



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

## COMMENTS FROM OUR CHAPTER COMMANDER:

Our State Convention was held the first week of May. Newly elected commander is William Robinson, who is from the upstate. Congratulations to him and the new staff. He stressed the importance of working together. Several members attended the service officer training held there also. Our chapter looks forward to being involved in all of the DAV programs.

Jerry K Stout  
Commander



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 20 VAMC Hospital Visitation** 6:00pm. Members and non-members are welcome to participate as we distribute cookies, soda and comradeship to our fellow confined veterans.

**May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony** at Summerville Cemetery (Parks Cemetery) on Boone Hill Road (Highway 17A South) at 10:30 Monday May 26. The inclement weather alternate site is the Mausoleum next to the cemetery.

**May 31 Camp Corral** fund raiser at Golden Corral ends.

**June 16 Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS)** meeting 1:00pm, Charleston VAMC main auditorium.

**June 17 May 20 VAMC Hospital Visitation** 6:00pm. Members and non-members are welcome to participate as we distribute cookies, soda and comradeship to our fellow confined veterans.

**June 19 Chapter Meeting 7:30pm** Show your support by attending the meeting and stay informed of Chapter actions and events that affect Veterans. We often have guest speakers. Invite other Veterans, family members and friends. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be provided.

## May 18, 2014



**Swamp Fox  
Chapter 17  
Summerville**

[www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/sc/17](http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/sc/17)

Chapter 17 meets 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday at VFW Post 3433 located at 10154 Bellwright Rd., Summerville 29483.

Auxiliary Unit 17 meets at the same time.

Our next meeting will be:

**June 19**



## AUXILIARY COMMENTS:

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary was founded in 1922 to assist the parent organization in their mission of service to honor our country's defenders for their sacrifices by assuring they were not forgotten by our nation and its legislators.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

### SVAC Grills VA Secretary

For two solid hours on Thursday, Senators on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (SVAC) relentlessly questioned Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki on the alleged and ever widening reports of numerous VA medical facilities consistently misrepresenting and misreporting the wait times for veterans to receive medical appointments.

Despite many calls in the press, and some from members of Congress, for his resignation and even being asked by several of the Senators why he should not resign, Secretary Shinseki said he intends to serve until his term expires or is told by the President that his time at the VA is over. He said he was asked by the President to serve and improve the VA, and that is what he will do. If malfeasance is found, he would take swift, corrective action.

The veterans organizations that were on a second panel after the Secretary were somewhat split on the issues. As everyone knows the American Legion came out last week and asked for the resignation of Secretary and his deputies, VHA head Dr. Robert Petzel and VBA head Allison Hickey. The Legion representative stuck to this position.

Other panelists from the VFW, DAV, IAVA and VVA called for restraint as the IG investigation looks into the matter. These same groups said that the problem in the VA Health System is not the care received, as it is generally in the very good to excellent range. Rather, the big problem is timely access to quality care.

Note from Legislative Chairman - Dr. Petzel submitted his resignation today. It should be noted, however, that Dr. Petzel was due to retire shortly so the circumstances don't quite measure up to an accountability action.

Legislative Chairman Jack Olson



### Van Drivers Needed.

Contact Jerry Stout, the DAV Transportation Network coordinator, at 789-7307 if you wish to be a volunteer van driver.

### New Members April:

Clouse, Mark A  
Edwards, Faraji C  
Silvas, Jose D  
Winter, Sam P

### Deaths April:

Hicks, Robert H.  
Leach, Ernie J

### Transfer in April:

None

### Charleston VA Medical Center

**Visitation:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 6:00pm we distribute cookies, soda and comradeship to our fellow confined veterans. All members and non-members are welcome to participate.



### **DAV Transportation Network Report: April Total 2014**

Hours worked	143	720
Miles driven	3180	10743
Veterans transported	96	325



**DAV Service Officers (SOs)** assist veterans and their families in many ways including filing VA claims. All services provided by DAV Service Officers are free of charge. They have an office on the second floor (B254) of the VA Medical Center and can be reached at 789-7456. There is also an office at the Naval Weapons Station, 789-7862, open Mondays only.

<u>Clinical Service Officer Report:</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Total 2014</u>
Veterans Assisted	<b>475</b>	<b>1948</b>
Hours Worked	<b>247</b>	<b>993</b>

