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MEETINGS:

Chapter
4th Tuesday/month
7:00 p.m.
Oshkosh Elks Club
175 W. Fernau Ave.
Auxiliary
4th Tuesday/month
Executive Committee
2nd Thursday/month
10:45 a.m.
County Coughlin Bldg.

The commander sez:

It seems like a long winter so far with it being colder and more snow than we had last year. We have a busy May and June coming up where we would like to have volunteers for our brat frys and Forget-me-not drive. Contact me or Sonny Ramminger if you can come and help out. Would like to have some new members step up and help by taking a position within the chapter.

Commander George Gilles

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

NO deaths reported for this month. Wally Johnson recovering from cataract surgery. Clarence Grunwald has a busted vertebrae and waiting for possible surgery. Lets also remember those members that are shut-ins.

COMING EVENTS:

March 26: Chapter meeting 7:00 @ the Elks
April 11: WCCVO @ 9:30 am - Coughlin Bldg
April 11: CEC @ 10:40 am - Coughlin Bldg
April 13: District 3 Spring Conf. @ DePere
April 18: Newsletter @ Osh. Firehouse
(Murdock & Bowen @ 10am)

FROM THE TREASURER:

DAV 17 authorized a new labtop computer and printer for the Treasurer position to travel with the office. It cost \$366 with printer with protection for \$102. An anonymous member donated enough funds for the purchase of a second laptop for the Adjutant's office.

BRAT FRY'S:

Dates set for our brat frys at FESTIVAL FOODS:

Saturday, May 4 – Sunday, May 5
Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19
Saturday, June 1 – Sunday, June 2

Also our FMN mini drives will take place during the hours of our Brat Frys Call Sonny Ramminger to sign-up for these important fund raisers @ 420-9337

FORGET-ME-NOT DRIVES:

The date for our major FMN drives are as follows:

Neenah-Menasha will be May 30-31
Oshkosh will be June 21-22

Call Sonny Ramminger if you can help out @ 420-9337

BINGO WITH THE VETERANS:

Bingo with the veterans and residents at WMHI has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd, from 6:00-7:30pm at Gordon Hall. Sign-up at the March Chapter meeting or call John Hoeft @ 859-0252 if you can help out.

MAKE SOME CASH

ATTENDING A MEETING:

The meeting incentive program is to increase attendance at the chapter meetings. March Pot-Of-Gold will be worth \$170.00. Vern Bryers #36 was picked at the February meeting, but was NOT present!

ONE FINAL ACT OF KINDNESS:

Please consider putting DAV Chapter 17 on your list of beneficiaries when planning distribution of your estate after your death.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-2014 OFFICERS:

Nominations for the Chapter officers will be at the March Chapter meeting. If interested in an officer position contact the nominating committee:
Mike Robinson @ 203-1602 or Dan Dodge

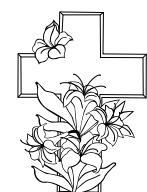
DIST. 3 SPRING CONFERENCE:

District 3 Spring Conference will be hosted and held at their building in Depere on Saturday, April 13th. Registration from 10-11 – Lunch @ 11 and the meeting to start at Noon. If Interested sign-up at the March Chapter meeting or Call John Hoeft @ 859-0252

FOOD:

We have an agreement with the Elks Club that we can order steaks and have them on the night of our meeting. Cost is \$12.00. We need to also remember that when we enter the bar area we cannot wear our covers. Please let the officers know if you would like to participate in this. We start eating at 6:00 p.m.

*Happy Easter
To Everyone (March 31st)
And the Lord has risen!*



AUXILIARY NOTES

We will be holding our meetings at the Elks Club at 7:00 p.m. on the 26th of March. On this date we will have nominations of officers. On April 23rd we will have election of officers. On May 28th we will have the joint swearing in of officers, with the chapter. For the opening of our meeting we will join the chapter. Then we will conduct our meeting, and at its close, we will again join with the chapter.

I want you all to know this Unit 17 has a lot of giving, caring, loving, big-hearted people. I feel blessed to know you all, and to be part of a fantastic unit. May God bless you all and keep all of you in his care.

Commander Mary Gilles

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

On the legislation regarding SBP/DIC offset. On January 3, 2013 Representative Joe Wilson of South Carolina introduced H.R. 32, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act. This bill would repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivors Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of Survivors Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. This bill is in accordance with a

longstanding DAV resolution, passed each year by the delegates to our National Convention. HR 32 has nineteen co-sponsors and was referred to the House Armed Services Committee on January 3, 2013. Request that your Representative support this important bill and ask that it be brought to the floor for a vote and passed as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do for veterans and their families.



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FYI:

The most common impact of military service, hearing loss (including tinnitus), affects one in four veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These problems affect the quality of veterans' lives now, and the effects will only grow worse as the years go by.

According to recent data, the number of homeless veterans has dropped by 17% since 2009, largely as a result of determined action by the government and nonprofit organizations, including the DAV Charitable Service Trust. Yet the DAV still worries about our youngest veterans and women who served.

Camp Hope revives the love of outdoor pursuits in a therapeutic setting for veterans. Using life insurance from the military after losing a Marine son in Iraq, a mother and father developed the

camp in Missouri as a rehabilitative experience in honor of Christopher Neal White.

Four DAV chapters pooled funds to help cover a new home down payment and furniture costs when Vietnam vet Clifford Woods and his family lost their home in a fire. It's another shining example of local DAV chapters in action during moments of great need.

The only major national memorial that honors solely women veterans recently celebrated its 15th anniversary at Arlington National Cemetery. Many choose this inspirational spot as their backdrop for photos as they capture landmark moments in their military careers.