

# DAV Chapter 3



## Welcome

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**We are located at 101 E. Madison (Off Maple) in North Rapid City. Our business phone number is (605) 348-5898. We try to have someone opening the doors from 11am to 3pm each work day. We have a computer that is hooked to the Internet if you want to check your e-mail or surf the web. Free hot coffee is always available. There is a color TV with cable channels, pool table and card tables available for entertainment. We have a full kitchen and two bathrooms, along with a large meeting area. Every 2nd Wednesday of each month, we have our monthly membership dinner at 6:30pm, followed by our monthly business meeting at 7:30pm. Executive board meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. Visitors are welcome but can not vote on issues.**

**ATTENTION: We now have wireless connections at the club house. Bring in your wireless laptop and enjoy some free Internet access while visiting the club house. See Commander John or Adjutant Doug for a pass code to get on our secured router.**

**The building is available for rent for parties and gatherings. You are responsible to clean up afterwards.**

**We currently pay \$25 towards a fully paid Life Membership and the State DAV is paying an additional \$25. The cost of full membership depends on your age. Currently prices are as follows:**

40 or younger .....	\$250
41 thru 60 .....	\$230
61 thru 70 .....	\$180
71 thru 79 .....	\$140
Over 80 .....	FREE

Life membership may be obtained on the installment basis with a minimum \$40 down payment and the balance set up on an interest free quarterly payment plan. All dues payments received are applied to becoming a fully paid Life Member. Club and State contributions are less if partially paid. You can join online at the [DAV Membership](#) site.

Upon becoming a full Life Member, we will swear you into the club and present you with a club baseball cap and DAV Chapter 3 membership pin. National DAV will also send you a National DAV pin and monthly magazine. Your name will be added to our Life Member board. Currently, there are over 1800 names on the board. Contact any officer or member to get signed up today.

We assist new and older veterans with their VA claims. The national DAV can be your power of attorney to help you get the best possible rating as possible. All you have to do is request the DAV to do that. It's FREE.

We run the local DAV van that takes ANY veteran to Ft. Meade VA hospital every business day. We make two trips per day (weather permitting). We are always in need of more 'qualified' volunteer drivers. We buy the vans through our club via donations from the public. We make pickups from the club house and the Vet Center in Rapid City to Ft Meade at 8am and 1pm. We leave Ft. Meade at 1130am and 3:30pm. It is usually a 45 minute drive each way.

We also have the [Disabled American Veteran Auxiliary \(DAVA\)](#) club located in the same building. Membership is widely open to anyone related to a veteran. Even DAV members can become a DAVA member. They are the supporting people that keep the DAV going. They too have monthly meetings and have officer positions. Call to find out how you can join today.

The [Military Order of Purple Hearts club](#) is located as a tenant unit at our chapter. Check the Table of Contents page for their web page.

Richard Dlugosz (Adjutant) has set up a special Chapter 3 DAV Forum web site. If interested, go to <http://rapidnotes.proboards43.com/> and sign up to get access.

Here is a link to DAV Chapter 3 Yahoo Photo albums. [Links to DAV Chapter 3 club pictures](#) Since we are limited on how much we can put on this web site, it was easier to add the photos onto Yahoo since they give everyone unlimited free photo uploads. If you have some photos of your service days, we would love to add them to our collection or even help you to upload them onto your own Yahoo photo link. See Commander John for Adjutant Doug for details.

**Please note that Yahoo Photo's is closing in September 2007 and we will be moving the club photos to another site. The transfer will be easy but the changing of the links will take some time, so please be patient. Once we get the changes made, please report any broken or miss-directed links.**

Come join us at the Chapter 3 DAV club house. Email us at [davchapter3@rushmore.com](mailto:davchapter3@rushmore.com).



**John R. Hebrard**

**Commander**