



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
Building Better Lives for America's Disabled Veterans



## **Chapter 95**

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### **Mission**

Since its founding more than 80 years ago, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has been dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. Fidelity to that mission has required DAV to respond creatively and flexibly to changing and sometimes unpredictable challenges faced by its constituency. Whether disabled veterans have needed a voice on Capitol Hill, a nationwide service program, a transportation network or unique rehabilitation opportunities, DAV has focused its attention and resources to meet those needs.

### **Calendar**

Dec 11-12, 2008 Mid-Winter Conf  
May 2009 Forget Me Not fundraiser  
June 2009 Motorcycle run

### **News to Use**

We will be contacting the National Guard to see if anyone qualifies to join us and invite them to attend and possibly join. This is a great organization and we can use everyone's assistance on getting new members. Last meeting we talked about a possible Barbeque for the unit.

Jesse Hutton will be distributing the newsletter for the chapter. We will be sending a newsletter quarterly to save on the cost of mailing. However if you would like to receive the newsletter monthly and have an email address, we can send the newsletter electronically to your email address. Also if you want something included in the newsletter, email Jesse at the email contact listed to the left. Please include your contact information in case we have questions.

We are discussing the option of saving up for a Van for the VA to use to transport veterans from Sumner county area. The van will belong to the chapter but VA will maintain the vehicle. When the VA determines the van is not needed, it will be returned to the chapter for the chapter's discretion.

Congress passed three important bills.

- H.R. 2368 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009
- S. 2162, as amended Veteran's Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008
- S. 3023 Veteran's Benefits Improvement Act of 2008

Due to the size of the article, I didn't include the context of the bills. If you would like a copy of the bills, email me and I will be glad to send it to you.

In July we were honored to receive a streamer for our membership goal. Carmen Sherry presented the streamer and read the following

It is with a great sense of pride, that I congratulate you and the members of GALLATIN #95 for successfully answering the call of duty by reaching your 2007/2008 membership goal.

The outstanding recruitment effort exhibited by your Chapter on behalf of our entire organization is commendable and we applaud your dedication and commitment towards disabled veterans and their families.

The use of battle streamers had its beginning in antiquity when various emblems were carried into combat. This ancient tradition of honoring military battles with streamers was adopted by our nations military and recognizes branches of the service and units for exceptional service and battle campaigns.

It is my pleasure to bestow the enclosed streamer in honor of your Chapter's undertakings. We hope you will proudly display this streamer on your Chapter's colors. You have helped secure the legacy of our organization and for decades to come. This streamer will remind future generations of your accomplishments.

Sincerely,  
Robert T. Reynolds  
National Commander

### **VETERANS BENEFITS EXPIRATION**

Many of your earned benefits have an expiration date. Below are several of the more important ones to remember. Make sure you know take advantage of your benefits before they expire.

Tuition Assistance: \$4,500 a year that expires as soon as you transition from Active Duty.

Montgomery GI Bill for Active-Duty (MGIB): 10 years from date of last discharge or release from active duty.

Veterans Education Assistance Program

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VocRehab): Generally, 12 years after separation from service or within 12 years of being awarded service-connected VA disability compensation.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI): Coverage ends 120 days after separation or can be extended up to 1 year for totally disabled veterans.

Combat Vet VA Health Care: 5 years after discharge for non-service connected care.

Combat Vet VA Dental Care: 180 days after discharge for non-service connected care.  
[Source: NAUS Weekly Update 30 May 08 ++]

(VEAP): 10 years from date of last discharge or release from active duty.

Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR): 14 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or until released from the Selected Reserve or National Guard. Some extensions are available if activated.