

Your Voice From Headquarters

COMMANDER ~ *Darla Sanders*



Hello everyone...I would like to thank you again for having the confidence in me to preside over our State for the next year. I look forward to both the opportunity and the challenge.

I'm excited to have the chance to visit each chapter. Being able to share success stories will greatly enhance our ability to grow. I will be calling you shortly to set up a date to visit.

My first Sub - Executive Committee meeting as Department Commander was devoted to developing a plan to accomplish five goals for the next five years.

Our first major accomplishment for the Sub - Executive Committee was to develop a five year plan for the Department. The areas we will be focusing on include financial solvency, volunteerism, outreach, creating new chapters, our members, and our transportation system.

Lastly, a thought for our DAV members and chapters: What do you bring to the table? What talent(s) do you have to assist our veterans and fellow DAV members.

One Team...One Goal...Helping Veterans

ADJUTANT ~ *Andrew Grieb*

Next year is the end of a century. A century of recognition. A century of service. A century of volunteerism. A century of compassion. A century of memberships in this great organization. A century of amazing history.

Some of us have been around for over half of that century. John Rose, Past Department Commander, started his membership in the DAV 64 years ago. He is still one of our most active members in the Department at nearly 91-years-young. John can recall all the changes and benefits that we have gained over the last half-century. That we should all be that active at 91. God bless you, sir!

How did we gain this ground? How did it get done? By doing it together! With one voice we told Congress and the White House that we were not going away. That promises had been made and we wanted those promises kept. We are keeping the promises...
But the mission isn't over yet.

At the Sub-Executive Committee meeting held on June 11, Department Commander Darla Sanders asked about what our focus should be on for the next few years.

ADJUTANT ~ *Andrew Grieb (cont'd)*

We came up with an inclusive list.

- Increase Volunteerism & Outreach
- Make our Transportation Network stronger
- Increase our Communication and make it better
- Work on new Chapters/increase Membership
- Encourage more Auxiliary Units
- Keep our Department financially solvent

These six items are not mutually exclusive. We need one to support the other, etc. It just means that our work is not done. We cannot rest on laurels since we have none to rest on. There is a lot of work that still needs to be done and we must find the members and auxiliary to do it. As a service organization, that is our mission and we must find the way to complete our mission goals.



The Sub - Executive Committee will be bringing these goals to the DEC later this year. We are seriously considering these goals and refining what we should do to make them obtainable and realistic.

The priority is to make sure that the Department is financially able to complete its mission. We have one source of income that is not meeting the needs of the Department. We must find ways to cut our spending and stretch every dollar that we get. We must find new income streams and bring in as much money to our coffers as we can. New ideas are always welcome and encouraged.

Please understand, however, that we can't do it alone. We need the participation of all our members in order to make this work. Volunteers are needed. I can't say it enough. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Please evaluate what you can do and help us out. We will need help with the projects that we need to complete this year. We must organize and move together. As our needs become clearer, we will inform all of you.

Summer is upon us. Enjoy the weather and the fun. We have come out of a long winter and now we need to enjoy a little sun. Come back ready to "rock and roll" into a new mission year.

Adjutant's Thought

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

AUXILIARY STATE COMMANDER ~ *Jay E. Alexander*

Greetings!

Congratulations to everyone for another successful State Convention. I would like to announce that for this next year of service to our veterans and their families, we have Sharon Bilodeau as our Sr. Vice Commander and Lacey Hanner Bankston as our Jr. Vice Commander.

I am pleased to report that prior to my attending the DAV/Auxiliary State Convention in Ogden, Utah the donations earmarked for the Veterans Community Living Center at Rifle, and the Grand Junction VA Medical Center were delivered. The Veterans Community Living Center at Rifle will use their donation to purchase a 55" T.V. for the community room and any funds available after that purchase, will go toward small television sets for individual veteran's rooms. The donation to the Grand Junction VA Medical Center will be used to assist homeless veterans with transportation to and from appointments at the medical center, and to purchase a "fixed" coffee station. A fixed coffee station will be safer and more accessible with a direct connection to a main water supply.



After a five-day rest, it was off to Albuquerque, New Mexico for their State Convention. It is worth noting that Past National Commander, Donna Adams, the National Representative for Utah's convention and National Sr. Vice Commander, Diane Frantz, National Representative for New Mexico's convention, both conducted a mini school of instruction. This is noteworthy since Utah and New Mexico have newly formed Auxiliary units, which made the information that they received very helpful and much appreciated. There are many members, who for various reasons, are unable to attend the annual Fall Conference where they would have exposure to that school of instruction, so having them at state conventions, can go a long way in bridging that instructional gap. I am grateful that I was able to experience the excitement of these two new units.

One thing really stood out at the New Mexico convention was the number of male Auxiliary members, and the large number of young adults in attendance. They were present, vocal and participatory in all levels of the convention. It was quite special to hear one of the young women from New Mexico identify who she sees as her personal mentor. It was obvious that the more seasoned member also took pride in her role as a mentor. So...just a reminder that we must each determine that we will be open and available to mentor new members and to receiving mentoring from our senior, more tenured members.

National Convention is quickly approaching so be sure to solidify travel plans and lodging accommodations as soon as possible. Hotel reservations filled up so quickly this year so that means the real possibility of needing to use an overflow/sister hotel. Although I will not be able to attend National Convention this year, our State Sr. Vice Commander, Sharon Bilodeau will be present, and I remain excited about every opportunity that allows me to be of service to our veterans and their families, and to support our DAV/Auxiliary family. Y'all have fun and grow in the knowledge of service and comradeship!!

Comradeship...Loyalty...Devotion...Service

AUXILIARY STATE ADJUTANT ~ *Susan Miller*



Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the D.A.V. and the D.A.V. Auxiliary for the Department of Colorado. I look forward to working with all of you and wish you all a successful year.

I want to thank the staff at the D.A.V. Department Headquarters for their help throughout the year. As always, I can depend on them for assistance, to answer questions, etc.

I want to thank the D.A.V. Auxiliary State Commander, Jay Alexander, for appointing me as your State Adjutant. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at (719) 469-1538 or email at smillerdava@gmail.com.

A reminder to all D.A.V.A. State Officers and Chairmen: Your next article is due to me by September 5, 2019.

Again, thank you and I look forward to a very successful year!

**DEPARTMENT SR. VICE COMMANDER JOHN CARMONA
AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL HONOR BLANKET PRESENTATION
IN COLORADO SPRINGS ON JUNE 3RD 2019.**



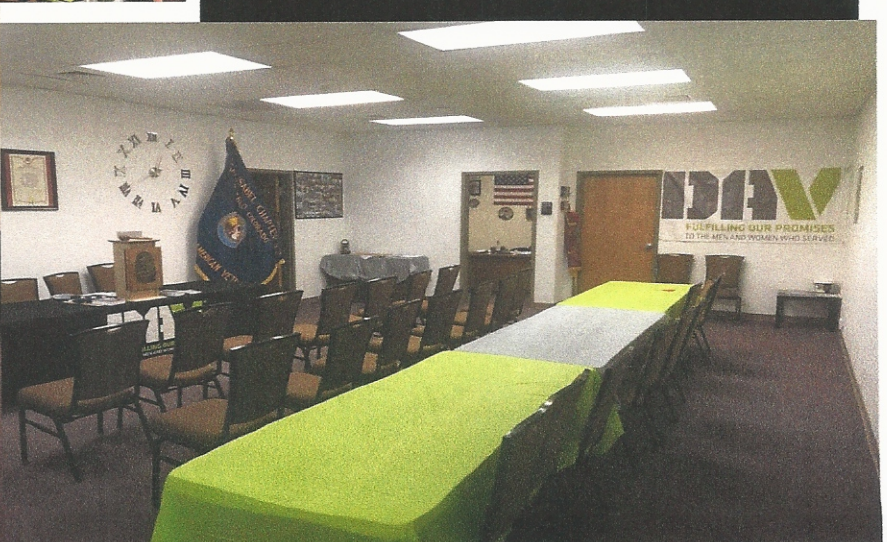
JESSIE MARTINEZ CHAPTER #50 ADJUTANT KELLY CAHALAN



KNOB HILL CHAPTER #26 CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER ROB SWETMAN

SAN ISABEL CHAPTER 2 IN PUEBLO HAS A NEW SERVICE CENTER

The DAV San Isabel Chapter 2 has opened a new service center for veterans in Southern Colorado. After nearly 50 years without their own building to call home the service center will also double as the chapters new home. Any and all veterans, widows and orphans are encouraged to stop by for any benefits assistance needed. The service center hours are Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00pm(excluding holidays)and is located at 4104 Outlook Blvd suite #135 Pueblo,Colorado 81008. Veterans whose schedule can not accommodate these hours may schedule an appointment outside of these normal hours. In addition; The chapter service officer is available for house calls for shut-ins,elderly and mobility impaired individuals . For any questions, concerns or to schedule an appointment, you may contact the chapter service officer at 719 544-DAV2 or davchapter2@outlook.com.





VETERAN & MILITARY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION!

**DAV Department of Colorado is
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&
7pm - 10pm**

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On The Horizon



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July

4th Independence Day

August

3rd through 6th

98th Annual DAV National Convention

Rosen Shingle Creek

Orlando, FL

for more information visit dav.org

7th Purple Heart Day

September

2nd Labor Day

9th **Deadline to RSVP for Chapter Service Officer Training**

(Contact Department Headquarters for more information or to RSVP)

11th Patriot Day

14th **Summerfest** (Saturday)

Homelake Veterans Community Living Center

21st **All Activities Day** (Saturday)

Pueblo Veteran Community Living Center

25th & 26th

Department & Chapter Service Officer Training

with Denver National Service Office

Hosted at Department Headquarters

(Contact Department Headquarters for more information or to RSVP)

30th **Chapter Annual Financial Reports (AFR's) due at
Department Headquarters**

October

12th **Department Executive Committee Meeting**

Department Headquarters at 10:00 am

