



## Commanders Note:

*Please, everyone attend the meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

Meeting starts at 12:30pm, which is right after our lunch that starts at 11am. Remember also that we have a Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Thursday to install the new officers "You" have elected. We make our final nominations at the May 8th meeting! I would like to thank you all for a very good meeting held April 10th, 2014.

I made **Amends** for what I let happen at the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, prior the beginning of our meeting. I will do the best I can to lead each meeting in the future. I encourage you all to follow the "Roberts Rules of Order", to respect each other, and "Never" Insult or put down another member veterans in front of "Our" peers. We are all DAV members, and deserve Respect. If you have a Personal problem, with another member, please handle that alone with him or her.

I would like to thank member Gregg Michael, who stepped up and will become our new "News Letter" editor and Website administrator. I also encourage you to vote for him as well as he is a nominee for the Sr. Vice. Commander. He straightened me out at our last meeting with some Roberts Rules & Order questions.

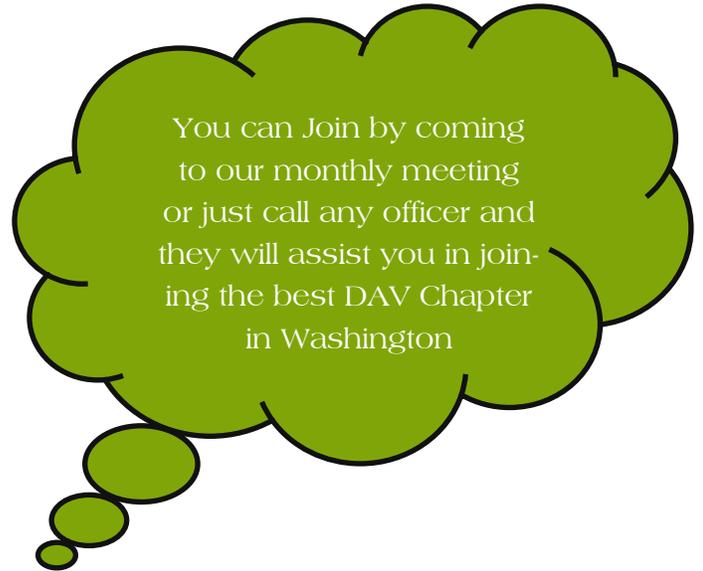
Also, "Nate Hayes" is back and he has already helped Gil and I do Business at Gill's house.

Of course I would be remiss not to give a great thanks to Gil Loomis, the "Real Deal DAV" officer and member! He helps me make the "Right" decision, when I am off track. Joe Zahara, is back with us, and has already volunteered for positions to help our fellow Veterans. Phil Sacks, our new member from VFW, has given me some valuable insight, in how to be a better leader. Howard DeRusha, will always be thanked by us all, he gives us a place to meet. I know I am missing some names, but please show up at the next meeting and I will shake your hand and thank you personally.

Again, Remember May 8th, 2014 and I will see you at the Elks Lodge in Lynnwood! Be there by 12:30pm.



## *Join DAV*



### Why join?

Join over 1.2 million of your fellow veterans who have joined DAV to take advantage of the wide range of membership benefits.

DAV is an organization of veterans helping veterans. We receive no government funding and look out for our members 100% of the time because we have been in their shoes. We are proud of our 90+-year history of helping our countrys veterans, proud of our record of fighting for your rights and proud of working alongside so many other non-profits and advocacy organizations to make sure that we fulfill our promises to the men and women who have served. Most of all, we are proud to serve our countrys veterans as you so steadfastly served us.

### Who is Eligible?

Any man or woman:

who served in the armed forces during a period of war or under conditions simulating war, and was wounded, disabled to any degree, or left with long-term illness as a result of military service, and was discharged or retired from military service under honorable conditions.

### Membership Benefits

As a DAV Member, in addition to our programs and free services, you are entitled to a Member Benefits Package, which gives you access to a variety of important programs, products and services. Also included with your membership is a FREE subscription to DAV Magazine.

### Preview the Member Benefits Package

### What does DAV do for you?

Helps returning veterans transition back to civilian life by linking them with services that address their physical, emotional, and financial needs.

Provides free, professional assistance to veterans of all generations in obtaining VA and other government benefits earned through service.

Fights for veterans rights on Capitol Hill.

Links veterans to job training and job assistance programs.

Funds rehabilitation programs for veterans with severe disabilities, such as blindness or amputation.



## Need a ride?

DAV operates a fleet of vehicles around the country to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. DAV stepped in to help veterans get the care they need when the federal government terminated its program that helped many of them pay for transportation to and from medical facilities. The vans are driven by volunteers, and the rides coordinated by almost 200 Hospital Service Coordinators around the country.

DAV has purchased 2,496 vehicles, worth nearly \$53 million, that have been donated to Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers nationwide since the program began in 1987 to ensure that injured or ill veterans are able to get to their medical appointments.

To find out whether there is a van near you use the DAV Hospital Service Coordinator Directory to contact your nearest HSC for information or assistance. Please remember that the DAV Transportation Network is staffed by volunteers; therefore, it is unable to cover every community. We hope we can help you.



## Service for Vets: DAV Delivers

The brave men and women of our military travel around the world to defend the freedom we enjoy at home. So it's only right that when they return, we bring the services and support they need, to those veterans where they live. Our Mobile Service Offices reach veterans with mobility challenges, and those who live in rural regions far away from the services they're guaranteed. Our information seminars give veterans the help they need to file and receive VA claims, as well as everyday support as they take back normal life. And for some vets, the situation is more urgent. DAV's outreach to homeless veteran, and our disaster relief grants, lend a helping hand to those veterans who face additional hurdles in their return to life at home

# DAV Mission



## A Legacy of Service, Hope for the Future

DAV is the most long-lasting veterans advocacy and assistance group in this country. We've watched this country change and grow, and we've grown along with it. However, DAV has never wavered in its core mission to fulfill our country's promises to the men and women who served. We invite everyone, veterans and civilian, men and women, young and old, to join us as we stand up for those veterans who risked it all when they stood up for us, our country, and our ideals.



## Officers

Commander:

Don D Whedon, Sr.  
Phone: 425-218-0034

SR-Vice Cmdr:

Wayne Maly

JR-Vice Cmdr:

Wayne Maly

Adjutant: Gil Loomis

Treasurer: Gil Loomis

Chaplain:  
Bill Stillwell

1st Year:

Howard DeRoshia

2nd Year: Vacant

3rd Year: Dick Rhode

# Nominees For Officer Positions

## 2014-2015 Year

Don Whedon, Sr. Nominee for  
Commander

Gregg Michael for Senior Vice  
Commander

Phil Sacks or Wayne Maly for  
Junior Vice Commander

Gil Loomis for Adjutant

Gil Loomis for Treasurer

Open Position(s) waiting for

Nominations:

Sergeant-at-Arms

The **Commander** shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Chapter. He/she shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before him/her. All checks or vouchers issued by the Chapter Treasurer may be countersigned by the Commander. He/she shall perform all other duties that may reasonably be assumed to be incidental to the office, including those set forth in the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws and in the Official DAV Ritual and such other duties as may be lawfully delegated to him/her by the Chapter.

It is the administrative responsibility of the Commander to:

1. Open the meeting at the appointed time by calling the meeting to order.
2. Announce in proper sequence the business that comes before the Chapter in accordance with the Official DAV Ritual.
3. Recognize members who are entitled to the floor.
4. State and put to vote all questions that legitimately come before the Chapter as motions or that otherwise arise in the course of the proceedings and announce the results of each vote; or, if a motion is made that is not in order, to rule it out of order.
5. Expedite the business in every way compatible with the rights of members.
6. Decide all questions of order, subject to appeal.
7. Declare the meeting adjourned when the Chapter so votes or at the time prescribed in the program.
8. Maintain order of the meeting at all times.

The Commander has a fiscal responsibility to:

1. Ensure the safeguarding of funds, properties and other assets against unauthorized use or loss.
2. Ensure all disbursements of funds are properly approved in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws.
3. Comply with standards established by the National Executive Committee for audits of Chapter establishments, organizations, programs, activities and functions. These standards require Chapters to be responsible for providing adequate audit coverage of their programs as an aid in determining whether funds have been applied efficiently, economically, effectively and consistent with program objectives and underlying agreements.
4. At each meeting the Commander should have available:
  - A copy of the Chapter, Department and National Constitution Bylaws & Regulations,
  - A copy of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (available at local bookstores or the library),
  - A list or agenda of the complete order of business and
  - A list of all committees.

The Commander also serves as the official spokesperson for the Chapter in the community and may not serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

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The **Senior Vice Commander** shall perform the duties of his/her station as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He/she shall encourage friendship among the members of this organization, discourage discord and promote harmony. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, he/she shall act as Chairperson of membership solicitation activities to the end that every eligible veteran may become a member. With the approval of the Chapter, the Senior Vice Commander may appoint one or more members to assist him/her in such membership activities. The Senior Vice Commander may not serve as Adjutant or Treasurer.

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The **Junior Vice Commander** shall perform the duties of his/her station as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He/she shall see that every member is given a reasonable opportunity to state his/her views on any subject under discussion in a meeting of the Chapter, not inconsistent with the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. He/she shall, at all times, encourage loyalty to the United States of America, to DAV and to the members of the Chapter. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, he/she shall act as Chairperson of the Americanism activities of the Chapter and, with the approval of the Chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist him/her as such Chairperson. The Junior Vice Commander may not serve as Adjutant or Treasurer.

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The **Chaplain** is responsible for leading the opening prayer of the Chapter meetings. The Chaplain is the spiritual leader of the Chapter and may be called upon to represent the Chapter at the funeral services for deceased members, send sympathy cards and visit members of the Chapter or their family members who are ill. The **Sergeant-at-Arms** assists the Commander in preserving order during Chapter meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for verifying the membership of those in attendance when required to do so by the nature of business (i.e., election of officers or delegates, private matters requiring the protection of personal rights). The Sergeant-at-Arms may be responsible for handling the physical arrangements of the meeting hall. The **Officer of the Day** is responsible for maintaining a list of visitors at Chapter meetings and introducing visitors when called upon by the Commander. The Officer of the Day is also responsible for escorting visitors and others to the podium, when directed by the Commander.



# *Monthly Meetings*

**The 2nd Thursday of every month with lunch starting at 11:00 and meeting begins at 12:30**

**Next Meeting: May 8th, 2014**

**Meeting Location:  
Elk's Lodge  
6620 196th Street SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98036**

## **DAV**

**Martin T Sofie**

**Sunshine Chapter 13**

**Attn: Adjutant**

**Gil Loomis**

**14609 Meadow RD**

**Lynnwood, WA 98087**

**Contact Number:**

**425-742-1600**

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