



Commanders Note:

Please, everyone attend the meeting on November 6th, 2014

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM, "Sharp"! Which is right after you get to get a great sandwich or fries from the Elks "Burger Night" menu. Kitchen opens at 6:00 PM. If you attended our last evening meeting you for sure discovered that officer corp is trying to adhere to the DAV meeting ritual and also the meeting's arrangements.

A very important reason to attend the November meeting is because I and the Sr. Vice Commander will have attended the DAV, Department of Washington, Mid-Winter conference in Yakima and hopefully will have a lot of information to present to our chapter members.

Don't forget to help our chapter to meet their fund raising needs for the year we need help from folks by their signing up to man our poppy tables at QFC in the week after Veteran's Day at the QFC on Mukilteo Speedway in Mukilteo.

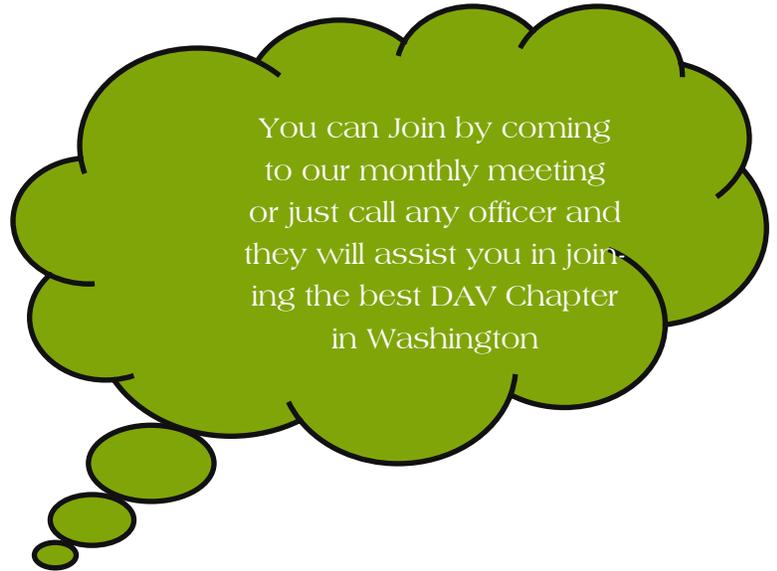
Again, please remember to attend our 2nd evening meeting on the 1st Thursday (the 6th) of November at starting at 7:00 pm SHARP! Also we need have more volunteers to man the poppy sales table at QFC on Mukilteo Speedway in Mukilteo. Schedule is Nov 12th thru the 14th from noon to 7:00. Please sign up!

Oops, almost forgot in December not only will we be having our normal meeting in the evening of the 1st Thursday of the month, but the next day we will have our traditional 1st Friday of December Christmas party at "Old Country Buffet", in Lynnwood. More details will be in the December newsletter.

Commander Donald Whedon, Sr.



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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 country's 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 country's 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.

Sarge Sez!



Again, I must ask that members and officers and e-board members get their memo's or info submissions in to either Gregg Michael or myself in a timely fashion in order to get it printed in the monthly newsletter. Gregg will accept articles and memos and pictures at the email address of davsunshine13@gmail.com or you mail to me or drop off at my house your memo or article. Because we are getting in to the fall season for the December newsletter need you submission no later than the 15th of November.

Because we went to an evening meeting we already had a 34% increase in our meetings Attendance, plus the burger wasn't to bad either! I was overjoyed to see so many young and old veterans together at our last meeting.

Our 50/50 winner for a pot of \$24 was won by Leon Hand who promptly donated it back for use by the chapter, "Thanks comrade"! Yahoo, \$48 for the chapter fantastic.

What was even more exciting about our 1st evening meeting is we were able to have one of our NSO's for the National DAV office who lives in Everett able to attend the evening meeting, and what is cool is he originally was signed up by me to be a member of DAV by me, but he couldn't attend our monthly day meetings because of having to work during the day in our downtown Seattle DAV office. He discussed some of the changes that are happening at DAV national and how VA is processing our compensation claims. Plus held a small informal question and answers forum. Hope to see him come back to some more of our evening meetings!

Don't forget to ask our Commander and or Sr. Vice Commander what they learned by attending the "Mid-Winter" conference in Yakima on the 23rd thru 25th of October.

DON'T FORGET WE WILL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 5TH, at Old Country Buffet on 44th in Lynnwood at 12 noon. Donations will be acceptable for the tables, i.e.; flowers, candy, gift cards, etc. Let's have fun!

Don't forget we will still be having our normal monthly meeting the night before at the Lynnwood Elks on 196th at 7:00 sharp. Come early for a burger and fries and a beverage of your choice.

As I said in the beginning, the 1st nightly meeting was a smashing success and got all us attending veterans to ask questions and getting us to talk as a unit and helping each other!

Adjutant Gil Loomis

Sr-Vice Commander



Membership is my primary focus

I have reviewed our membership roster and we have some members that have not been paying their dues either by the $\frac{1}{4}$ for their continued life membership or even their normal annual dues if this is the route they selected.

Members don't feel like you are the only ones not paying as we have a few officers that are past due as well. If these dues are not caught up by the end of November I will be having our adjutant sending out a dropped membership letters and I will be removing the past due member from our rolls!

Remember comrades you must show your current membership card to the Sgt of Arms before our meetings start in order to stay. We are all soldiers and we are (all of us) use to having to obey regulations so lets be loud and proud and within regulations!

Gregg Michael

P.S. *Branch of service pins* for your DAV cap are in. If you want a pin they are **\$5.00** each, please email davsunshine13@gmail.com with what your branch of service is and be prepared to pay at our chapter meeting.

Finally, in conjunction with our commander we will be awarding years of membership cap pins for some lucky members, with even a special 60 year member



Officers

Commander:

Don D Whedon, Sr.

SR-Vice Cmdr.:

Gregg Michael

JR-Vice Cmdr.:

John Johnson

Adjutant: Gil Loomis

Treasurer:

Gil Loomis

Chaplain:

Bill Stillwell

1st Year:

Howard DeRoshia

2nd Year: Vacant

3rd Year: Dick Rhode

Chaplains Monthly Blessing and Sharing

To all my brother's and sister's of DAV Ch 13 I hope you have enjoyed your summer and still have your health in tact. Another reminder about getting your flu shots. You can go to the PacMed website at www.pacmed.org and it will give you an updated schedule of flu clinics. The weather is changing so let's stay as healthy as we can. And let all of us remember to keep Bob Hunt and his family in our prayers. May "GOD" bless you all until next time.

William "Bill" Stillwell
Chaplain

If you have not or need to report a members death/sickness or distress call me at 206-351-2301



Reveille, Reveille

All Hands on Deck

It is time once again for each of us to muster and answer the "Roll Call". Our annual scholarship for graduating seniors is in desperate need of replenishment. Each year we provide scholarships to qualified high school seniors. The criteria is that they must be a relative of a military service person who has/had a service connected disability. Last year we awarded \$1500 to deserving graduates. All of that money comes from donors in the local community and DAV members and relatives like yourselves.

This is our first appeal this year to collect needed money for these scholarships. If we could receive from \$5 to \$20, more or less, from each of our readers and members we would make some of our young graduates very happy by helping to fund their education.

Please send checks to Gil Loomis, DAV Chapter 13 Adjutant for entry in our scholarship fund.

Also send the names of any seniors that would qualify for one of our scholarships.

Thank you for helping us answer "The Roll Call".



Monthly Meetings

The 1st. Thursday of every month at
7:00 PM Next Meeting

November 6th, 2014.

Meeting Location:

Elk's Lodge
6620 196th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036

**Poppy Sales November 12th thru the
14th from noon till 7:00 PM! QFC (West
Door) Mukilteo Speedway, Mukilteo,
WA.**

Please volunteer to help as one of our money raisers for the year.

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