a quarterly basis, any money, in excess of \$10,000.00 will automatically put into the van fund. Motion carried.

Information was given as to the upcoming Veterans Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, 11 November and the Veterans Day Service which will be held on Monday, 12 November.

Motion to Adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 November 2007

The meeting was closed at 2050.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 20 September 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Tallon

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 4 Officers excused

Minutes for the 21 June meeting have been lost. Will try and reconstruct in 20 Sept meeting.

Treasurers Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Sickness and distress: Commander Hall's wife has been under the weather.  
Pearl Myers has been admitted to the VA Hospital.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Visitors Report: NONE

Old Business: In the 21 June meeting it was voted on and passed that from now on the reimbursement for travel will be at 43 cents per mile. Also, it was voted on and passed that an authorized member on authorized travel will be reimbursed at the actual cost for travel and expenses for conferences.

New business: There was a motion and a second to donate \$180.00 to the State DAV Headquarters. There was no discussion. Motion voted on and passed.

The flu shot are being given at the VA hospital.

It was mentioned that it is now correct and proper to give a hand salute at all function (hat or no hat)

Good of the order: None

Motion to Adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 October 2007

The meeting was closed at 2050.

Bob Block  
Adjutant



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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 19 April 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 4 Officers excused

Visitors for installation night: Prince Tucker (Past State Dept Commander), Lynn Helms (State Auxiliary Commander), Carroll Prosser (District 7 Commander and Chapter 30 Commander), Ralph Cassar (Senior Vice Commander for Chapter 30), Irene Gethers (Auxiliary Chapter 77 Commander), and Isaac Gethers (Commander for Chapter 77).

Minutes for the 15 March 2007 meeting were read and approved after one correction: (Joe Tallon's father is recovering from a heart attack).

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Old Business: None

A motion was made to dispense with all other business and proceed with the nomination and election of officers for 2007 – 2008. Last month's nominees were read. There were no further nominations so the following people have been elected to be your Officers for 2007 – 2008.

Commander – Jerry Hall  
Senior Vice Commander – John Brooks  
Junior Vice Commander – Richard Gilbert

The following people are your Appointed Officers:

Adjutant / Historian – Bob Block  
Treasurer – James Ray  
Chaplain – Joe Tallon  
Legislative Officer – Jack Olson  
Service Officer – Ed Burns  
Officer of the Day – Tom Musolf  
Sargent-At-Arms – Willie Campbell  
Public Relations / Publicity Officer – John David Mellert

Irene Gethers (Auxiliary Commander for Unit 77, James Island) installed the new officers for Unit 17.

Our Past State Commander, Prince Tucker, installed our new officers for Chapter 17..

Outgoing Commander, Willie Campbell, gave his departing comments. He thanked all the people for their support and hard work.

Incoming Commander, Jerry Hall, gave a few remarks and thanked everyone for their trust and support.

Harriett Hudson, VA Medical Center, Hospital Service Coordinator gave us an informative talk about the status of the Summerville DAV van.

Carroll Prosser, District 7 Commander, is running for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Commander seat at the State DAV Conference in May and just wanted to introduce himself to us and give us his credentials.

Motion to Adjourn.

Commander Hall led in the salute to the flag.

Closing prayer: There was a moment of silence for our fallen Comrades including this years Past Chaplain and friend Paul Sholette.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 June 2007

The meeting was closed at 2040.

Bob Block

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 March 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 6 Officers present, 5 Officers excused

Minutes for the 15 February 2007 meeting were read and approved

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: Jack Olson is not feeling well. Forrest Ott is recovering from eye surgery. Joe Tallon's father (Harry Tallon) is recovering from his illness.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Legislative Report: Given by Comrade Joe Tallon

Old Business: None

New Business: The SC DAV State Conference is being held from 17 – 20 May. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. Anyone needing an application please see Adjutant Block.

Nominations for next year's officers: 2007-2008: The following individuals were nominated for next year. At next months meeting we will hold further nominations and election of officers.

Commander – Jerry Hall

Senior Vice Commander – John Brooks

Junior Vice Commander - Richard Gilbert

Good of the order: None

Motion to Adjourn.

Commander Campbell led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 April 2007

The meeting was closed at 2017.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 February 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 5 Officers present, 5 Officers excused

Minutes for the 18 January 2007 meeting were read and approved

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: None

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Legislative Report: Given by Comrade Joe Tallon

Old Business: None

New Business: Wayne Harrigan made a motion to send out the newsletter via Post Card. The motion was seconded. There was a lot of discussion. Commander Campbell is going to investigate how to do this.

Good of the order: None

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 PM

Commander Campbell led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 March 2007

The meeting was closed at 2010.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 18 January 2007

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Acting Chaplain Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 5 Officers present, 5 Officers excused

Minutes for the 17 November 2006 meeting were read and approved

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: Joe Tallon's father has been admitted into the hospital. Jack Olson is not feeling well.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made for Jerry Hall to assume the position of Chaplain. It was seconded and voted on. Motion carried. A motion was made to replace the 2 existing flag staffs that are in bad condition. This is the American Flag Staff and the Disabled American Flag Staff. It was seconded and voted on. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wayne Harrigan to change the way we send out our Newsletter. His point is that a 4 month newsletter is too long. People forget when the next meeting is. It was seconded. After very much discussion about how to do it, when to do it, and how to pay for it, Wayne agreed to table his motion. Commander Campbell and Adjutant Block will discuss this subject with the State Commander to see what our options are.

Good of the order: None

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 PM

Commander Campbell led in the salute to the flag.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 February 2007

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 17 November 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Acting Chaplain Jerry Hall

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 3 Officers excused and 1 Officer passed away

Minutes for the 19 October 2006 meeting were read and approved

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: One very sad note: Our Chaplain, (Paul Sholette) passed away very unexpectedly on 16 November. We held a "Draping of the Charter" Ceremony for our fallen Comrade.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

Old Business: None

New Business: Unfortunately of guest speaker did not show. A motion was made to purchase a Bible for Pauls Sholette's next of kin. (His daughter). It was seconded and voted on. Motion carried. It was mentioned that the Palmeto House is now open in Summerville. This is a temporary shelter for the homeless including families. Joe Tallon gave a talk to the children at the Rollins School of the Arts.

Good of the order: Joe Tallon and Jack Olson were both awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for helping out at the DAV Garage Sale.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 PM

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 18 January 2007

Commander Campbell led in the salute to the flag

The meeting was closed at 2015.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 19 October 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Acting Commander Harrigan

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Sholette

Pledge of allegiance led by Acting Commander Harrigan

Roll Call of Officers: 6 Officers present, 3 Officers excused and 2 absent

Minutes for the 21 September 2006 meeting were read and approved

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: None

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray

New members present: Carol Meyers and Louis Allison were introduced

Communications: Newspaper article from the Post and Courier: Senator John McCain has accepted an invitation to attend the opening of the new Veterans Victory House State Nursing Home in Walterboro on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, address is 2461 Sidney Rd., Walterboro

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the order: State Commander Marian Truscello was unable to attend the meeting since her daughter was in an auto accident and needed her care

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 PM

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 November 2006

Acting Commander Harrigan led in the salute to the flag

The meeting was closed at 2000

Joseph Connor  
Acting Adjutant

Disabled American Veterans  
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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 21 September 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Sholette

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 8 Officers present, 3 Officers absent

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: None

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray.

Communications: One letter read thanking us for our \$500.00 to the Charleston HSC fund.

Old Business: None

New Business: It was announced that the chapter was given \$793.00 for the recent motorcycle rally held by the Patriot Guard.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Mark Kravtz, Family Service Counselor, from Carolina Memorial Park. He gave us some information on pre-arranging your funeral.

Our State Commander, Marian Truscillo, will be attending our meeting in October.

Motion to Adjourn

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 19 October 2006.

The meeting was closed at 2045.

Bob Block  
Adjutant



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David E. McWhorter Chapter 17  
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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 15 June 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Commander Campbell

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Sholette

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Campbell

Roll Call of Officers: 10 Officers present, 1 Officer absent

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray. Cookies and sodas were passed out by Comrades Paul Sholette (and his daughter), Joe Tallon, Jack Olson, and James Ray.

Legislative Report: Given by Comrade Jack Olson

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made to donate \$300.00 to SC DAV HSC program. This donated is to go towards the Charleston HSC program. It was seconded and voted on. Motion carried.

Letters of appreciation were read for the following comrades for there hard work with this years annual fund raiser for the State Convention Book. John Brooks, John Means, Joe Tallon, Jack Olson, and Jerry Hall.

Our Guest Speaker for the meeting was Ed Burns (Dorchester County Veterans Affairs Officer). He gave us a very informative talk about a variety of subjects. Anyone needing his assistance should fee free to give him a call. He is there to help us.

Motion to Adjourn

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 21 September 2006.

The meeting was closed at 2040.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 20 April 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Commander Hall  
(The meeting started a little late due to a full meal being provided by Outgoing Commander, Jerry Hall, and prepared by Lula Campbell)

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Sholette

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 11 Officers present (All Officers were present)

Commander Hall gave his departing comments. He thanked many people for there support for the two years he serviced as Commander. He also mentioned that the chapter has collected \$5,230.00 in advertisements for this years convention book. This is by far more than we have ever done. Congratulations to those who put so much time and effort into it.

A motion was made to dispense with all other business and proceed with the nomination and election of officers for 2006 – 2007. Last month's nominees were read. There were no further nominations so the following people have been elected to be your Officers for 2006 – 2007.

Commander – Willie Campbell  
Senior Vice Commander – Jack Olson  
Junior Vice Commander – Joe Tallon

The following people are your Appointed Officers:

Adjutant – Bob Block  
Treasurer – James Ray  
Chaplain – Paul Sholette  
Legislative Officer – Jack Olson  
Service Officer – Ed Burns  
Officer of the Day – John Means  
Sargent-At-Arms – John Brooks  
Public Relations/Publicity Officer – John David Mellert

Our Past State Commander, Prince Tucker, was to install our new officers but he unfortunately was hospitalized at the VA Medical Center today. Please say a little prayer for his speedy recovery. Our own Commander, Jerry Hall, installed the new officers.

Our new Commander, Willie Campbell, gave a few remarks and thanked everyone for there support. He also mentioned that the meal tonight was purchased and provided for by Jerry Hall. Willies wife, Lula Campbel, was nice enough to prepare the entire meal. There was a round of applause for both Jerry and Lula.

Harrett Hudson, HSC from the Charleston VA Medical Center, gave a little talk about the DAV van system and asked for volunteers to help drive the Summerville van. She also discussed the possibility of having the Auxiliary returning to active status. Commander Campbell gave our chapters full support.

Motion to Adjourn

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 15 June 2006. There will not be a meeting in May due to the DAV State Conference.

The meeting was closed at 2030.

Bob Block  
Adjutant

American Veterans  
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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 16 March 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Sholette

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 8 Officers present, 3 Officers absent

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: James Ray's father in is ICU, Phil Bates's son passed away unexpectedly.

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray. Cookies and sodas will be passed out on 20 March (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Legislative Report: Given by Comrade Jack Olson

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: The SC DAV State Conference is being held from 18 – 21 May. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel. In Columbia. Anyone needing an application please see Adjutant Block. The chapter voted and approved to donate \$200.00 to the State DAV Conference. This money goes for the Sunday breakfast. The chapter voted and approved to donate \$500.00 to the VAVS at the VA Hospital. This money will be presented by Commander Hall at the VAVS which is being held at the VA Hospital on Monday, 20 March.

Nominations for next year's officers: 2006 – 2007

The following individuals were nominated for next year. At next months meeting we will hold further nominations and the election of officers.

Commander – Willie Campbell

Senior Vice Commander – Jack Olson

Junior Vice Commander – Joe Tallon

Motion to Adjourn

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 20 April 2006

The meeting was closed at 21.50

Bob Block  
Adjutant

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David E. McWhorter Chapter 17  
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Minutes for DAV Chapter 17, Summerville SC on 16 February 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commander Hall

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Sholette

Pledge of allegiance led by Commander Hall

Roll Call of Officers: 7 Officers present, 4 Officers absent

Treasures Report: Given by Treasurer James Ray

Sickness and distress: Comrade James Ray's Father is ill

Hospital Committee Report: Given by Comrade James Ray. Cookies and sodas will be passed out on 21 February

Legislative Report: Given by Comrade Jack Olson

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Several things were talked about

Motion to Adjourn

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 16 March 2006

The meeting was closed

Minutes were taken by Comrade James Ray