



# Ray H. Fuller DAV Chapter 17

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

*May 26 - July 28, 2020*

## CHAPTER OFFICERS:

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### Assistant Chaplain

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Ron Palm  
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### 3rd Year Trustee

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### 2nd Year Trustee

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### Commander

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## MEETINGS:

### Chapter

4th Tuesday/month  
6:30 p.m.  
Oshkosh Elks Club  
175 W. Fernau Ave.

### Executive Committee

2nd Tuesday/month  
4:00 p.m. Elk's Club

### Auxiliary

4th Tuesday/month  
6:30 p.m. Elks Club

## The commander sez:

Hello members. I know it had being cooped up this long. We will have a Memorial Day set of events, but an hour pushed backed and we are encouraging the public stay away while just us veteran's will take care of it.

Commander Kalata

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 26: Regular meeting is CANCELLED

June 9: CEC @ 4:00 at Elks

June 14: Flag Day

June 14: 245th U. S. Army Birthday

June 20: First Day of Summer

June 21: Father's Day

June 19-20: Citywide FMN Drive

June 23: Regular Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 at Elks

July 4: Independence Day

July 14: CEC @ 4:00 at Elks

July 28: Regular Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 at Elks

### Future Events:

July 31- Aug. 4: 100th National Convention

@ Dallas

August 15: Joint Brat Fry & FMN @ Neenah

September 25-26: Joint Brat Fry & FMN @ Festival

## 2020 MEETING DATES:

January 28      February 25      March 24

April 28      June 23      July 28

September 22      October 27      November 24

May 26      Joint Installation & Dinner  
(Cancelled)

August 25      Joint Picnic

December 3 Joint Christmas Party

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

## SERVICE OFFICERS:

Our Chapter Service Officers, Dale McNamee and Paul Baker are both fully certified. They will assist any veteran with access to veterans benefits, including claims for service connected disability. They can be contacted at:

Dale McNamee

Paul Baker

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## MAKE SOME CASH

### ATTENDING A MEETING:

The meeting incentive program is to increase attendance at the monthly meetings. The attendance award is \$10.00 for the name drawn for those in attendance. Since we had No meetings in March, April and May there were no attendance awards, 50/50 raffle or pot of gold, so the pot of gold for the June meeting will be \$70.00.

### ATTENDANCE AND POT OF GOLD CHANGES:

For a bigger incentive to attend Chapter meetings the CEC is recommending 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 if approved at the June meeting.

### A NOTE FROM YOUR ADJUTANT:

As a Nation we are being collectively challenged by the widespread and heartbreaking effects of COVID-19. I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. The COVID-19 virus poses an immense threat to people who are over the age of 70 and-due to toxic exposures such as Agent Orange-many Viet-nam veterans have multiple chronic medical issues which makes them susceptible to severe complications or death. All of America's veterans deserve the best America can give them. DAV17, Winnebago County has demonstrated their commitment to veterans of all generations-I know you will continue to stand with us during these difficult days ahead. May God bless you and America.

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Due to no meetings in March, April and May nominations and elections will be held at the June regular meeting.

**In the end it's not the year's in your life that count. It's the life in your years.**

**- Abraham Lincoln**

## COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Spring is in the air and flowers and trees are in bloom. I hope this newsletter article finds everyone doing well and surviving these interesting times. I want to do a couple of updates with everyone, currently there will be no brat fry fundraiser Memorial Day weekend. At this time Festival Foods has not put up their brat barn. We will keep everyone posted as we learn more about our future ones.

This is also the time of the year that we hold our annual elections, as no gathering restrictions have hampered our election plans and the installation of officers and this will not happen until it is safe again to gather. Until then, the currently installed officers remain in office. Remember that elections/installations must be conducted annually during a regular in-person meeting, not online. Officer report forms will be mailed to the unit adjutant in the coming weeks.

I am sure everyone is aware that our State Convention has been canceled, this was not a decision that was made lightly by DAV State Officers, the best interest of all our members was the main consideration in making this decision. As we move ahead, I will continue to forward all information received from our State Department, they are working very hard to navigate us through these on chartered waters.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call with any questions you may have.

In closing I wish you all good health and God's Blessings and look forward to the time we can gather together again.



Respectfully,  
Julie A. Hert, Commander, Unit 17

## NEXT MEETING

**NO meeting May 26**

**Tuesday, June 23 @ 6:30 (hopefully)**

Elks Hall – 175 W. Fernau Ave. - Oshkosh, Wi.

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:

Sympathy goes out to Duane Canon and his family for the loss of Duane's father. Please keep all of those in our prayers that are going through sickness and distress during these difficult times.

## 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 rikalata@gmail.com.

## NEW MEMBERS AND TRANSFERS:

New members since February 25: Trent Ventura of Oshkosh and Dale Pommerening from Oshkosh. Welcome Trent and Dale. (No transfers)

## 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.

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## NOTE:

All newsletters will now be sent by EMAIL only with the exception of May 2020 we will also send out a newsletter by mail because of the annual FMN drive. Please HELP our veterans in need. Return the FMN envelope that is in your May mailing with a donation to help our FMN fund. THANK-YOU!

## COVID UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF:

Service connected veterans that have lost employment as a direct result of the corona virus are eligible for COVID unemployment relief. Approved applicants will receive a \$250.00 grant. DAV will provide a minimum of 2500 grants that will be dispersed on a first come first serve basis. Additional grants above this amount will be provided based on the availability of additional COVID-19 relief funds. If you have any questions, please direct them to: [benefitsquestions.org](http://benefitsquestions.org)

**DEPARTMENT ANNUAL CONVENTION  
June 11-13 at the Green Bay is CANCELLED**

## BRAT FRYS & FORGET ME NOT DRIVES:

Dates are set for our 2020 joint brat frys and FMN drives. May 29-30 will be at Festival Foods in Oshkosh., which has been CANCELLED. June 19-20 will be the city-wide FMN drive with locations to be determined. August 15th will be at Festival Foods in Nenah. 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.

