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MEETINGS:

Chapter 4th Tuesday/month 6:30 p.m. Marine Corps League Executive Committee 2nd Tuesday/month 4:00 p.m. Auxiliary 4th Tuesday/month 6:30 p.m.



Ray H. Fuller DAV Chapter 17

WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

July 28-Sept. 22, 2020

The commander sez:

Commander Kalata

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 28: Regular Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 at Marine Corps League Aug. 4: 230th Coast Guard Birthday Aug. 11: CEC @ 4:00 at Marine Corps League Aug. 15: Joint Brat Fry and FMN @ Festival in Neenah Aug. 25: JOINT PICNIC Sept. 7: Labor Day Sept. 8: CEC @ 4:00 at Marine Corps League Sept. 11: Patriot Day Sept. 13: Grandparents Day Sept. 18: 73rd U. S. Air Force Birthday Sept. 18: National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 22: First Day of Autumn Sept. 22: Regular Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 at Marine Corps League Sept. 25-26: Joint Brat Fry & FMN @ Festival in Oshkosh

2020 MEETING DATES:

January 28 February 25 March 24 April 28 June 23 July 28 September 22 October 27 November 24 August 25 Joint Picnic

December 3 Joint Christmas Party

Newsletter: Jan / Mar / May / July / Sept / Nov

SERVICE OFFICERS:

Dale McNamee and Mike Hert will assist any veteran with access to veterans benefits, including claims for service connected disability. They can be contacted at:

Dale McNamee 920-527-9550 Mike Hert 920-410-2994

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS:

New members since June 23: Darryl Schmidt from Oshkosh, a U. S. Navy veteran. Welcome Darryl. No transfers.

NEW MEETING LOCATION ← FOR DAV CHAPTER 17 AND DAVA UNIT 17

The next regular meeting on July 28th will be at our new location at the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE on 4715 Sherman Rd. Oshkosh, WI. (see map)

ATTENDANCE AND POT OF GOLD CHANGES:

For a bigger incentive to attend Chapter meetings the Chapter approved making the attendance award at \$20.00 and the pot of gold starting at \$100.00 and if not won add \$20.00 per month until won with a cap of \$500.00. The new guidelines will go into effect at the July meeting.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The new officers elected and appointed for the new fiscal year, July 1, 2020 – June 30th, 2021 are: Rod Kalata, Commander - Randy Harris, Sr. Vice Commander - Dale McNamee, 1st Jr. Vice Commander - Mark Mennen, 2nd Jr. Vice Commander -Barbara Belmont, Treasurer - George Gilles, Assistant Treasurer - John Hoeft, Adjutant - Mike Hert, Assistant Adjutant - Roy Rogers, Chaplain - Lee Schuff, Assistant Chaplain - Dale McNamee and Mike Hert, Service Officers - George Gilles, Sergeant at Arms – Paul Fluette, Officer of the Day – Fred Hamel, BPTL - Duane Canon, 3rd Year Trustee - Richard Griesbach, 2nd Year Trustee – Ron Palm, 1st Year Trustee. Thanks to all of the officers for making this huge commitment to lead our Chapter for the next fiscal year.

DAV 100th ANNIVERSARY CAP/LAPEL PINS AND T-SHIRTS:

Come to a regular Chapter meeting and receive a free 100th anniversary cap/lapel pin and a free 100th anniversary t-shirt.



If you have a negative attitude, replace it with some thoughts of gratitude.

- William Arthur Ward

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Greetings to everybody as we are mid - summer season in Wisconsin! We have experienced a few humid and sweltering days however the warmth feels good in comparison to the Winter chill that is a few months away. We are truly witnessing one of the most unique moments in time within the history of the organization.

Usually, we would be up to our eyeballs with a high tempo of activities helping to support our Veterans. Due to COVID-19, life is moving at a slow and cautious pace. I am pleased to announce that our Unit will be meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, July 28th. We will use common sense and utilize those practices to help keep us safe during the meeting.

The meeting priority will be the nomination and election of Officers for the 2020-2021 term. I would encourage you to attend this meeting if your wanting to make a difference in the lives of our Veterans. The Unit Auxiliary leadership team elected for the coming year will actively engage, support, and assist our Chapter and Veterans to assist addressing the

needs of our Warriors. This is a critical moment in our history so I encourage Auxiliary members to step forward. You will never go wrong touching the life of a Veteran.

Lastly, I would like to thank everybody for their support and encouragement as I was sworn in as the Commander of the State Auxiliary last month. The last time Unit 17 had a sitting State Auxiliary Commander was June Otto in 1971. It is truly an honor to serve our Veterans whether at the local or the State level.

I pledge that I will give a 110% effort to our mission and look forward to an exciting year.

Respectfully, Julie A. Hert, Commander, Unit 17



Our own Julie Hert sworn in as DAV Wisconsin State Auxiliary Commander.

NEXT MEETING July 28 @ 6:30 pm - JOINT PICNIC August 25 @ 6:00 pm Marine Corps League 4715 Sherman Rd Oshkosh, WI

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Members that went to the Eternal Chapter since last newsletter were: George Batura, 95, a 31 year member, from Fond du Lac, around August, 2016, Richard Cichanowski, 76, a 36 year member, from Appleton, date of death unknown and Harlan Roberts, 90, a 27 year member, from Oshkosh, on May 29th.

During our fiscal year 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 we lost nine members: George Batura, Richard Cichanowski, Robert Heagle, Vilas Kapp, George Reber, Harland Roberts, Ralph Spanbauer, Robert Suess and Raymond Wheeler. Please keep their families in your prayers.



Chapter 17 has 3 Past Department Commanders (PDC) within its ranks. This is more than any other chapter within the Badger State. L to R: Tom Weber, Mike Hert, and John Hoeft.

COVID19:

For the latest tips to keep your family and community safe, visit: CORONAVIRUS.GOV

URGENT CARE LOCATIONS

OSHKOSH: 1855 S. Koeller St. 920 223-7000 NEENAH: 101 Main St. 920 727-4200 APPLETON: 3329 N. Richmond St. 920 380-2715

BRAT FRYS & FORGET ME NOT DRIVES:

August 15th will be at Festival Foods in Neenah. September 25-26 will be at Festival Foods in Oshkosh. These all will be held jointly with our Auxiliary Unit 17 so we need a lot of help to make them successful. Let one of our JVC's Dale or Mark know if you can help.

MAKE SOME CASH ATTENDING A MEETING:

The meeting incentive program is to increase attendance at the monthly meetings. The attendance award is \$20.00 for the name drawn for those in attendance. For June the attendance award was won by Matt Kempainen. The 50/50 was won by Rod Kalata and there was no pot of gold drawing. The pot of gold drawing for July will start at \$100.00.

EMAILS:

Please email your email address to Rod Kalata even if you are on the list so we can develop the new email database. His email addresses are: rkalata@new.rr.com or rlkalata@gmail.com.

ONE FINAL ACT OF KINDNESS:

Please consider putting DAV Chapter 17 and/or DAVA Unit 17 on your list of beneficiaries when planning the distribution of your estate.