

COMMANDERS MONTHLY REPORT

(JULY)

The members who were scheduled to attend the National Convention in Tampa Florida have reconsidered and will not be attending. The Delta strain of the COVID 19 virus has infected Florida at an alarming rate and the CDC has recommended it is one of the states to avoid if possible. I am strongly recommending that if you haven't received a vaccination that you should seriously consider it. This virus has mutated twice and is seriously altering our way of life.

The office is closing during the period members of the Executive Committee were to attend the National Convention but will reopen on the 9th of August. Service officers are now able to do two claims a day if they have appointments. To set up an appointment call the office at 757-564-3916. Leave a message and the Adjutant will schedule you an appointment. Remember there are three new presumptive effects from agent orange.

There will be an Induction Picnic on September 18 at the Upper County Park, 180 Leisure Road, Toano , Virginia from 12:00 P.M.to 6:00 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Cynthia Bailey, the Department Commander. Members must notify the Office that they will attend and provide a check for \$30.00 for each individual that will attend. The check will be returned to you when you show up at the function. If you have any questions, you can contact Pat Grant or Veronica Jordan for information.

If you have a MyHealtheVet (MHV) account which is an online patient portal to your VA Care, beginning in September these Advanced Accounts will be discontinued. In order to continue seeing and scheduling your VA health care you must upgrade to a Premium level. You can upgrade three ways, in person, online or through a video appointment. You can learn more by visiting MyHealtheVet website.

Has anyone checked out the Chapters website? Comrade Jerome Payton has assumed the position of webmaster and is working to bring it up to standards. He is also quite a photographer. If you have any announcements check with him.

July has been the hottest month on record so I ask you to stay hydrated and be safe. It has been a rather slow month.

Remember if you wish to have something brought before the Chapter body please bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee so we can schedule it on the General Meeting agenda.

Also, please contact Senior Vice Commander, Charles Morris, Membership Chair, if you have suggestions concerning the recruitment of new members and suggestions concerning how to

get current chapter members engaged in assisting the Chapter in working for Chapter 34 in the pursuit of service and thus "Keeping Our Promises to Veterans".

New DAV LOGO: Keeping Our Promises to Veterans

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