

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER #3



Message from the Chapter 3 Commander by John R. Hebrard



We had a great summer at the Chapter 3 Club House. We invited and served meals to veterans from the Hot Springs Domiciliary on two separate occasions with help from DAV and Auxiliary members. We had our annual joint DAV/DAVA (and spouse) meal and meeting in July. The club was packed. Thanks to our cooks, Frank Jones, Doc Jackson, and Jerry Thompson for standing in the sun while cooking up all the meals.

We participated in the annual Central States fair Parade in August and the parade in Hot Springs to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the VA Hospital. Would

you believe the first patient was a Civil War veteran? A lot has changed since then.

Commander Hebrard, Senior Vice Commander Charles Drust, Treasurer HG Krosschell, E-Board members Frank Jones and Earl Jefferson, and DAVA Department of South Dakota, Senior Vice Commander Joyce Jefferson, drove to New Orleans to attend the annual National DAV Convention in mid August. We all had a great time visiting the city nearly destroyed a couple years ago when Hurricane Katrina hit.

I am sorry to say our attempt to raise money via the last newsletter through the Forget-Me-Not program did not get a very good response compared to last year. You can still donate anytime though to help buy personal care items for hospitalized patients at Fort Meade and Hot Springs VA hospitals.

We put on our annual POW/MIA breakfast and attended the ceremony held at Camp Rapid on September 21st. Thanks to all the special helpers who came out along with AIC Melissa Garza from the 28th Medical group at Ellsworth AFB. A few days before the breakfast, several members came out to GI the club house. A big thanks for their support.

Our old ice machine bit the dust this summer and we bought a new one that was delivered and set up by Al Cornella's (DAV member) business at ½ the regular cost. Thanks Al. An anonymous donor helped pay for most of the cost. A special thank you to this person for her annual contribution to our club.

We have our mid-fall conference in Chamberlain, SD on October 13th. Several officers will be attending this meeting. We also have our annual NEC conference in North Dakota coming soon.

We will be in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in Rapid City and also setting up an information table at Golden Corral the weekend before they pro-

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Junior Vice Commander by Christine Walz

Happy fall to everyone!! The publicity and Americanism committee has a few ideas we're developing, especially in regards to Americanism. Soon we will be talking to the Rapid City and Douglas school districts about the possibility of sharing with kids grades kindergarten - 5th the importance of Americanism. We are also in the planning phase for a coloring contest (K-2nd), poster contest (3rd - 5th), and essay contest (6th - 12th). The committee is embarking on these projects because we feel Americanism is something that can never be stressed enough.

In addition to the Americanism projects, we are in the beginning phase of planning for another auction in the fall of 2008.

Anyone wishing to lend a helping hand with any of the projects, especially the Americanism projects, please contact me at the DAV hall. If I'm not available when you call, please leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. We would like to have enough members volunteer to create an honor guard to join us on the trips to the schools.

With help from our members, I know these projects will be a success!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Holiday Season Is Here

by Adjutant Richard Dlugosz

This is the last newsletter issue for 2007. Our next issue should reach you around spring of 2008.

Everyone at Chapter 3 wish you all a great holiday season.

First, we have Veteran's Day, with parade and special events, like the one at Golden Corral.

Then comes Thanksgiving. I plan to do some serious eating and look forward to eat. I hope I don't have to buy those "expand-it waist pants" afterwards though.

Christmas comes right afterwards, with all the crazy shopping beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

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New DAV Members	
May 2007	
Larry D. Bickford George R. Favors	Gary L. Huffman Freeman Park
June 2007	
Robert L. Baty Kenneth L. Felecia	Darrel H. Otkin James W. Ross
July 2007	
Martin V. Denke Ima G. Dobbins Warren Prostrullo	Richard W. Rhode Steven E. Wickstrom
August 2007	
None	



Loren Murren presents a Distinguished Service Award to Ken Moon for his work in the Veterans Outreach Program. (Aug 2007)

Deceased DAV Members	
May 2007	
Lester Rickels	
June 2007	
Mark D. Alyea William S. Benfit	Harvey G. Burns Charles E. Smith
July 2007	
Gordon N. Harwood	George R. Moe
August 2007	
Kenneth D. Bowmen Victor A. Fenner	Alan H. Rezac Janes G. Walton



Rapid City Mayor, Alan Hanks, chats with Ken Gorely, our oldest "active" member. (July 2007)

Deceased Members

In each issue, I attempt to keep you informed, especially about those members we have lost.

There is always a chance of error of a chance someone we lost is not on the list.

If you know someone who has passed away and their name has not appeared, please let us know. Contact information for the DAV is on the front cover.

We do not have September or October information at the time of printing. We are always behind a month or so.



Place settings at MIA/POW Breakfast. They are NOT forgotten! (Sep 2007)

vide their annual free meal to any veteran. Come help us at the information table so we can get the word out to all veterans of their benefits and try to recruit new members, along with collecting donations for our transportation fund.

We had a couple club members call Splash City about refurbishing our pool table. The manager called his main office and was given permission to do it at no charge. They did a wonderful job and now our old pool sharks have to relearn the table. Soon afterwards, a new member who works at Harley Davidson talked to his store manager and they donated a brand new set of Harley Davidson pool balls. Thank you all for going the extra effort to get these donations that saved valuable money that can now be used for other projects to serve our disabled veterans.

Applications for all 100% Total and Permanent individual unemployable disabled veterans are being sent to those who call our NSOs in Sioux Falls. Call 1-800-316-8387 ext 9-6896 and ask for Paul or Eric to get your official letter to get you fully qualified for the \$100,000 property tax credit. Applications MUST be turned in NLT 1 November of each year to qualify at your county assessor's office. You need your letter from the VA and the application sent by our NSOs to have it processed. One other qualification is that you must have lived in your home or property for the full (current) year. This year will be for 2007 and be for the taxes paid in 2009.

We will be supporting the DAVA in their annual Christmas Boxes. If you have time to help, call Mary Sealock or other DAVA members. Non-perishable food items and money donations will be accepted anytime.

Please join us at our month membership meal and meeting every 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you haven't been sworn in, let us know so we can do that for you so you can receive your official Chapter 3 hat and hat/lapel pin.

If you want to join our fellow DAV volunteer drivers to transport our veterans to and from the Fort Meade VA, please call Nancy Worth at Fort Meade VA volunteer services for an application. She can be reached at 1-800-743-1070. Ask for her by name with the operator.

Thank you to all who helped make our Chapter stand out this past year. Don't forget, there will be an election for new officers in April 2008. Please come by the club house for an application as soon as you can if you are interested in running for office. There will be several openings coming up. This will be my 2nd and last year as your commander due to our 2 year term limit. It is time to let someone else with much enthusiasm take the reins. Our young veterans are encouraged to get involved in the leadership positions.

See you at the club house soon.

We should also remember while we celebrate Christmas there are many other religious holidays during that time. That is one of the great things about our nation. People can celebrate according to their personal religious beliefs, thanks to men and women like all of you out there. Without your personal sacrifice and that of your families, none of this would be possible.

The new year will follow right on the heels of Christmas. What this new year brings is anyone's guess. We will still have many troops in harms way fighting for what they believe. It is our duty, and responsibility, to offer continued support for them, and to ensure they get the best medical care possible should they need it upon their return home.

We do not have agree or disagree with the politics of why they are in harms way. We need only know they are, and they need our support.

You can also support our troops by supporting those companies and organizations which openly support our military.

Some examples can be seen right here, at home.

Golden Corral has consistently supported our military by allowing DAV members to set up tables at the restaurant and by offering free dinners on Veteran's Day.

Wal-Mart has been a generous supporter of the DAV. Wal-Mart also supports military members and families with a "Wall of Fame", photographs of military members hanging on the store walls.

Sentinel Federal Credit Union has sponsored the "Vet of the Month" in Rapid City with financial rewards and free publicity for the winners. Sentinel has also provided gift certificates and many other prizes to members of the DAV. Sentinel has become highly visible in it's support of our military. (NOTE: I have served on the Sentinel Board of Directors for about 30 years).

Splash City recovered our pool table and **Harley Davidson** supplied us with a great set of new pool balls.

The staff at the **Career Learning Center** folds, assembles and attaches mailing labels for our DAV newsletter.

Coca-Cola, Albertson's, Jimmy John's, Olive Garden, Liberty Tax Service, Karl's TV, Al Cornella, Office-Max and many others have supplied the DAV with material, donations and special offers.

The list goes on. I most likely overlooked someone, but that **will** be corrected. The point: when you decide to spend money, look for services or shop, remember those who have gone the extra mile and helped us all, not by "talking about it", but by "doing it" and offering a hand to help us out.

Have a great holiday season for the remaining months of 2007 and prepare for 2008. Lot's of things are happening. Please take time to participate in future events and become part of the solution.

Attend the monthly meeting at the DAV whenever possible.

WE NEED YOU!!

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY UNIT #3



Message from the Unit #3 Commander by Mary Sealock



God
Bless
Our
Troops

THE REASON WHY

All young men are told,
Some 17 and 18 years old.
They all should do their share,
Of their country's burdens to bare.
They are made to fight and die,
But most don't even know why.

Our country's leaders aren't always right,
But our young men can see the light
They say you have to be 21 to vote.
Now if that don't get your goat.
He is old enough to fight and die,
But not old enough to know why.

Let them vote for the man of their choice.
Let them have a little voice.
Let them help choose their leaders.
Don't let them always be just readers,
Is it right to just fight and die?
Let them know the reason why..

From Unit 3 Adjutant by Connie Bruch

Adjutant Bruch Reflects....

Lots to say in a small space...Forget-Me-Not Drive garnered just short of \$450. The unit and chapter participated in the June 30th Parade of Presidents thanks to the sponsorship of Sentinel Credit Union. In July the Standing Rules were reviewed by our membership & were approved by State. On July 11th Unit 3 & Chapter 3 had a joint meal with the unit members staying for the chapter meeting. Interesting and fun for all. July 24th Unit 3 hosted a group of veterans from Hot Springs to a picnic-style meal before the vets went to a Legion baseball game. Chapter 3 volunteers cooked the hamburgers on the grill. Thanks Chapter 3. Also in July the unit set the annual budget. We hope our fund-raisers meet the expectations of the new proposed budget.

August 13th State DAVA Commander Koll made her official visit to our unit. She was traveling with State Judge Advocate Judy Perry. Commander Koll enjoyed the special meal of Indian Tacos (as did everyone) with special thanks going to Vera Drust. While Commander Koll was visiting us, our own Joyce Jefferson was attending the National Convention in New Orleans representing Commander Koll and the State of South Dakota. Joyce reported back that only four states made quota with National. Would you believe South Dakota was one of the four?! Hooray for us as our Unit had made quota too. Some of our members participated in the Range Day Parade on August 18th.

September 8th was our annual Rummage Sale which brought in just over \$500 to support our budget full of projects for our disabled veterans. Special thanks go to Sue Hebrard who baked and sold her heart-healthy cinnamon rolls with proceeds going to the Rummage Sale as well. One taxi driver stopped by several times and wanted to know if they would be sold next year too. Sue????? Thanks to everyone who worked during the sale with special thanks to Ursula Stroh who provided lunch to the workers. September 15th some members participated in the Hot Springs VA Medical Center's 100 Anniversary Celebration and in particular were in the long parade and enjoyed the free picnic. Great event! The following Friday (21st) was the annual MIA/POW Breakfast held at the Hall before the program that was held at Camp Rapid this year. Thanks to

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Drop Donuts from Sue Hebrard

1 ½ cup flour	¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg, beaten	2 ½ teaspoon baking powder
½ cup milk	1 tablespoon melted shortening
Vanilla	Nutmeg or cinnamon

Mix all together and **fry** in oil

Funnel Cakes from Sue Hebrard

Beat together – 2 eggs and 1 ½ cups milk

Add and **mix** together - 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt

Heat 2 cups oil. **Pour** batter through a funnel into hot oil making circles from the middle toward the sides. **Brown** lightly on both sides. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or may use syrup on them.

NOTE: You can put the batter in a plastic empty honey or ketchup bottle and cut the top off. It's not as messy and you can squeeze the bottle easy or use a Tupperware funnel.

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all who helped serve and clean up at the breakfast. Since the program was in town this year some auxiliary members made it to the program.

October 5th there was a Stand Down at Memorial Park that served/helped 127 veterans with various needs. Don Sealock was able to attend and passed on to Commander Sealock that it was a great event. October 13th was the Fall Conference and our own Joyce Jefferson presided over the meeting for Commander Koll who was attending the National Fall Conference in Kentucky at that time. Joyce did an excellent job leading the meeting.

In the past months the unit continued to serve birthday cakes at Ft. Meade on the first Friday of each month as part of our VAVS service. The unit has also made a commitment of \$150 to the Cornerstone Mission's Vets Wing that is under construction. Others are encouraged to make donations. Our unit donation will primarily buy new pillows for the new wing, along with some other items. Contact Joyce Jefferson for more information.

We have had several people struggle with their health lately including Past State Commander Cheri Knispel who has had surgery for cancer and continues with chemo treatments. Chaplain Ann Trask has recently had back surgery and an implant to assist her heart. We also lost Mildred Wentzel late this summer. Keep these persons and families in your thoughts and prayers please.

This brings me to membership. We can be proud that Unit 3 and DAVA Dept. of SD made membership quotas. And now for the exciting prospect of getting all our membership engaged in activities that serve our disabled veterans and their families. If distance, time, or age seem to be roadblocks to participation – get creative. Find your own way of serving. Of course to keep up the full slate of activities our unit is involved in, I encourage attendance at meetings to see where you can make a difference. We are hoping to call on some of you to see what you could contribute in the way of baked goods for the upcoming Bake Sale. We always run out of pies, breads, cookies and candy. I am proposing to stop at your home to collect your donation, if that will help you.

Upcoming Events: Nov 3rd & 10th are **baking days at the Hall**. Times are in flux so call the Hall to verify on those days. **Bake Sale is November 17th!** **Unit Christmas Party** will be at **Golden Corral on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.** with fun and games (right Joyce?). **Christmas Box assembly** will be **December 15th** at the Hall (we could use more cookie donations for this). **November 11th is Veterans Day Parade.** Vans will leave the Hall at 9:45 a.m. to get lined up – please join us in the parade!

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