



May-June 2017

CHAPTER NEWS



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Snohomish County Chapter #13

Meeting & Activity May – June Schedule

- Meeting May 2nd 7:00 pm, Installation of 2017-2018 Chapter Officers
- Sky Valley Motorcycle Show May 21st 7:00 am till 4:00 pm
- Hero's Café 9:00 am to 3:30 pm May 30th
- E-board meeting May 30th 7:00 pm
- Meeting June 6th, 7:00 pm
- June 6th thru June 7th Department of Washington Service officer training
- June 8th thru June 10th Department of Washington Convention

Your Officers for 2016-2017 Year

Commander—Gregg Michael
 Sr.-Vice Commander—Mike Palomino
 Jr. Vice Commander—Rich Davies
 Chaplain—William Stillwell
 Adjutant—Linda Palomino
 Treasurer—John Ostler
 Sgt-at-Arms— Tom Winter
 Officer of Day— Howard Schoenfeld



Our Purpose of Publication

The reason this newsletter, which is a bi-monthly publication, (except for our summer schedule which is published May-June-July) is to keep our membership and local veterans and active duty personnel informed and active. We minimize the expense of doing this publication by allowing advertising and having focused subject areas. Plus, if you have selected an emailed bulletin you will no longer get it via postal mail.

Commander's Message

Hello Comrades:

Well members it has been a wonderful year. We were able to accomplish many things. Are Chapter is actually growing, unlike other VSO's and we have a great group of members and their spouses/partners and their dependents.

Our marriage with the Lynnwood Eagles has been nothing but fantastic! We have been financial sound all year and I am proud to report with our current efforts on an annual basis we will continue to be solvent.

Our scholarship program has been a great success and our participation in The Sky Valley classic motorcycle show, Darrington M/C Rodeo, Evergreen Fair, Homeless Connect, (with the Unite Way) and Oyster Run and our 4th Annual Bowling Tournament can only lead me to say, Whewww what a group! We now have annual fund raisers at Probas Beauty College, Mukilteo QFC and Truist Funding with Costco.

Finally, I look forward to making the 2017-2018 year a great success as well and thank you for re-electing me, but again this is my last year, lol.

Gregg Michael, Commander



In May we observe Memorial Day to honor those service men and women who died in defense of our country. Next year will be the 150th anniversary of the first National Decoration Day, which was started by a veterans group after the Civil War. Now known as Memorial Day, the last Monday in May is set aside to pay tribute to those that put service before self. Veterans groups and service organizations around the country help decorate the graves of service members at National and private cemeteries to help ensure their sacrifices are not forgotten. We can also do our part by quietly reminding people that Memorial Day is not a holiday designed to celebrate the start of summer. Families often come together on Memorial Day to enjoy the freedoms that those sacrifices secured for us. Adding a short moment of silence for those deceased service members into our family celebrations would be a respectful reminder of what the day is meant to observe.



1st Jr. Vice Commander
Rich Davies

Treasurers Report

Hello Comrades,

This is my Treasurer's report for the Chapter's April thru June 2017 Newsletter. As of March 31, 2017, our financial status remains at a steady level. We have total current assets of \$35,785.00 which are spread between a balance of \$2,382.00 in our 1st Security Bank checking account, \$5,514.00 in our 1st Security Bank savings account and \$27,889 in our Edward Jones Investment account. For the month of March 2017, our income exceeded our expenses by \$61.00.

Our Chapter continues to receive income from our Investment Account, thru donations from corporations, businesses and individuals, fundraisers, and from sales of DAV hats, jackets, pins, and patches.

For this upcoming 90-day period, the bulk of our Chapter expenses will be incurred in June 2017. These expenses consist of travel and per diem payments to our service officers attending certification school, and for Chapter officers attending the State convention in Lacey, Washington.

That's my report!

John Ostler, Treasurer



Comrades, the time has come for us to elect new officers and start a new year.

Membership is important.

Current members keep the Chapter running on the straight and narrow and mentor new members. New members are important, they bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the Chapter and invigorate the “oldtimers”.

Together they create an atmosphere of team work.

For the Chapter to be successful, it needs team work. As of today, our Chapter has 524 members, but we can always use more. Every Chapter member is a recruiter. If during your daily routine you meet someone or you know of someone interested in DAV, invite them to a meeting.

It costs them nothing to attend other than a little time, and they may leave more informed than when they arrived.

Remember, you do not have to be disabled to be a member of DAV.

Respectfully,

Mike Palomino

Senior Vice Commander



PS It has been an honor serving as your Chapter Sr-Vice Commander and even though I will not be a Chapter line officer for the 2017-2018 year I will be certified as a CSO and look forward to providing you with quality claims efforts.

As of 4/3/2017

524 Chapter 13 members

420 Billingham potential chapter members

2017—2018 Elected and Appointed Officers

Commander: Gregg Michael

Sr-Vice Commander: Gary Walderman

1st Jr-Vice Commander: Rich Davies

Chaplain: Bill Stillwell

Appointees:

Adjutant: John Ostler

Treasurer: Robert Capriles

Sgt-at-Arms: Ricky Scott

Officer of the Day: Matthew Short

Service Officers

Paul Russo

Don Whedon

Mike Riley

Susan Aufderhaar

John Barney Oldfield

Linda Palamino

Mike Palamino

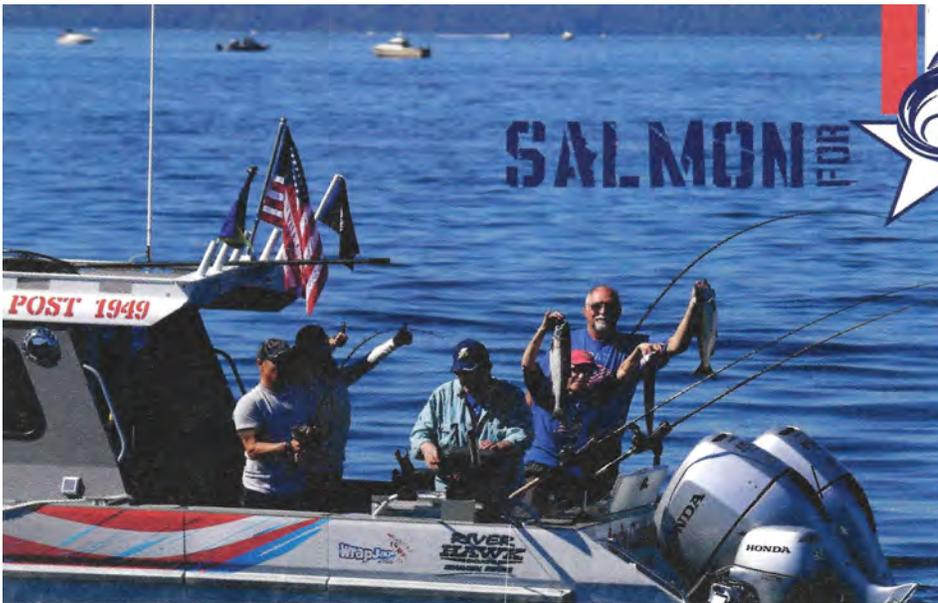
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Elected Officials



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VA, DOD study a major breakthrough for understanding PTSD

WASHINGTON — Researchers from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DOD) recently released findings of a new study called Prospective Post-Traumatic Stress disorder Symptom Trajectories in Active Duty and Separated Military Personnel, which examines Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms in Veterans, compared with active-duty populations.

This is the first known study comparing PTSD symptom trajectories of current service members with those of Veterans, and is the product of a collaborative effort from VA and DOD researchers analyzing data from the Millennium Cohort Study (MCS), the largest prospective health study of military service members.

According to VA's National Center for PTSD, the PTSD rate among Vietnam Veterans was 30.9 percent for men and 26.9 percent for women. For Gulf War Veterans, the PTSD rate was 12.1 percent. Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans had a PTSD rate of 13.8 percent.

"Knowing there are similarities in how PTSD affects service members and Veterans makes it easier to pinpoint which treatments are the best to control the condition," said Dr. Edward Boyko, an epidemiologist and internist at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Washington state, and VA's lead researcher on the Millennium Cohort Study.

Officials involved with the project said they are hoping the collaboration will improve the understanding of Veterans' health needs, relative to their experiences in service.

"The data that MCS researchers have been collecting since 2001 is incredibly valuable for both the DOD and VA," said Dr. Dennis Faix, director of the Millennium Cohort Study and preventive medicine physician.

"Going forward, working with VA will allow both agencies to make sure we are getting the best information to develop a comprehensive understanding of the continuum of health in current and former service members."

The results of the joint VA DOD study will appear in the Journal of Psychiatric Research's June 2017 issue. It is the first of many joint future publications expected to result from the collaboration between VA and MCS.

You can learn more about the study here: <http://millenniumcohort.org/>

Join Us!

Camp Corral Fact Sheet



About

The vision behind Camp Corral is one where kids, ages 8 to 15, are free to be kids, far away from the day-to-day challenges they face as military children coping with change and loss. The reality of a parent being deployed away from home for over a year is the norm for children from military families. And for 87 percent of Camp Corral's campers, a parent coming back injured, disabled or not coming back at all is their reality. Over 80 percent of campers come from veteran families, where resources are even more limited. Camp Corral is making a positive impact on these children and their families by fostering a positive change in the children's lives. Camp is not just a fun week away from home; it gives them the opportunity to build supportive relationships with others in similar circumstances, be challenged by new adventures, grow in their independence, and build resilience, all while enjoying "the week of a lifetime."

Mission

Camp Corral is strengthening military families, one child at a time. The mission of Camp Corral is to transform the lives of the children of wounded, disabled, and fallen military heroes by providing a unique summer camp experience. Since its founding in 2011 as a one-camp pilot program, Camp Corral has grown over 700 percent. Over 10,000 children have been served and the program has expanded to 21 camps in 19 states. During the 2015 camping season, over 3,300 military children were able to attend camp free of charge.

Origin

In 2010, Golden Corral founder James Maynard and his daughter Easter began working with their team to explore ways that they could serve those who have served us, and provide something meaningful for military families. Golden Corral has a long history of honoring the military and veterans organizations; therefore, supporting the children of military families was a natural extension of the company's existing efforts. In 2011, Camp Corral opened as a pilot, one-camp program.

Funding

Camp Corral is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit corporation and relies on donations to fund its camp program and operational costs. Golden Corral is the founding sponsor of Camp Corral and continues to generously support the organization through its in-store fundraising campaign each April and May. To ensure that Camp Corral can continue to expand and serve even more military families, the organization depends on other sources of support. To make a donation, visit www.campcorral.org or mail donations to Camp Corral, 801 N. West Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. To inquire about donation or sponsorship opportunities, please email donate@campcorral.org.

Official Partners

Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the nation's largest nonprofit charity for veterans, is a longstanding supporter and the signature partner of Camp Corral. DAV's support is allowing Camp Corral to serve even more military children. Gary Sinise, distinguished actor, director and longtime advocate for the military and DAV, supports Camp Corral and has recorded a public service announcement to air during April and May of each year. To view the PSA, visit www.campcorral.org. Former UNC All-American basketball player and NBA All-Star Antawn Jamison also supports Camp Corral, serving as a spokesman to help raise awareness of the organization and its programs. Jamison has offered 15 Camp Corral campers the opportunity to attend his 2016 All-Star Basketball Camp, free of charge.

Headquarters

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**2017 DAV/DAVA Department of Washington State Convention
June 8 – 10, 2017 ~ Red Lion, Olympia, WA**

Please attach ONE Per Attendee

Name (please print or type): _____

Chapter / Department: _____ Chapter / Department Office Held: _____

PHONE #: _____

Registration Fee for all DAV Members: \$10.00 _____

Meals Available:

Option A: Forget-Me-Not Luncheon \$28.00 _____

Taste of Italy Buffett (Classic Meat Rigatoni, Chicken ala cacciatore with sweet tomato, onions, peppers and mushrooms in rich tomato sauce, topped with parmesan and black olives)

Option B: Convention Banquet Meal (Choose one) \$40.00 _____

_____ **New York Steak:** 8-ounce hand cut, corn fed Northwest New York Steak broiled and topped with wild mushroom demi glaze

_____ **Herb Marinated Breast of Chicken and Roasted Salmon Duet:** Boneless breast of chicken and roasted petite salmon filet with light lemon thyme veloute

(served with starter salad, fresh rolls and country butter, seasonal vegetables, chef's selection of rice or potato and dessert. Includes freshly brewed coffee, decaf, iced or hot Tazo teas).

**Option C: Registration, Forget-Me-Not Luncheon and Banquet
(must be submitted by the 15th of May to get the deal)** \$80.00 _____

Option D: Extra Forget-Me-Not Luncheon Tickets (\$28.00 Each) (# _____ x) _____

Option E: Extra Banquet Tickets (\$40.00 Each) (# _____ x) _____

**Option F: Registration, Forget-Me-Not Luncheon and Banquet
(submitted after the 15th of May)** \$90.00 _____

**** For any Special Dietary Needs – Please contact Sarah and she will contact the hotel. ****

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Method: Cash (_____) Check: Check # (_____) Amount: (_____)

***** PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 15th of May 2017 *****

Mail form(s) and check to:

Sarah Royse, Department of WA Convention Chair 5503 3rd St.

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*Great Job
 Chapter 13*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of Washington Commander and Adjutant
FROM: J. Marc Burgess
 National Adjutant
RE: **2016 Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night Fundraising Results**
DATE: March 9, 2017

I am pleased to provide you with a final report of the funds raised during the November 2016 Military Appreciation Night at Golden Corral Restaurants in the state of Washington. The individual totals listed below have been reported by each restaurant in your state to Golden Corral Corporate Headquarters.

\$828	1065 STATE STREET	MARYSVILLE	WA	98270
\$4,277	7117 NORTH DIVISION STREET	SPOKANE	WA	99208

Please keep in mind these totals are representative of the amount reported by each restaurant manager and are provided to you for information purposes only. Should you believe there to be a notable discrepancy in the amount(s) reported, please direct your question to the manager of the particular restaurant, keeping in mind that we value the support of Golden Corral and their continued partnership in this program and many other endeavors.

Thank you for the Department's coordination of this very important program which educates the general public about our Organization's mission, and further allows chapters and the Department to fund vital DAV service programs benefitting ill and injured veterans in your state.

Sincerely,

J. MARC BURGESS
 National Adjutant

JMB:kb

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Disabled American Veterans
Whidbey Island Chapter #47
P.O. Box 296, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Phone: 360-682-2945 / 2958

15 March 2017

Dear Chapter Commander,

I would like your consideration and vote as the Department of Washington's next Senior Vice Commander or to continue on as the 1st ior Vice Commander depending on the circumstances that may or may not occur within the upper ranks. .

My qualifications include 2 terms as Chapter 47 Jr. Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Chapter Commander. I also served 2 years as the Department Inspector and 1 term of department 1st Junior Vice. I have been a Chapter Service Officer for 9 years, and throughout my tenure as a team member, we successfully maintained our goal quota for membership with National.

It is my sincere hope that your chapter will vote for me in the upcoming elections in Olympia. I feel that with my proven leadership I can continue to help in moving our department forward.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

C "Muggs" Monahan
DAV Ch.47
Dept of WA 1st Jr Vice

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May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Chapter Meeting 7:00 SERVICE Officers AT VERDANT WELLNESS 12:00 to 3:00	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Kentucky Derby
7	8 Victory in Europe Day	9 SERVICE Officers VERDANT WELLNESS 12:00 to 3:00	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 SERVICE Officers VERDANT WELLNESS 12:00 to 3:00	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Snohomish Classic Motorcycle Show (All Day) 7:00am to 4:00 pm	22	23 SERVICE Officers VERDANT WELLNESS 12:00 to 3:00	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 SERVICE Officers VERDANT WELLNESS 12:00 to 3:00	31			

JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Chapter Meeting 7:00	7	8	9	10
Department CSO Training and Convention, Olympia, WA						
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18 <i>Fathers Day</i>	19	20	21 1st Day of Summer 	22	23	24
25	26	27 E-Board Meeting 7:00	28	29	30	



Disabled American Veterans
Snohomish County DAV Chapter #13

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Everett, WA 98204
Call (425) 299-3373 for Info or you can e-mail:
info@snohomishcountydav13.com



Don't forget our service officers come to the meeting location at 6:00 pm to assist our veterans in claims processing and community out-reach resources.

If outside vendor present they do their presentation before meeting formally can open at 7 each meeting night.

We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Lynnwood Eagles

The meeting address is 19223 Highway 99, Lynnwood, WA 98036