



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
Department of Massachusetts
Room 546, State House
Boston, MA 02133

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Nov. 14th, 2015
DAV Braintree Chapter #29
Braintree, MA

AGENDA
OPENING CEREMONY

Roll Call

Minutes of the Sept 12, 2015, Department Executive Committee meeting held in Leominster, MA at the DoubleTree by Hilton were previously emailed; motion to accept

- The Treasurer report was previously emailed; motion to accept.
- The Chaplain's report was previously emailed; motion to accept.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

1. National Executive Committee
2. National Service Officer, Mason Sullivan
3. Commander, Helen Bennett
4. Legislation, Chairman (Sr. Vice) Commander Bill Vicini
5. Membership, 1st Junior Vice-Commander, Mike Sullivan
6. Service & Charitable, 2nd Junior Vice Commander Ed Flynn
7. Constitution & Bylaws, 3rd Junior Vice Commander Paul Dubey
8. Women Veterans Coordinator, Christine Tron
9. Webmaster, Keith Gopsill
10. Department Inspector, Deb Olson
11. Vets in Prison Chairman, Ed Bryan

VAVS REPORTS

Bedford VAMC	Steve Lawler
Boston VAMC	Ben Tieso
Brockton VAMC	Anthony O'Brien
North Hampton VAMC	Gene Albee
North Hampton VAMC Deputy	Brian Sullivan
West Roxbury VAMC	Dennis Gill
Chelsea Soldiers Home	Mike Sullivan
Holyoke Soldiers Home	David Poulin

HSC REPORT 2015

	Hours	Miles	Veterans
Transported			
Bedford (Donna Tanner)	405	7551	85
Boston (Tony O'Brien)	1209	10,107	350
Brockton (Tony O'Brien)	698	5753	163
West Roxbury (Tony O'Brien)	262	1146	14
Northampton (Leo Vance)	794	19,354	342

DSO REPORT Sept. & October 2015

Facility	DSO	<u>Interviews</u>	<u>Claims</u>
Bedford VAMC	Steve Lawler, Bill Allen, Dave Epps, Jim Tanner	92	34
Brockton	Ray Richards		
Pittsfield & Chicopee	Norm Picard	37	23
Leeds VAMC	Fran Yestramski	78	38
Holyoke/ JP VAMC	Richard Connor	13	10
Spg Vet Ctr	open		
West Roxbury	Dennis Gill	64	24
Worcester OPC	Richard Langevin	21	11

VAVS REPORTS

West Roxbury	Dennis Gill	(Aug.-Oct 2015)	868 Hrs	13 Volunteers
Bedford	Steve Lawler	(Sept 2015)	601 Hrs	Not rept'd
Northampton	Gene Albee	(Oct 2014-Sept 2015)	7,205 Hrs	69 Volunteers
Holyoke Soldiers Home	Dave Poulin	(Sept-Nov 2015)	194 Hrs	Not rept'd
Brockton	Tony O'Brien	(Aug-Sept-Oct 2015)	698 Hrs	163 Volunteers

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOD Vice Chairman Helen Bennett will discuss the minutes and recommendations of the BOD meeting held on November 4, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received prior to the meeting:

NATIONAL

1. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 5, 2015, from Moses A. McIntosh, Jr., National Commander, to John Smilowitz, Dr. C E Burt #7, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
2. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 5, 2015, from Moses A. McIntosh, Jr., National Commander, to Joseph Sturniolo, W J Farrell #23, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
3. Letter (cc) dated Sept. 5, 2015, received from Moses A McIntosh, Jr. National Commander, to James MacLauchlan, Mystic Valley-Gold Star Ch. #31, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
4. Letter (cc) dated Oct. 14, 2015, received from Moses A McIntosh, Jr. National Commander, to Thomas Salter, Scott Vetterling #33, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
5. Letter (cc) dated Sept. 9, 2015, received from Moses A McIntosh, Jr, National Commander, to Enrico Nuttoli, Billerica Ch. #47, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
6. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 5, 2015, from Moses A. McIntosh, Jr., National Commander, to David Curtin, Rockland #50, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
7. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 5, 2015, from Moses A. McIntosh, Jr., National Commander, to James Morecroft, E F Gilmore #64, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
8. Letter (cc) dated Oct. 14, 2015, received from Moses A McIntosh, Jr, National Commander, to John Connolly, East Boston #77, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
9. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 5, 2015, from Moses A. McIntosh, Jr., National Commander, to Charles Coleman, Northampton #92, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
10. Letter (cc) dated Nov, 5, 2015, received from Moses A McIntosh, Jr, National Commander, to Donald White, Peabody #100, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
11. Letter (cc) dated Oct. 14, 2015, received from Moses A McIntosh, Jr, National Commander, to George Garland, William Hurley #113, congratulating the chapter for meeting their membership goal for 2015-2016.
12. Letter (cc) received Oct. 14, 2015, received from Douglas K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, to Cynthia Blais, Worcester #4, stating that their Financial Report if over \$10,000 gross income, has not been received.

13. Letter (cc) received Oct. 14, 2015, received from Douglas K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, to Wayne Grant, Salvatore Padula #82, stating that their Financial Report if over \$10,000 gross income, has not been received.
14. Letter (cc) received Oct. 14, 2015, received from Douglas K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, to James Follis, D W Clifford #85, stating that their Financial Report if over \$10,000 gross income, has not been received.
15. Letter (cc) received Oct. 14, 2015, received from Douglas K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, to Patrick Morrison, Tewksbury #10, stating that their Financial Report if over \$10,000 gross income, has not been received.
16. Email dated Sept. 25, 2015, received from J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant, from Rev. Pura Patnaude, regarding all the work that DSO Fran Yestramski did to assist her with her claim and for a job well done.
17. Letter (cc) dated Oct. 15, 2015, received from Douglas K Wells Jr., National Membership Director, to William Hoey, Joseph R. Harold Memorial #10, requesting a new Officer Report due to changes in officers.
18. Letter (cc) dated Oct 15, 2015, received from Douglas K Wells Jr., National Membership Director, to Roger Leger, Salem North Shore #84, 2nd request for a new officer report due to changes in officers.
19. Invitation received Oct 27, 2015, to the Testimonial Dinner for National Commander Moses A. McIntosh, Saturday, April 30, 2016.
20. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 10, 2015, received from John Kleindienst, National Director of Voluntary Services, recertifying William Allen as Deputy DAV VAVS Representative at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital.
21. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 10, 2015, received from John Kleindienst, National Director of Voluntary Services, recertifying Donald T. O'Hagan as Deputy DAV VAVS Representative at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital.
22. Letter (cc) dated Nov. 10, 2015, received from John Kleindienst, National Director of Voluntary Services, recertifying James H. Tanner as Deputy DAV VAVS Representative at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital.

CHAPTER

1. Check received 9-23-15 from Silver Star/JFK Memorial #3, \$500.00 for a HSC Golf Sponsorship.
2. Check received 9-15-15 from Noe P Valois Ch. #24, \$100.00 for a HSC Golf Sponsorship.
3. Check received 10-20-15 from Quincy Cavanaugh #79, \$100.00 for the HSC Golf Outing.
4. Check received 9-27-15 from Cape Cod #96, \$200.00 for a HSC Golf Sponsorship.
5. Check received 10-22-15 from Braintree #29, \$600.00 for HSC Transportation Program.
6. Check received 9-15-15 from Walter J. Szynal Ch. #53, \$1000.00 for HSC Transportation Program.
7. Checks received 10-29-15 from Westover #11 for DAV Day, \$500.00 Total.
8. Check received 10-16-15 from Hannah Dustin #20 for DAV Day, \$300.00
9. Check received 10-13-15 from Fitchburg #30 for DAV Day, \$200.00.
10. Check received 11-10-15 from Scott Vetterling #33 for DAV Day, \$400.00.
11. Check received 9-20-15 from Marshfield Memorial #35 for DAV Day, \$100.00.
12. Check received 10-22-15 from Edward Drake #41 for DAV Day, \$200.00.
13. Check received 11/4/15 from Charles Musante #46 for DAV Day, \$200.00.
14. Check received 10-5-15 from Woburn #88, for DAV Day, \$250.00.
15. Check received 11-10-15 from Scott Vetterling #33, \$500.00, to support the Boston DAV Walk to Honor Veterans.
16. Check received 11-10-15 from Norwood #90, \$100.00, to support the Boston DAV Walk to Honor Veterans. Nov. 14, 2015.
17. Check received 10-13-15 from Braintree #29, Bar/Lounge Assessment, \$615.15.

18. Check received 10-7-15 from Marshfield Memorial #35, Bar/Lounge Assessment, \$587.03.
19. Check received 10-21-15 from Tewksbury #110, Bar/Lounge Assessment, \$452.44.
20. Check received 11/4/15 from Tewksbury #110, Bar/Lounge Assessment, \$693.34.
21. Annual Chapter Officer Report received 10-29-15 from Tewksbury #110.
22. Annual Financial Report received 9-16-15 from Lawrence J Heron Chapter #6.
23. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Dr. C. E. Burt #7. Minutes & sign in sheets received previously.
24. Minutes & Sign in Sheets received 10-15-15 from Pittsfield #15. Financial Report previously received.
25. Annual Financial Report received 9-15-15 from Westover Chapter #11, no minutes, no sign in sheets.
26. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Pittsfield #15, no minutes or sign in sheets.
27. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Hannah Dustin #20.
28. Annual Financial Report received 9-15-15 from Mystic Valley-Gold Star Chapter #21.
29. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from W. J. Farrell #23.
30. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Edith Nourse Rogers #25.
31. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Somerville #27.
32. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Eugene A. Twomey, Sr. #40.
33. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Edward Drake #41.
34. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Dedham #42.
35. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Waltham Chapter #45.
36. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Charles Musante #46, no minutes or sign in sheets.
37. Minutes and sign in sheets for Annual Financial Report received from Charles Musante #46 10-1-15.
38. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Billerica #47.
39. W.J. Tiff Szynal Chapter #53, minutes or sign in sheets received 9-29-15.
40. Annual Financial Report received 9-15-15 from Westcott Houghton Chapter #56.
41. Annual Financial Report received 10-21-15 from E F Gilmore #64.
42. Annual Financial Report received 10-13-15 from Springfield #68.
43. Annual Financial Report received 10-29-15 from Wm. Bonney #72, no minutes, no sign in sheets.
44. Annual Financial Report received 11/3/2015 from Gloucester #74, no minutes, no sign in sheets.
45. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from East Boston #77.
46. Annual Financial Report received 10-7-15 from Quincy Cavanaugh #79.
47. Annual Financial Report received 9-15-15 from Northampton Chapter #92, no minutes, no sign in sheets.
48. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Cape Cod #96.
49. Annual Financial Report received 10-22-15 from Peabody #100,
50. Annual Financial Report received 9-15-15 from Tewksbury Chapter #110.
51. Annual Financial Report received 10-22-15 from William Hurley #113.
52. Annual Financial Report received 10-13-15 from Alfred F. Seagrave #116.
53. Annual Financial Report received 9-29-15 from Whitman #119.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Check received 9-20-2015 from Alan and Teresa Bowers, \$250.00 for a sponsorship for the HSC Golf Outing.
2. Invitation (cc) dated Oct. 19, 2015, to a Veterans Day Ceremony at Boston Processing & Distribution Center, USPS, on November 6, 2015.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- Donation received 9-2-15 from Neponset Circle Auto Body, Inc. for the DAV Walk.
- Donation received 9-30-15 from Rodman Ford, \$1,500.00 for the DAV Walk.
- Donation received from M&S Repair & Auto Body, \$1,000 for the HSC Transportation Program.
- Donation received from Polly Townsend, \$500.00 for the HSC Transportation Program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Presentation of Certificates to Chapters

Motion to Adjourn

Next Meetings Scheduled for:

March 12, 2016

Leominster Veterans Center

May 14, 2016

DAV Chapter 29, Braintree



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**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Sept 12, 2015**

**DoubleTree by Hilton
99 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA**

OPENING CEREMONY

The Department Executive Committee was called to order by Department Commander Helen Bennett at 10:30 a.m. The D.E.C. was led in prayer by Department Chaplain Richard Dufault and Commander Bennett led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commander asked the Adjutant to take the roll call of officers. The adjutant informed the Commander that all officers were present and accounted for and that we had 44 Chapters and 4 Districts present. As we have a quorum in accordance with Article 5, Section 5.3 of the Department By-Laws we may proceed with the meeting.

The Adjutant informed the Commander that the Minutes of D.E.C. meeting dated May 9, 2015 held in Braintree, MA, were electronically mailed and distributed to the Elected and Appointed Officers, Delegates and Alternate D.E.C. member.

A motion was made by Dave Epps #88, seconded by Mort Morin #57, to accept the minutes as printed and distributed: motion passed.

Commander Bennett called on Department Treasurer Ray Richards to present the treasurer's report. He reported the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Beginning Bal. 6/30/15	Ending Bal. 8/31/15
Checking Account Bank of America (c4)	\$200,733.26	\$ 195,116.89
Santander Checking (c3)	\$ 56,543.69	\$ 56,543.69

THE DEPARTMENT PORTFOLIO ACCOUNTS

Total on Combined Portfolio Accounts	
6/1/15	\$677,424.14
8/29/15	\$640,289.32
	(Loss of \$36,134.82)

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Richards, Treasurer

A motion was made by Mort Morin, #57 to accept the report as read and presented. A second was offered by Dave Epps, #88; motion passed.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Department Chaplain Richard Dufault informed the members of the D.E.C. that P.D.C. John Gilpin was in South Shore Rehab and he also listed the following he was praying for: William Campbell, Anita Reed, Don O'Hagen, Gloria Follis, Lloyd Askew and Charles Kosterman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to report.

REPORTS

N.E.C
NSO
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
LEGIALATION
MEMBERSHIP
SERVICE & CHARITABLE
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
AWARDS COMMITTEE
VETS in PRISON

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR
Women Veterans
Vets in Prison
VAVS: Bedford, Brockton,
W. Roxbury, N. Hampton,
Chelsea, Holyoke
HSC
DSO

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors report was presented by Department Commander/Chairman Helen Bennett.

A motion was made by Deb Olson Dist. #3, seconded by William Vicini District #6, to accept the Boards recommendations as stated in their minutes of 9/2/15.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commander Bennett asked the body to refer to the agenda, which had been previously emailed. There were no comments on the communications listed.

She asked Adjutant Stack if there were subsequent communications received and to read them to the body. There were no additional communications.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Hogan, PDC, and seconded by J. Connolly #77; motion passed.



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TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

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TREASURERS REPORT 11/3/15

	<u>Beginning Balance</u> <u>9/1/15</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u> <u>10/31/15</u>
Bank of America (c4)	\$ 195,116.89	\$ 29,614.99	\$ 85,557.84	\$ 139,174.04
Santander Checking (c3)	\$ 56,543.69	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 56,543.69
Santander Money Mkt (c3)	\$ 20.48	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ Closed 8/25/15

THE DEPARTMENT PORTFOLIO ACCOUNTS

Total on Combined Portfolio Accounts
On 8/29/15 \$640,289.32
On 10/30/15 \$650,198.06
(Gain of \$9,908.74)

Respectfully submitted,

RAY RICHARDS
RAYMOND RICHARDS
Treasurer

From: KOTH12446@aol.com

To: "[Terry Mate](mailto:tmate@davma.org)" <tmate@davma.org>
"[Dan Stack](mailto:dstack@davma.org)" <dstack@davma.org>

Date: 11/1/2015 4:50:05 PM

Subject: Sickness and Distress Report from Sept. to Nov.,2015

The name listed below were the names given to me in regards to Sickness and distress from the month of September to November 2015.

- 1.10/19/15 Gary McCollom,242 Purchase St.,South Easton,Ma. from Chapter #56 was having left replacement knee surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital.A "Get Well" card was mailed to him as well as being kept in my prayers for a rapid and full recovery.
- 2.Terry Mate reports PDC John F. Gilpin,485 Plain Street,Rockland,Ma. from Chapter#50 had passed into the next phase of God's plan on 10/26/15.A "Sympathy Card" was mailed to his residence along with some comforting words.
3. Paul Pouliot ,70 Zoar Avenue,South Attleboro,Ma. from Chapter #56 has his throat operated on 10/07/15.His voice was left in a condition of a high pitch as a result from an earlier surgery on a disc in his neck where the surgery involved moving his voice box aside.He was kept over night in the hospital for observation.
- 4.Gary McCollom from Chapter #56 reported on 10/26 he is presently in Copley Rehabitational Center , Summer Street,Stoughton,Ma. He thinks he'll be there one week for physical therapy and then shall be at home to continue therapy.

This is my report from the information of which I received.

I am asking for my brothers and sister of the Disabled American Veterans to remember that I too have disabilities and therefore I have GREAT Difficulties taking a series of names from the floor when I give my report.If information can not be given to me via telephone,mail or e-mail then I am asking that when you arrive at the D.E.C. meeting to please come and see me and give me the names for the report of Sickness and Distress.In this manner I can make certain I get the information written correctly in respect to those needing prayers. Thank you for your co-operation.

In the service of our Father

Chaplain Richard B. Dufault , in his service and yours.

DANIEL P. STACK, NEC DISTRICT 1

Our National Organization has announced that they are accepting applications for the National Commander's Awards for Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year, Employment Awards, the George H. Seal Hospital and Voluntary Services Award and the Jesse Brown Youth Scholarship.

I would hope that each Chapter in Massachusetts would consider nominating someone for these awards. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, please give his or her name to the Department Awards Chairman John Hogan.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held this year at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA from Sunday February 21st through Wednesday the 24th. Our National Commander's Presentation to the Joint Session of the Committees on Veterans Affairs is scheduled for Tuesday the 23rd at 1:00PM. Our Department Delegates will be visiting our Congressmen and Representatives on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. So please plan to get a flight after 5:00PM if you wish to storm the hill with us.

Some of the Legislation before Congress that our National Organization is watching is as follows:

1. H.R. 1292, the Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act. This bill would allow compensable disabled service-connected veterans and their dependents to utilize Department of Defense exchange and commissary privileges.
2. DAV supported appeals program legislation moves closer to law. A key House subcommittee approved legislation in July that would create a new "fully developed appeals" (FDA) pilot program that could cut the time for appeals to be resolved by up to three years.
3. DAV pushed Congress for deadlines on legislation for Women Veterans. At a House Veterans Affairs Committee hearing in late April, Deputy National Legislative Director Joy Llem called on lawmakers to set specific goals for Memorial Day 2016 that would enhance care and services for Women Veterans. Among these goals, DAV called for: every VA medical center to employ a full-time or part-time gynecologist; authorization of permanent childcare services to better support access to VA care.
4. Veteran suicide prevention legislation passes House and Senate. President Barack Obama signed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, a bill designed to help prevent suicide among the nation's veterans, into law in mid-February. Among its measures, the legislation requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate all its mental health care and suicide prevention programs and practices for effectiveness.
5. President Signs Legislation Authorizing Creation of the National Desert Storm War Memorial. Legislation authorizing a memorial to commemorate the men and women who served and sacrificed in support of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield was signed by President Obama just before the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Stack

NEC District 1

Helen Bennett

Commander

Nov DEC Report

It has been a very busy time since our last meeting. Time is really marching on.

One day in Sept. I went to Boston to watch a group build wheelchairs that they donated to the DAV.

Sept 16th I went to the Dept. Headquarters.

Sept 19th I had the honor to attend the Medal of Honor dinner with all of my Line Officers, Adjutant Stack and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Mate and Mr. and Mrs. Hogan.

Sept 21st was the Fall Golf tournament to support our transportation program.

Sept 23rd at Dept. Headquarters.

Sept 30 at Department Headquarters.

Oct 4th I was in the Roslindale 40th Annual parade with Bill Vicini and Mike Sullivan.

Oct 7th Dept. Headquarters.

Oct 9th planned a lunch for Bldg. 8 Brockton VAMC at Chapter 35.

Oct 10th went to District 7 meeting held at Chapter 57.

Oct 11th after my Chapter 35 meeting I went with the Boy and Girl Scouts from Marshfield to put new flags on all veterans graves in four cemeteries.

Oct 12 went to Gillettes in Boston where they built 3 wheelchairs to donate to the DAV

Oct 14th went to Hyannis to the trial of Mr Trot.

Oct 16 attend trial in Hyannis.

Oct 17 went to Lombardos in Randolph to attend the Governors annual Veterans with 10 women from our department.

Oct 18th I marched in parade with our color guard and Mike Sullivan his wife and Bill Vicini in West Roxbury honoring Viet Nam Veterans.

Oct 19th went to the final day of trial in Hyannis.

Oct 25th attended the 50th anniversary of Chapter 92 in Northampton.

Oct 26th performed the DAV Ceremony for Past Department Commander John Gilpin.

Oct 29th at Department Headquarters the Adjutant Stack and I went to the Bedford VAMC for their Fall Fiesta.

Nov 4th Board of Directors Meeting in Quincy.

Nov 8th marched in Bourne Parade.

Nov 10th went to Furnace Brook Middle School to talk about being a veteran.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

November 14, 2015

Summary of meetings and function attended from September through November 2015

9/15 Team Bonding exercise in Boston attended by Commander Bennett and me – will give oral report.

9/16 Governor's Recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients in Hall of Flags.

9/19 Medal of Honor Patriot Award Dinner at Seaport World Trade Center.

9/21 DAV Golf Tournament in Uxbridge.

10/4 Roslindale Parade with Commander Bennett.

10/1 Team Bonding at Gillette Company in Boston with Commander Bennett –oral report.

10/14, 16, and 19 Attended trial with Commander Bennett at Barnstable Superior Court.

10/18 West Roxbury parade honoring Vietnam veterans

11/2 Took van to signage shop

11/3 Meeting with Barry Madden at Franklin Ford to discuss U-Drive Program scheduled for November 15th – oral report.

11/4 Board of Directors Meeting – Quincy

11/7 Attended dinner for Project New Hope in Shrewsbury.

11/8 Veteran's Day Ceremony at Bourne National Ceremony.

11/11 Veteran's Day Parade in Milford with Chapter 6.

11/13 Tentative date for right hand surgery.

11/14 (?) Walkathon on Boston Common and DEC meeting in Braintree

11/15 U-Drive Program at Franklin Ford.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vicini
Senior Vice Commander

Disabled American Veterans

Department of Massachusetts

State 1st Junior Vice-Commander Report

November 14, 2015

Since our last meeting in September the commander has tried to keep me quite busy.

In September:

We, my significant other and many friends hosted a breakfast for veterans where we fed hundreds

My wife and I had the privilege to attend the Medal of Honor Recipients dinner

Volunteered for the golf tournament in Uxbridge, what a hike

Attended a line officer meeting in Quincy

Dropped off clothing, books, and cd's to the Chelsea Soldiers Home

October:

Attended Roslindale and West Roxbury parades

Attended chapter and district meetings 3 and 4

Interviewed veterans at Chelsea and North Street shelter for claims

We were in Rockland to say a final goodbye to my friend and a great past State Commander John Gilpin

Dropped off books, clothing, and cd's to the Chelsea Soldiers Home

November;

Attended Tewksbury Auxiliary hearing, with positive results

Attended a Veterans Day ceremony at South Postal Annex

Was honored to attend a benefit for the Disabled and Limbless Veterans

The State Commander ordered me to be at the National Cemetery in Bourne, I obeyed

Dropped off clothing to the Chelsea Soldiers Home

As for membership the State is at 99.19% of life membership goal. That leaves 219 members needed to obtain our goal of 100%. Reach out to veterans that our already being compensated who have not joined the DAV. I recently signed a member to partial life and have another that will make his initial payment next week, it may take a year or two for them to be life members but it's a good starting point.

I am hoping to visit as many Chapters to attend their meetings as possible. Please reach out to me and let me know the time and place of your meetings both Chapter and District anywhere in the State .

As always, if any one hears of a veteran in need of anything or if anyone one of you needs anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at mikedav27@comcast.net or 617-999-9677.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sullivan



Paul Dubey – 3rd Jr. Vice Commander (Constitution & Bylaws)

DAV Department Report for DEC November 14th 2015

- a) Attended the Medal of Honors Awards Banquet in Boston.
- b) Represented the DAV and gave a speech on who we are and what we do before the AARP Athol's Local chapter.
- c) Attended District 6 meeting and spoke on Constitution and Bylaws. Notifying chapters on why and how to renew their Bylaws. September.
- d) As a member of the local Veterans Council I helped in the formation of our Veterans Day Ceremonies. Also planned speaking engagements community activates as representative for the DAV.
- e) Meet with the Department Adjutant to sign the financial report for the Department. Also discussed ongoing events.
- f) Promoted the "DAV Boston Walk" on the department's facebook page.
- g) Attended local chapter & district meetings in October. Worked on DAV District 6 Bylaws update.
- h) Took part in Athol's Veterans Day Ceremonies as a representative of the DAV and speaker.
- i) Attended the Marine Corps Birthday Party in Athol as a representative for the DAV.
- j) Attended the 5th Annual Dinner to honor 5 Years of Hope for Project New Hope in Shrewsbury.
- k) Attended the Quabbin Valley Nursing Home Veterans Breakfast as DAV representative.

One of Service & Fellowship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Dubey'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Dubey

Deb Olson

4 November 2015

Dear Comrades:

As of this date The Department of Massachusetts has 58 chapters, 56 Active chapters with 1 chapters in trusteeship and 1 at-large.

I would to thank all Chapters for submitting their Officer Reports. The following Chapters still need to submit their DEC designee form: **41**. Districts **2 & 7** as of this date have not submitted officer or DEC designee forms.

I have a spread sheet with each chapters and units EIN number listed with National, last file date and if reinstatement letter is on file if appropriate. Chapters 27, 29, 35, 49, 85, 110 should be filing 990 long forms along with the department. All bar/lounges are to be filing the 990 long or 990ez form even if your total income is less than \$50,000, it is an IRS requirement. Upon completion of your 990 a copy is to be submitted to the department.

All other chapters file a 990n. A copy of the email you received from the IRS stating your 990 has been **accepted** must be submitted to the department, if you have not already done so just forward the email received from the IRS to Department Headquarters care of dolson@davma.org, tmate@davma.org, or dstack@davma.org. As of 4 November 2015 chapter **55** has not filed their 990n **for 2013-2014** and the following chapters have not filed their **2014-2015** 990n: **9, 15, 37, 46, 55, 72, 76, 81, 82, & 116**, this needs to be completed by **15 November 2015**, if you have done so already thank you and please forward you acceptance email. See me at the end of the DEC meeting if you need assistance in completing this task.

For the past several weeks I have been reviewing financial reports, as of today there are still several chapters that have not submitted their reports: **10, 55, 76 & 82**. WHY? I have made myself available to answer any questions and assist to completing if needed. Please use me as your resource for help, these reports need to be completed immediately.

The process of updating Chapter By-Laws is on-going. Your by-law committee should be a standing committee in your chapter, as these are live documents. Please review the department and national by-laws as well with your chapter. If you have any questions or concerns relating to these documents please contact a member of the Constitution and By-Law Committee they stand ready to assist at your call.

As always I stand at the ready to assist, I can be contracted directly via my cell 617-335-6694, please leave a message if I don't answer or email me at maldendav@gmail.com, I get these emails direct on my smart phone.

Thank you for the honor of serving with and for you.

Respectfully yours in service,

Deb Olson

Department Inspector for the

Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts



Department of Massachusetts
Disabled American Veterans
Women Veterans Committee
Department Executive Council Report

CORRECTED COPY

Date: November 14th, 2015

Outreach/Events Participation [Set Up Table with Materials]:

- Dennis Field Day: September 26th, Johnny Kelly Park in Dennis on Cape Cod *
- Topsfield Fair: October 4th, Topsfield Fairgrounds *
- Fitchburg Veterans Fair: October 16th, Senior Center in Fitchburg *
- 28th Annual Veterans' Luncheon: October 17th, Lombardo's in Randolph *

The main purposes of these events continue to be providing points of contact to specific chapters for service officers to file disability claims with the VA and/or join/transfer to those chapters. Another purpose is to answer questions regarding claims. Allowing our DAV presence to be known in that community also raises awareness that we are there in support of the veterans.

Events Attended:

- Wheelchair Team Building/Donation: September 15th, Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Boston *
- Volunteered at 16th Annual HSC Golf Classic: September 16th, Blissful Meadows Golf Course in Uxbridge *
- Comedy Night Fundraiser for Chapter 85: October 22nd, Giggles at Prince Pizzeria in Saugus *
- Women Veterans Retreat: October 24th, Ted Williams Camp in Lakeville *
- 11th Annual Women Veterans Appreciation Day: November 6th at State House Boston *
- Volunteered at 1st Annual DAV 5K Walk: November 14th, Boston Common *

The main purposes of these events is for networking, sharing stories with other women veterans, and showing support in events that benefit veterans.

*Photographed and posted on social media

Presence Established:

- Chelsea Soldiers Home with weekly informal meetings and pizza gatherings
- Brockton VA domiciliary with scheduled informal meetings with coffee

MA DAV Women Veterans Facebook Page:

- Continuous postings regarding topics of interest for all veterans, gathered from local, state, and national Facebook Page postings

Christine Tron

Chairwoman

NOV 2015 Newsletter

Hospital Service Coordinator, Boston DAV-VA

Thank you to our dedicated drivers for their service to DAV & VA.

Welcome to new drivers Joe Leeman & Peter Andrews in Brockton and Lou DiBlasi in JP. Several new drivers are in the check-in process.

Personnel moves. Long-time Brockton driver & Army veteran Glenn Wilson has retired with huge legacy of vets served – thank you for your service. RIP long-time patient Roy Brightman, USMC Iwo Jima veteran.

New drivers always needed, please consider volunteering or ask someone who may want to drive once a week or once/twice a month.

Thanks to super team effort with more veterans & miles in less hours:

	<u>Aug 2014</u>	<u>Sept 2014</u>	<u>Aug 2015</u>	<u>Sept 2015</u>
Vets	81	90	145	205
Miles	3061	3863	4743	5364
Hours	1015	623	616	593

Veterans transported Sept 2015: Lou 18 Tony 17 Dave 15 Bill 14 Glenn 9

Vehicle maintenance. Thanks to all supporting critical vehicle upkeep.

Thank you VAVS for improved benefit regarding meal tickets for drivers.

Thank you participants Vietnam Veterans Parade in Oct. at W. Roxbury.

VAVS committee meeting at Brockton, W. Roxbury & JP. Nov 16

Greater Boston Food Bank Mobile Market at Brockton VA December 5.

Thank you to Dept. officers, Dan & Terry for their excellent support.

Tony O'Brien, HSC Boston (508) 868-2547 HSCBoston@yahoo.com



Stephan C. Lawler
VAVS Representative, VAMC Bedford, Ma.

VAVS REPORT TO THE D.E.C. NOVEMBER 14, 2015 (AS OF 11/9/15)

1. **Donations** Thank you to the Department for donations for the Veterans Festival held October 29. **Chapter30 Fitchburg** Donation of \$200.00 October 15. **Chapter45 Waltham** Sponsorship/conducting of bingo and serving refreshments Ward 6B September 8. **Chapter47 Billerica** Although I have not received the donation reply from Voluntary Services. I want to say thank you very much for all your Chapter's generous, kind and very strong presence providing support for our veterans at the October Veterans festival. Some donations have not been reported as of yet. I will include all in my next report. Donations are encouraged/ needed. Please call Voluntary Services @781-687-2352 for more info. Also the current donation "wish list" at www.bedford.va.gov/giving please check it out.
2. **DAV Volunteer September.** 601 hours. Total DAV Volunteer hours in Fiscal Year 2015. **8,769** at VAMC Bedford. Another year complete, Thanks to all members that volunteer their time for our Veterans.
3. **DAV Transportation for September.** Total of 225 hours, 3,904 miles, 45 patients. **October.** Total of 180 hours, 3,647 miles, 40 patients.
4. **Future/Events:** The Department Commander Helen Bennett and Adjutant Dan Stack were in attendance in the hospital gym greeting patients and visiting with all at the Annual Veterans Festival held on Thursday, October 29. This was another successful event with the DAV and DAV Auxiliary leading the way. **DAV DAY** Sunday December 6, 2015 agenda is different this year. DAV members are needed and welcome to meet in our office at 10:00 am. For a coffee and donuts social and ward assignments to distribute Canteen books, to all Veterans on the wards around 11:00 am. **NEW** this year we are sponsoring a pizza/salad/soda luncheon for Veterans Hospitalized.
Time: 12:00-1pm
Place: Building 4 dayroom ground floor
Menu: Pizza/Salad/Soda this year, looking forward to doing some type of theme lunch next year. We have heard some great ideas, but needed more time to organize. Didn't happen this year "I have been busy taking care of personal projects".

We **will** need to have volunteers to help out with the pizza luncheon as well. Any and all help appreciated.

Please contact me at 781-321-2209 (h) please leave a message and I will return your call.

The DAV Auxiliary will be sponsoring a bingo followed by an ice cream social starting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Lawler

Nov. 14 Inaugural DAV Walk supporting DAV programs, see www.DAVMA.org

DAV Day Sunday Dec. 6 – an annual highlight of our year of DAV service!

We are in contact with Dept. staff, Chapters & Auxiliaries to coordinate our long-time successful schedule, teamwork & service to VA patients.

Please ensure Chapters make money donations for DAV Day to Mass. DAV – contact state office for info.

If Chapters have info to provide or questions, please contact DAV VAVS reps. Tony can be reached at cell (508) 868-2547 or HSCBoston@yahoo.com

DAV Chapters recently represented by volunteers at Brockton DAV Day: 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 29, 35, 41, 42, 45, 50, 56, 57, 72, 76, 79, 81, 91, 96, 114, 119.

Chapters that have not reported 2015 VAVS volunteer info (events, volunteer names, dates & hours, donations made) and updated 2015 contacts for Chapter Commander & Chapter VAVS Rep., please provide that info to Tony via cell (508) 868-2547, HSCBoston@yahoo.com or PO Box 18 Pembroke MA 02359.

Thank you DAV & VA for approval of Tony as new DAV Brockton VAVS rep in May. Thank you to Joe Costa for his incredible legacy of service to DAV Brockton VAVS. Annual Joint Review by VAVS & DAV conducted & received by DAV in May.

Thank you VAVS office for improved reports of volunteer hours.

Featured month: August 2015, hours served: John Beadle 4, Tony Bosworth 19, Joe Costa 8, Bill Dube 12, George Earle 6, Bob Flaherty 13, Dave Gill 10, Doug Heuberger 5, Joe Link 91, Bob Loring 5, Richard Noble 60, Tony O'Brien 43, Ron Orazine 27, Stephen Potter 4, Bob Raymond 5, Frank Speeckaert 8, Glenn Wilson 31. Chapter events in August: Ch. 9, Ch. 56. Total hours: 351.

Brockton DAV transportation. Received reports in Aug, Sept & Oct for 10 volunteer drivers who served 698 hours helping 163 patients.

We hear it all day every day from our VA patients: Thank you for your service!

DAV Brockton VAVS Rep Tony O'Brien cell 508-868-2547 [HSCBoston @yahoo.com](mailto:HSCBoston@yahoo.com)

Holyoke Soldiers Home Volunteer Hours Sep – Nov 2015

Chap # 92 Wed. Sep 9, 2015 Beano 15 hrs.

Chap # 59 Thurs. Sep10, 2015 Beano 10 hrs.

Chap # 11 Fri. Sep 18, 2015 Beano 18 hrs.

Chap # 11 Fri. Oct. 9, 2015 Beano 18 hrs.

Chap # 11 Sat. Oct. 10, Ice Cream Social 18 hrs.

DAV/ AUX # 68 Mon. Oct. 19, 2015 Beano, 15 hrs.

Chap # 92 Tue, Nov. 3, 2015 Beano, 16 hrs.

George Murphy Sings chapel Wheel Chairs, 24 hrs.

Frank Ludwig volunteer hours 60 hrs.

Total hrs 194 hrs

Disabled American Veterans

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State Volunteer Service Representative

for The Chelsea Soldiers Home

November 14, 2015

I am continually visiting the Chelsea soldiers Home at least once a week. Usually taking boxes of donated DVDs, new clothing, new books and other new use full items.

The winter months are closing in on us quickly. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting another rough winter, new clothing and toiletry items would be greatly appreciated. As always you can sponsor pizza and bingo parties or donate for a night out of Chinese food.

As always all contributions are to be made payable to: QMLTC Recreation Fund

Mailing address: Chelsea Soldiers Home
c/o QMLTC Recreation
91 Crest Avenue
Chelsea, MA 02150

DAV day is fast approaching and I now we will have another great turnout from District #3 and others. Anyone in the State who has not attended DAV day on the 1st Sunday of December in the past contact someone in your chapter and volunteer, you will spend a few hours on a Sunday morning with veterans and feel good for the rest of the year.

If anyone has family or friends they would like me to visit on their behalf, let me know. Please communicate with me, ideas, suggestions or questions.

COMMUNICATE

For all questions or concerns regarding the Chelsea Soldiers Home, please feel free to contact Michael Sullivan at mikedav27@comcast.net or 617-999-9677.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Sullivan



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Department Executive Committee • Webmaster Report

9 Nov 2015

The DAV Members Portal page was cleaned up with folders for the various items one would need on the main page, organized by subject. The images, videos and other items are still there on the old member's portal pages, only the front page links were scrubbed. Work on our new davma.org web page continues. Recent updates have been posted about the Spring Golf outing and the Inaugural DAV Boston Walk. A lot of background work is being done to get the new 'members portal' pages up and running. Members can expect to see something very soon! If anyone has any stories, reports, photos they wish to be published on the members portal, or on our Facebook page please send them to me at deptofmawebmaster@gmail.com. Please include the basics of who, what, where and when and I will get them uploaded for all to see. I started a [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) channel account to post our videos and can be found by searching [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) for DAV Department of Massachusetts. Again any suggestions or videos to post, please let me know.

On our Facebook page **we have a lot of work** to do, and it will take **everyone's help**. Those of you on Facebook should make sure you are 1.) Seeing our events/posts (check your settings!) AND 2.) Liking the posts, 3.) Sharing the posts, and/or 4.) Commenting on the posts. This helps us get the word out to many others who do not yet know of our Facebook page. Right now our numbers, if you will, look horrible and it doesn't have to be. A simple comment on a post here and there, by several different people, will cause our reach to go all that much further. It is easy to do, sometimes fun, it is free and painless. Those who are not on Facebook please tell someone who is about our page, get them involved. PLEASE GET THIS INFORMATION BACK TO YOUR CHAPTERS! Here is a breakdown of our current Facebook numbers:

Facebook **Page Likes: 1,062**. That is up 0.8% from last week. A total of **8 new page 'Likes.'** That is up 166.7% from last week. **Post Reach: 2,749** people, which is up 1,100.4% from the week prior (* see note below). Now some numbers for those **that are engaged in our posts = 108 people**, which is up 248.4% from last week. We have had **66 "Likes" to posts/comments/pictures/videos, 11 comments made, only 9 Shares and 105 Post Clicks** (*see note).

Like I said, these numbers can be a lot better with a little help from you. Comment, like, and share, like you mean it, and the numbers will improve! *Note: some of these numbers are inflated due to a small paid for ad I posted for the Inaugural DAV Boston Walk and requested a 7 day run in the greater North East area. The numbers from this small ad have increased our numbers, but if you look closely, we have over 1,000 people/page likes and only 9 shares with just over 100 people engaged, in the past week. We can do better, we should do better. Thank you.

If there is anything missing on these webpages or anything you may need help with, on the web, please let me know. I will do what I can.

I also had the great pleasure to attend the 13th Annual “Leave No One Behind” Gala Dinner in Boston on Wednesday, 4 November 2015 for the New England Center for Homeless Veterans. We were able to raise over \$650,000 to aid the Center for the next year or so. A lot of work continues to go on at the Center as they happily change their name to the New England Center and Home for Veterans.

Thank you,
Keith Gopsill
DAV Dept. of MA Webmaster

Some websites, url's, and email addresses:

<http://www.davma.org>

www.youtube.com/channel/UCmBfWKxM2kkCDv7_BdWp1dA

www.facebook.com/DAVDepartmentofMassachusetts

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Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Quincy Neighborhood Club, Quincy, MA.

The following members were present/absent:

Vice-Chairman/Commander Helen Bennett

Sr. Vice-Commander William Vicini

Treasurer Ray Richards (Absent)

District #2 Ben Tieso

District #3 Deb Olson

District #4 Anita Reed

District #5 Gregg Gentzler (Absent)

District #6 Leo Vance

District #7 Mort Morin

Adjutant Dan Stack

Board of Directors/Vice-Chairman Helen Bennett called the meeting to order.

Leo Vance District #6 made a motion to accept the minutes of Sept 9, 2015, motion seconded by Ben Tieso District #2; motion passed.

Treasurer Ray Richards was ill & unavailable and the treasurer's report was read by Adjutant Dan Stack. A motion was made by Deb Olson District #3 and seconded by Anita Reed District #4 to accept and recommended adoptions by the DEC; motion passed.

Adjutant Stack updated the Board on Chapter #55 Trusteeship and the Boston DAV Walk Honoring Our Veterans. This year it is an inaugural 1-mile walk around the Boston Common. The walk begins at 9:00am. Next year we will have a 5K Run the Saturday before Veteran's Day, location to be determined at a later date.

Adjutant Stack then recommended approval of the following items:

1. A motion was made by Leo Vance #6, seconded by Mort Morin #7 to recommend to the D.E.C. for approval, to increase the H.S.C. Budget from \$15,000 to \$17,500 in order for Adjutant Stack to have a dinner recognizing all our volunteers whom have donated 50 plus hours to our VAVS Programs.
2. A motion was made by Mort Morin #9, seconded by Ben Tieso #2 to recommend to the D.E.C. the acknowledgement of the Trust of Donald M. Winner of \$10,000 a year until the trust is depleted and apply the proceeds to the General Fund.
3. A motion was made by Mort Morin #7, seconded by Anita Reed #4 to recommend to the D.E.C. for approval of Chapter #90's fundraising request.
4. A motion was made by Leo Vance #6, seconded by Deb Olson #3 to recommend to the D.E.C. for approval to increase the budgets for the Mid-winter Conference to \$1800. For the Commander and Treasurer and to \$2500. for the Adjutant.

5. A motion was made by Leo Vance #6, seconded by William Vicini, Sr. Vice, to recommend to the D.E.C. the approval of Chapter #110's fundraising request.
6. A motion was made by Leo Vance #6, seconded by Anita Reed #4, to recommend to the D.E.C. the approval of Unit #9's fundraising request.
7. The Board considered a request from Christine Tron regarding a budget for the Women's Veterans Committee. The B.O.D. was impressed and wanted to thank Christine for her efforts and feel that Line Item #12, Committee Expenses, can cover her request and need not be increased.

A motion was made by Leo Vance #6, seconded by Ben Tieso to adjourn; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Stack

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Department Adjutant

Remarks from Frances Costa, DAVA National Senior Vice Commander

I would like to thank everyone in the Disabled American Veterans Department of MA and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary who supported the recent fund raising effort towards my national office endeavor.

Thank you, especially, to Donna Tanner for her generous donation of the week at Cape Cod Resort November 7 - 14. Another special thank you to Nancy Mooney for all of her efforts with tickets, etc. The drawing occurred on October 6 and the winner was Sandy Fincel who could not use it that week, so she graciously asked that we draw it again. The next name drawn was Sully who also was unable to do that week and graciously asked that we draw it again! The winning ticket drawn belonged to Leo Vance or said he will be using it and looked forward to a vacation. Congratulations, Leo, and I hope you enjoy the week. See you in Bourne on the 8th?

I would also like to thank all of the department of Massachusetts officers and members who attended the Fall Conference, 19 of us were in attendance. Thank you all for your help and support. We had a great time and learned a lot. Commander Allen, thank you for picking such a great restaurant for our department dinner together. Good choice and good time. I am not in the position of National Senior Vice Commander alone, and want you to know how much I appreciate the support of all of you behind me.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our units to participate in the end of year reports, which will be coming to your units soon. The results of your annual reports gives the National Chairmen and National Executive Committee members.