



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

**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**September 12, 2015**  
**Leominster Veterans Center**  
**100 West St**  
**Leominster, MA**

**AGENDA**  
**OPENING CEREMONY**

Roll Call

Minutes of the May 9, 2015, Department Executive Committee meeting held in Braintree, MA at the Braintree DAV Chapter 29 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice-Commander, Mike Sullivan
6. Service & Charitable, 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Commander Ed Flynn
7. Constitution & Bylaws, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

<b>Bedford VAMC</b>	Steve Lawler
<b>Boston VAMC</b>	William Hoey
<b>Brockton VAMC</b>	Anthony O'Brien
<b>North Hampton VAMC</b>	Gene Albee
<b>North Hampton VAMC Deputy</b>	Brian Sullivan
<b>West Roxbury VAMC</b>	Dennis Gill
<b>Chelsea Soldiers Home</b>	Mike Sullivan
<b>Holyoke Soldiers Home</b>	David Poulin

## **HSC REPORT April – August 2015**

	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Veterans</b>
<b>Transported</b>			
<b>Bedford (Donna Tanner)</b>	859	6,035	295
<b>Boston (Tony O'Brien)</b>	625	3,695	148
<b>Brockton (Tony O'Brien)</b>	978	11,690	226
<b>West Roxbury (Tony O'Brien)</b>	445	1,820	44
<b>Northampton (Leo Vance)</b>	668	42,336	916

## **DSO REPORT April – August 2015**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>DSO</b>	<b><u>Interviews</u></b>	<b><u>Claims</u></b>
<b>Bedford VAMC</b>	<b>Steve Lawler, Bill Allen, Dave Epps, Jim Tanner</b>	204 90	97 76
<b>Brockton</b>	<b>Ray Richards</b>		
<b>Pittsfield &amp; Pittsfield</b>	<b>Joe Roberts, Norm Picard</b>	195	135
<b>Leeds VAMC</b>	<b>Fran Yestramski</b>	226	211
<b>Holyoke/ JP VAMC</b>	<b>Richard Connor Bill Hoey</b>	None reported	
<b>Spg Vet Ctr</b>	<b>open</b>		
<b>West Roxbury</b>	<b>Dennis Gill</b>	117	50
<b>Worcester OPC</b>	<b>Richard Langevin (May 2015)</b>	23	13

## **VAVS HOURS—JAMAICA PLAIN**

**763 Hours**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

BOD Vice Chairman Helen Bennett will discuss the minutes and recommendations of the BOD meeting held on September 2, 2015.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were received prior to the meeting:

### **NATIONAL**

1. Letter (cc) dated July 20, 2015, from Michael Dobmeier, National Judge Advocate, approving the Constitution and Bylaws for Edward Drake Chapter #41 Holyoke sent for approval on April 14, 2015.
2. Letter (cc) dated June 1, 2015, from Anthony Baskerville, National Membership Director, requesting correction to Milford Chapter #6 Officer Report dated May 13, 2015, per National By-Law Article 9, Sect 9.2.
3. Letter (cc) dated June 17, 2015, from Anthony Baskerville, National Membership Director, requesting correction to Milford Chapter #6 Officer report dated May 13, 2015, to correct membership number.
4. Letter (cc) dated June 17, 2015, from Anthony Baskerville, National Membership Director, requesting correction to Whitman Chapter #119 Officer report dated May 21, 2015, commander's signature.
5. Letter (cc) dated August 12, 2015, from Ronald F. Hope, National Commander, to William Allen, Fitchburg Chapter #30, congratulating the chapter for reaching their Membership Goal.
6. Letter (cc) dated June 30, 2015, from Ronald F. Hope, National Commander, to Morton E. Morin, W F Reardon Chapter #57, congratulating the chapter for reaching their Membership Goal.
7. Letter (cc) dated June 30, 2015, from Ronald F. Hope, National Commander, to William Cote, Quaboag Chapter #59, congratulating the chapter for reaching their Membership Goal.
8. Letter (cc) dated July 2, 2015, from J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant, to Mark W. Ellis, Adjutant Westover Chapter #11, verifying they are in good standing.
9. Letter (cc) dated July 7, 2015, received from J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant, acknowledging receipt of our 36 resolutions that were sent to National for approval.
10. Letter (cc) dated July 15, 2015, from Michael E Dobmeier, National Judge Advocate, returning the proposed By-laws for Peabody Chapter #11 that were sent to them. Those were in turn mailed to Department Judge Advocate Alan Bowers for his approval.
11. Letter (cc) dated August 28, 2015, from Michael Dobmeier, National Judge Advocate, to Ronald Dalbec, Adjutant Salvatore Padula Chapter #82, approving their new By-laws.
12. Letter (cc) dated August 28, 2015, from Michael Dobmeier, National Judge Advocate, to Donald White, Commander Peabody Chapter #100, approving their new By-laws.
13. Letter (cc) dated July 20, 2015, from Edward E. Hartman, Inspector General, to Bryan Simpson, Commander Brockton Chapter #76, addressing the problem of the chapter having 2 EIN numbers.
14. Letter (emailed), dated July 22, 2015, from J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant, approving the Department to solicit for donations.
15. Letters (cc) dated August 19, 2015, from Douglas K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, requesting Chapter Officer Report forms for Chapters 3, 10, 88. Those were in turn emailed to National by the Department.
16. Letter (cc) dated August 24, 2015, from J. Marc Burgess, National Adjutant, to Kevin Doherty, Adjutant/Treasurer Somerville Chapter #27, verifying they are in good standing.
17. Letter dated August 25, 2015, from Richard E. Marbes, President of the DAV Charitable Service Trust, thanking the Department for our \$1,000.00 Donation.
18. Letter dated August 31, 2015, from Arthur H. Wilson, President of the National Service Foundation, thanking the Department for our \$1,000.00 Donation.
19. Letter (cc) received from Douglas K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, to Arthur Irwin, Treasurer, Wm. S. Greene Chapter #9, listing errors in their Annual Finance Report and requesting corrections be submitted within 30 days.

20. Letter (cc) received from Douglass K. Wells, Jr., National Membership Director, to Robert J. Shiels, Treasurer, Braintree Chapter #29, requesting a CPA report for their Annual Financial Report to be submitted within 30 days.
21. Direct Deposit received from National 6/19/15 for National Fundraising Program \$44,190.00.
22. Direct Deposit received from National 7/10/15 for Dues Per Capita, \$70,266.75.
23. Check received from National 7/11/15 for Chapter Assessments, \$24,926.00.

## CHAPTER

1. Lawrence Chapter #2, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/2/15
2. Silver Star/JFK Memorial #3, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated
3. Worcester Chapter #4, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/26/15
4. Milford Chapter #6, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
5. Milford Chapter #6, Amended Chapter Officer Report dated 6/10/15
6. New Bedford Chapter #7, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/4/15
7. Fall River Chapter #9, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/14/15
8. Joseph R Harold Chapter #10, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/19/15
9. Joseph R Harold Chapter #10, Amended Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/19/15
10. Westover Chapter #11, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/8/15
11. Pittsfield Chapter #15, Chapter Officer Report dated 5/11/15
12. Pittsfield Chapter #15, DEC Form dated 8/19/15
13. Haverhill Chapter #20, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
14. Medford Chapter #21, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/5/15
15. Newton Chapter #23, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/3/15
16. Leominster Chapter #24, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/5/15
17. Lowell Chapter #25, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/18/15
18. Somerville Chapter #27, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/16/15
19. Braintree Chapter #29, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/4/15
20. Fitchburg Chapter #30, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
21. Greenfield Chapter #33, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/11/15
22. Marshfield Chapter #35, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/10/15
23. Reading Chapter #37, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/3/15
24. Newburyport Chapter #40, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/21/15
25. Holyoke Chapter #41, Chapter Officer Report dated 5/12/15
26. Dedham Chapter #42, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/24/15
27. Waltham Chapter #45, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
28. Athol Chapter #46, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/18/15
29. Billerica Chapter #46, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/7/15
30. Rockland Chapter #50, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/23/15
31. Webster Chapter #53, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/21/15
32. Agawam-W. Springfield-Westfield #55, Chapter Officer Report dated 6/9/15
33. North Attleboro Chapter #56, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
34. Taunton, Chapter #57, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 4/28/15
35. Ware Chapter #59, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
36. Ware Chapter #59, Amended Chapter Officer Report dated 7/14/15
37. E F Gilmore Chapter #64, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/8/15
38. Weymouth Chapter #65, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/21/15
39. Springfield Chapter #68, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/13/15
40. Plymouth Chapter #72, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/16/15
41. Gloucester Chapter #74, Chapter Officer Report dated 5/25/15
42. Gloucester Chapter #74, DEC Report received 9/1/15
43. Brockton Chapter #76, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/18/15
44. East Boston Chapter #77, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/26/15

45. Quincy Chapter #79, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/13/15
46. Falmouth Chapter #81, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/12/15
47. Marlboro Chapter #82, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/25/15
48. Salem Chapter #84, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 4/10/15
49. Malden Chapter #85, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 3/29/15
50. Woburn Chapter #88, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 4/29/15
51. Norwood Chapter #90, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/28/15
52. Norwood Chapter #90, Amended Chapter Officer Report dated 6/27/15
53. Norwood Chapter #90, stating disregard amended report and corrected Commanders Info dated 8/19/15
54. Attleboro Chapter #91, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/12/15
55. Northampton Chapter #92, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/14/15
56. Cape Cod Chapter #96, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/9/15
57. Peabody Chapter # 100, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/28/15
58. Tewksbury Chapter #110, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/19/15
59. Burlington Chapter #113, Chapter Officer Report dated 5/7/15
60. Natick Chapter #114, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/8/15
61. Saugus Chapter #115, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/21/15
62. Whitinsville Chapter #116, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/7/15
63. Whitman Chapter #119, Chapter Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/21/15
64. District #3, District Officer Report and DEC Form dated 4/8/15
65. District #4, District Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/16/15
66. District #5, District Officer Report and DEC Form dated 5/5/15
67. District #6, District Officer Report and DEC Form dated 6/8/15
68. Worcester #4, Annual Finance report received, no minutes or sign in sheets, 9-1-15
69. Worcester #4, Minutes & Sign in Sheets for Annual Finance report received 9-8-15.
70. New Bedford Chapter 7, Minutes and Sign in sheets for 2014-2015 rec'd 7/9/15
71. William S. Green Chapter 9, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/25/15
72. Noe P. Valois Chapter 24, Minutes and Sign in sheets for 2014-2015 rec'd 7/9/15
73. Noe P. Valois Chapter #24, Annual Financial report rec'd 9-8-15.
74. Braintree Chapter #29, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/25/15
75. Fitchburg Chapter 30, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/4/15.
76. Scott-Vetterling #33, Annual Financial report rec'd 9-8-15.
77. Rockland Chapter 50, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/19/15, no minutes or sign in sheets
78. W.J. Tiff Szynal Chapter 53, Annual Finance report rec'd 8/20/15, no minutes or sign in sheets
79. Cpl William F. Reardon #57, Annual Finance report rec'd 8/25/15
80. Ware Chapter 59, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/19/15, no minutes or sign in sheets
81. Falmouth Memorial Chapter #81, Annual Finance report rec'd 9-8-15.
82. Norwood Chapter 90, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/11/15
83. Attleboro Chapter 91, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/19/15, no minutes or sign in sheets
84. Saugus Chapter 115, Annual Financial report rec'd 8/19/15
85. Chapter #27, Somerville, Check in the amount of \$544.00 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
86. Chapter #29, Braintree, Check in the amount of \$842.36 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
87. Chapter #29, Braintree, Check in the amount of \$841.27 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
88. Chapter #29, Braintree, Check in the amount of \$2,891.00 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
89. Chapter #29, Braintree, Check in the amount of \$628.59 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
90. Chapter #29, Braintree, Check in the amount of \$550.09 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
91. Chapter #29, Braintree, Check in the amount of \$768.17 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
92. Chapter #35, Marshfield Memorial, in the amount of \$1410.75 received for Bar/Lounge Assessment
93. Check received from Salvatore Padula Chapter #82 in the amount of \$1,000 for 2015 DAV Day
94. 5/4/15 Donation received from Joseph R Harold Chapter #10, in the amount of \$1,500.00, towards HSC Van Program.
95. 5/18/15 Check received from Haverhill Chapter #20, in the amount of \$250.00, for 2015 DAV Day.
96. 5/23/15 Check received from Haverhill Chapter #20 for DAV HSC Transportation fund in memory of Commander John Gannon and Commander Lou Stamas.
97. 8/15/15 Check received from Marlboro Chapter #82 in the amount of \$1,000.00 as a donation for 2015 DAV Day.
98. 6/15/15 Check received from E F Gilmore Chapter #64, in the amount of \$1,500, as a donation for the 2015 State Convention.

99. 6/15/15 Check received from E F Gilmore Chapter #64, in the amount of \$12,000, as a donation to the DAV Van Program.
100. Sept/Oct 2015 newsletter received from Cpl William F. Reardon Chapter #57.
101. Check received 9-8-15 from Scott Vetterling Chapter #33, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
102. Check received 9-8-15 from Waltham Chapter #45, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
103. Check received 9/3/15 from Charles Musante, Chapter #46, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
104. Check received 8-29-15 from Billerica Chapter #47, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
105. Check received Aug. 29, 2015 from Cpl. Wm. F. Reardon Chapter #57, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
106. Check received 9-8-15 from East Boston Chapter #77, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
107. Check received 9-8-15 from Salem-North Shore Chapter #84, \$250.00 to sponsor a hole for the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
108. Check received 8/15/15 from Northampton Chapter #92, \$100.00, to support the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
109. Check received 9/4/15 from Christine Tron, \$100.00, to support the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
110. Check received 8/25/15 from Helen Bennett, \$100.00, to support the DAV Fall Golf Outing.
111. Notification received from Fall River Chapter #9 of awards received: Fall River War Veterans Council Parades Thank you for many years of service, US Veterans Motorcycle Club, Bristol County Chapter, Thank you for outstanding support of veterans and veterans causes, Department of Veterans Affairs, Brockton, Thank you for sponsoring a veteran centered activity.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Check received 5/19/15 from H&R Block in the amount of \$380.00 for a rewards program for veterans using their services.
2. Check received from Hamilton Co. in the amount of \$1,000 as a donation.
3. Check received in the amount of \$1,350 for DAV share of memorabilia sold at Corporate Golf Tournament.
4. Check received June 30, 2015 from Fidelity Charitable from Holly & Bruce Johnstone in the amount of \$500.00 in honor of the Memorial Day walk in Needham, MA.
5. Check received from Maria & Paul Newman, \$150.00, to support the DAV Fall Golf Outing.

## **SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

1. Letter dated June 9, 2015, received from Nancy M. Goldstein, Dept. Secretary of Jewish War Veterans Dept of Mass., informing us of the name of their new Commander, George J. Marshall.
2. Letter dated June 22, 2015, received from Dennis Pellegrino, Veterans Employment Rep, Addressed to John Hogan (Awards Committee Chair) thanking us for his award.
3. Letter dated June 22, 2015 received from John MacGillivray of the Marine Corp League, inviting the DAV to attend the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day parade on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

4. Thank you note received from DAVA Commander Allen Herrick for the gift presented to him at 2015 State Convention.
5. Letter dated July 26, 2015, from DAVA Sr. Vice Ann Marie Hurley, stating that the DAV will receive a check in the amount of \$1,212.80 from the DAVA State Breakfast at the 2015 Convention.
6. Letter received from the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Roslindale Parade Committee, inviting the DAV to attend on Sunday, October 4, 2015.
7. Sept 1, 2015 Letter received from DAVA requesting permission to hold their Annual Hospital Fundraiser for the benefit of our Veterans.
8. Invitation received from the Thanks to Yanks committee, inviting the DAV to their dinner on Friday, Sept 11, 2015
9. Check received from Verizon Foundation, dated May 6, 2015, \$750.00, recognizing volunteer hours put in by their employee Keith Gopsill, Chapter #20.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Special presentations to Thomas Welch, Leominster Chapter 24 and Burlington Chapter #113.
2. Presentation of Chapter Certificates.

Motion to Adjourn

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**Next Meetings Scheduled for:**

November 14, 2015

DAV Chapter 29  
788 Liberty St  
Braintree, MA

March 12, 2016

Leominster Veterans Center

May 14, 2016

DAV Chapter 29, Braintree

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**MINUTES**  
**94th Annual Convention**  
June 19-21, 2015  
Doubletree by Hilton  
Leominster, MA

**I. Opening Session Friday, June 19, 2015**

Sr. Vice Commander Helen Bennett called the convention to order at 1:06 p.m. and conducted the appropriate opening ceremony.

Under the first order of business, Sr. Vice Commander Bennett requested consideration for the adoption of the Rules of Convention as published in the Convention Yearbook. Bill Hoey #10 made a motion to accept with a second by Mr. Boucher #20. No Discussion; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett announced that there are no By-laws changed for consideration.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett, as the Legislative Chair, presented the Department Resolutions. 40 Resolutions were presented and the following is a list of Resolutions.

**TITLE**

- 1      1 Expressing Appreciation to Department Commander Upon Completion of Term
- 2      POW/MIA Accounting Commitments and Agency Funding
- 3      Supporting Adequate Funding For All VA Programs
- 4      To provide a 10-Year Protection Period For Service-Connected Disability
- 5      Presumptive Service Connection For Tinnitus and Hearing Loss
- 6      Reducing Eligibility For Receipt of DIC For Survivors From 10 Years to Five
- 7      Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans' Disability Compensation For All Longevity Retirees
- 8      Offset Payments of Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits or Other Federal Benefits
- 9      Oppose Subjecting Compensation To Means Testing
- 10     Temporary Total Rating Under Section 4.30, Code of Federal Regulations
- 11     Oppose Any Change That Would Redefine Service-Connected Disability or Restrict Conditions
- 12     Recognize Military Veterans Who Were Killed or Wounded During The Early Period of the Cold War
- 13     Minimum Compensation For Hearing Loss
- 14     Support Affirmative Action For Employment of Disabled Veterans by Federal Agencies and Contractors
- 15     Oppose Means Testing Service-Connected Veterans For Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care
- 16     Consider Treatment For A Presumptive Service Connected Condition As A Claim For a VA compensation



- 17 Extend Eligibility For Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance To Service-Connected Veterans Rated Permanently and Totally Disabled
- 18 Oppose Reduction, Taxation, or Elimination of Veterans' Benefits
- 19 Eliminate the Delimiting Date for Eligible Spouses and Surviving Spouses for Benefits Under Chapter 35, Title 38, U.S. Code
- 20 Recognition of Vietnam Service
- 21 Supporting Veterans' Preference in Federal, State and Local Employment
- 22 Support Legislation to Amend MGL's Definition of "Unemployability" to be Consistent With Title 38, U.S. Code and Permit Marginal Employment **State Issue Only**
- 23 Provide Transition Period for all SDVOSB's Following Death of Veteran
- 24 Supporting Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans
- 25 Supporting Care for Disabled Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injuries
- 26 Seeking VA Fund a Comprehensive Research Study Into Birth Defects and Other Conditions of the Children of Male Vietnam Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange
- 27 Increase Abatement for 100% Service Connected Disability
- 28 VARO Re-Establish the Former Simple Form System for Abatements
- 29 Increase Disability Compensation
- 30 Supporting Funding for VA Prosthetics and Sensory Aid Service
- 31 Modification of Wording to Public Law 113-146
- 32 Supporting the Gender Equalization of Certain Presumptions Regarding Congenital Birth Defects
- 33 Supporting DAV Transportation Network Survival
- 34 Supporting the Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses
- 35 Supporting Treatment for Military Sexual Trauma
- 36 Supporting Fraud Prevention Controls over Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Program

A motion was made by Mr. Vicini #6 and seconded by Mr. Morin #57 to accept all resolutions as presented and the committee be discharged with gratitude; motion passed.

Department Treasurer Ray Richards was called to the podium by Sr. Vice Commander Bennett to present the Treasurers Report for the period of May 1-31. There was no discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Yestramski #33 and seconded by Mr. Boucher #20 to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

The Board of Directors Chairman Ken Kooyman and Treasurer Ray Richard were called to present the Department 2015-2016 Budget with the BOD recommendations. Treasurer Richards indicated the department was presenting to the membership a balanced budget. Copies were distributed and projected on the screen. Ms. Rochelle Horsman #76 made a motion to accept the balanced budget and it was seconded by Mr. Epps #88 to accept the Budget recommendations for 2015-2016. There was no discussion; motion passed.

BOD Chairman Ken Kooyman presented the one remaining BOD recommendation. He stated the Board through unanimous acclamation voted to retain the services of Adjutant Daniel Stack for the ensuing year. Mr. Hoey #10 made a motion to accept the recommendation, which was seconded by Mr. Yestramski #33; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called NEC First District Representative John Hogan to the podium for his report. Mr. Hogan informed the body of all the activities & votes that transpired during his first year as N.E.C. A motion was made by Mr. Epps #88 and it was seconded by Mrs. Reed #25 to

accept his report; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett who was also Legislative Committee Chairman provided an overview of legislative accomplishments for the year, both at the state and federal level. She talked about the hands on process and the need to keep in touch with our legislators. She stated that she was very pleased with the Mid-Winter Conference and the number of delegates who attended. She hoped that future conferences would have equal attendance. A motion was made by Mr. Kooyman #57 and seconded by Mr. Arsenault #9 to accept the report; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called 1st Junior Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman William Vicini to the podium for his report. Bill was pleased to indicate that his committee had accomplished its goal and all chapters and the department had attained 100%+ of goal. All committee members, National Service Officers, recruiters and chapters were thanked for their efforts. A motion was made by Mr. LaVarneay #47 and seconded by Mr. Gopsill #20 to accept his report; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called 2nd Junior Vice-Commander Mike Sullivan to the podium for his Service and Charitable report. Mike gave a comprehensive overview of the year's activities and felt the DAV's presence at the Yellow Ribbon was having a positive effect. Mike thanked all who worked with him and for their support. A motion was made by Mr. Follis #85 and seconded by Mr. Burke #9 to accept his report; motion passed.

Department Inspector Deb Olson was called to the podium for her report. She gave an overview of where we stand as an organization-chapter with IRS compliance of 990N. She touched on the importance of maintaining and submitting all the required reports, Chapter Officer Reports and in September the financial reports. A motion was made by Mr. Mailman #30 and seconded by Ms. Blais #4 to accept her report; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett thanked all the VAVS and SVSRs for the fine work they have accomplished. The following provided reports to the convention: Steve Lawler, Bedford; Bill Hoey, Boston; Tony O'Brien, Brockton, Dennis Gill, West Roxbury; Harold Albee, Northampton; Dave Poulin, Holyoke Soldiers Home and Mike Sullivan, Chelsea Soldier's Home, Ed Bryan, Veterans in Prison. A Motion was made by Ms. Blais #4 to accept their reports and seconded by Mr. Arsenault #9; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett recessed the convention and announced the Joseph R. Harold Awards banquet would be held that evening commencing at 6:00 p.m.

### **Second Business Session, June 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett properly called to order the second business session of the convention. The first order of business was to finish reports that were not finished from the First Business Session.

National Service Office Supervisor & NAS Mason Sullivan was called to the podium. Mr. Sullivan's report was brief but very informative providing an overview of claims processed through the office for the year. He explained in detail the issues facing the office and introduced the new NSO assigned to the Boston Office. Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Mr. Arsenault #9 and seconded by Mr. Vance #11 to accept his report; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called 1st Junior Vice-Commander William Vicini to the podium to

help with the presentation of Department Recruitment Awards.

The first category presented was for Outstanding Recruiters for 2014-2015. We first recognized the NSO office for signing up a total of 255 new members.

The top NSO recruiter was David Fitzgerald with 49 members  
NSO Michael Zilka signed up 47 new members.  
NAS Mason Sullivan signed up 47 new members.  
NSO Don Horton signed up 44 new members.  
NSO Sheretta Latham signed up 38 new members.  
NSO David Boyd signed up 38 new members.

The top DSO recruiter was Fran Yestramski with 13 new members.

Members that were recognized for outstanding efforts of recruiting at least 6 new members were:

Richard Burke, 8 new members  
Arnold Bamford, 7 new members  
Joseph Gill, 7 new members  
David Pinto, 7 new members  
Donald Silva, 6 new members

First Junior Vice-Commander Bennett called Awards Committee Chairman John Hogan to the podium for the presentation of Service and Charitable Awards for service.

An award was presented to Falmouth Chapter #81 for the greatest percentage of funds expended for service.

An award was presented to Silver Star-JFK Memorial #3. They were recognized for the most funds expended.

Awards Committee Chairman John Hogan then presented the Distinguished Service Awards to the following individuals for their service at our VA Medical Centers and community:

Frank Bailey, Northampton  
Hand Bardol, Bedford  
William Desmond, Jamaica Plain  
Paul Marke, Boston  
Glenn Wilson, Brockton

The last group of awards was presented to a group of individuals who volunteered for the Corporate and or HSC Fellowship Golf Tournaments:

Anthony O'Brien	Bill Vicini	Lori Matias
David Epps	Will Egan	Ed Flynn
Steve Kastanopolous	Christine Tron	Helen Bennett
Bryan Simpson	Leo Vance	Mike Doser
Dennis Cardin	Deb Olson	Terry R. Mate
Sheila McGowan	Joe Roberts	Randy Boothby
Jim & Gloria Follis		

The next order of business Sr. Vice Commander Bennett announced that PNC Bowers and Past Department Commanders as well as members of the audience would ask questions of the candidates running for higher department office.

PNC Bowers asked the potential candidates to leave the room. He indicated they would be called in one by one for the interview process. At the conclusion of the interviews, Sr. Vice Commander Bennett congratulated all the candidates for a job well done.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called Deb Olson to the podium to give her Credentials Committee report. At the conclusion of the report, Sr. Vice Commander Bennett recessed the convention and indicated that everyone must be back at 1:00 p.m. for the election of officers.

### **Third Session, Afternoon, June 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett properly reopened the afternoon business session.

A report from the Credentials Committee, Chairwoman Deb Olson, was presented and remained unchanged from the morning report. A copy of the report was projected on the screen for the delegate's reference.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett opened the convention for the election of officers. She called for the nomination for the office of Commander. Mr. Cannon #35 nominated Helen Bennett for Department Commander. There were no other nominations. Mr. Simpson #76 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be placed for the election of Helen Bennett for Department Commander. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vicini #6. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Helen Bennett for 2015-2016 Department Commander.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for nominations for the office of Senior Vice-Commander. Ray Richards #6 nominated William Vicini for Senior Vice-Commander. There were no other nominations. Mr. Epps #88 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be placed for the election of William Vicini for Department Senior Vice-Commander. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Reed, #25. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Helen Bennett for 2015-2016 Senior Vice-Commander.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for nominations for the office of 1st Junior Vice-Commander. Ms., Olson #85 nominated Michael Sullivan for 1st Junior Vice-Commander. There were no other nominations. Mr. Kooyman #57 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be placed for the election of Michael Sullivan for Department 1st Junior Vice-Commander. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morin #57. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Michael Sullivan for 2015-2016 1st Junior Vice-Commander.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for nominations for 2nd Junior Vice-Commander. Mr. Gerety #3 nominated Ed Flynn for 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander. There were no other nominations. Mr. Drogo, Jr. #29 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be cast for the election of Ed Flynn for Department 2nd Junior Vice-Commander. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoey #10. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Ed Flynn for 2015-2016 2nd Junior Vice-Commander.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for nominations for 3rd Junior Vice-Commander. Mr. Bowers, #46, nominated Mr. Paul Dubey and Ms. Jeanne Martin, #21, nominated Christine Tron. The candidates were excused and asked to leave the hall upon which a roll call election was held. The candidates were invited back into the hall and Sr. Vice Commander Bennett announced that Paul Dubey was elected as the 2015-2016 Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for nominations for Department Treasurer. Mr. Vicini #6 nominated Ray Richards for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Mr. Burke #9 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be cast for the election of Department Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Epps #88. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Raymond Richards for 2015-2016 Treasurer.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for nominations for Board of Directors, District #6. Mr.

Yestramski #33 nominated Leo Vance. There were no other nominations. Mr. Salter #33 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be cast for the election of Leo Vance, Board of Directors District #6. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Cardin #11. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Leo Vance for 2015-2016 District #3 Board of Directors.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for the nomination for Board of Directors, District #7. Mr. Kooyman #57 nominated Mort Morin #57. There were no other nominations. Mr. Egan #57 made a motion that nominations be closed and one unanimous ballot be cast for the election of Mort Morin for Board of Directors District #7. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Black #119. Adjutant Stack cast one unanimous ballot for Mort Morin for 2015-2017 District #7 Board of Directors.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett thanked the body for their diligence in the election of the new Department Officers and as newly elected Department Commander; she announced her list of appointments. A motion was made by Ms. Olson #85 to accept the appointments as read and it was seconded by Mr. Tieso #90; motion passed.

Sr. Vice Commander Bennett called for any unfinished business and hearing none she properly recessed the afternoon business session and reminded everyone of the installation of Officers Banquet that evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. She requested that all officers and appointees be available for pictures at 5:00 p.m.



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**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**Year Ending 6/30/15**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u> 3/31/15	<u>Income</u> (Apr/May/June)	<u>Expenditures</u> (Apr/May/June)	<u>Year Ending Balance</u> 6/30/15
Bank of America (c4)	\$166,979.80	\$184,902.05	\$151,148.59	\$200,733.26
Santander Checking (c3)	\$ 1,973.21	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 1,973.21
Santander Money Mkt (c3)	\$ 100.44	\$ -0-	\$ 79.96	\$ 20.48

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**6/30/15 to 8/31/15**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u> 6/30/15	<u>Income</u> (July/Aug)	<u>Expenditures</u> (July/Aug)	<u>Year Ending Balance</u> 8/31/15
Bank of America (c4)	\$200,733.26	\$ 108,677.09	\$114,293.46	\$ 195,116.89
Santander Checking (c3) \$	\$ 1,973.21	\$ 55,570.48	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 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 4/25/15	\$684,917.10
On 6/01/15	\$676,424.14 (Loss of \$8,492.96)
On 8/29/15	\$640,289.32 (Loss of \$36,134.82)

Note: \$54,550 was transferred from Bank of America Account to the Santander Bank Account on 8/25/15—This is money that was donated for new vans.

Respectfully submitted,

**RAY RICHARDS**

Raymond Richards  
Treasurer

Report Prepared 9/2/15

## **Richard Dufault, Department Chaplain Report for May thru August 2015**

This is the notification which were given to me May to August

- a) Dick Dufault's brother Herman Dufault pass May 3,2015 from cancer at the age of 64 .He was a non-Military volunteer active with the Wrentham chapter.
- b) Bill Hoey,39 Shawn Ave.,Aubendale,Ma. 02466 reported his sister passed on Mother's Day 5/10/2015. A sympathy card was mailed.
- c) Chapter #59 ; Chaplain Larry Holbrook reports via e-mail that 6/1/2015 the passing of Malcolm L. Prescott #20059L13910. Sympathy card sent to Mrs.Donna Pfescott , 4 Eddy Court, Ware,Ma. 01082  
Chaplain Holbrook also reports Harold O. Graves #20059L13757 passed.A sympathy Card was mail 6/1/15 to Mrs. Charlotte graves,PO Box 216 Berksire Drive, Ware ,Ma. 01082
- d) I conversed with Frank Drogo 6/24/15 telling him that he is missed and in our prayers. He is having more down days than good days.He said thank you to for the prayers.
- e) Carl Schaffer (passed on 8/18?2015 ;a member of Chp.#4. Notification via Bill Vinici.Sympathy card mailed to Eleanor Schaffer ,1313 Grafton St.,Worcester,Ma.01604

This is my Sickness and Distress report covering from May to August.  
In God's Great Blessings and Love Chaplain Richard "Dick" Dufault



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Sept 12, 2015

I first want to thank all the delegates whom attended the National Convention in Denver, Colorado, for your support and dedication to the mission of the D.A.V.

I wish also to thank the following members for attending the N.E.C. District One meeting held on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm:

Chapter #3	Ed Flynn, Pat Leonard, John Hogan, Dan Stack, Phil Gerety, Michael Zilka
Chapter #6	William Vicini, Brian Early, David Fitzgerald
Chapter #10	Bill Hoey
Chapter #27	David Boyd
Chapter #30	Mason Sullivan
Chapter #35	Helen Bennett
Chapter #45	William Patterson
Chapter #56	Joseph Costa
Chapter #85	Deb Olson
Chapter #90	Sheretta Latham

Since Convention the N.E.C. has had to vote on eight ballots, all dealing with fundraising initiatives or chapter mergers.

I encourage all delegates to visit the DAV website weekly to keep abreast of the current issues before Congress dealing with Disabled Veterans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel P. Stack  
N.E.C. District #1



Helen Bennett

Commander

September Dec Report

It has been a busy couple of months since our June Convention. I am honored to be your commander for the current year.

July 7 I went to the State house DAV office to see how I could help with the daily operations

July 8 helped out at the State house DAV office.

July 8 I had the honor to go to Gloucester to attend a ceremony for the moving wall to honor Vietnam Veterans.

July 15 went to State House DAV office then to a meeting of The Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative.at the Boston Bar Association

July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> I attended the Commanders and Adjutant Conference at National Headquarters. This was a very informative Conference.

July 29 I again went to the DAV office to help. I am learning a great deal during these days at the office.

August 5<sup>th</sup> I went to Boston for a short while mainly to pick up business cards for the line officers that were attending National Convention.

August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup> I attended National Convention in Denver and was very happy to see the number of our members that attended this year I believe the number was 23.

August 14<sup>th</sup> Boston to sign some checks.

August 16<sup>th</sup> I was invited to attend a ceremony by the members of the Purple Heart to honor WW11 veterans it was the 70 anniversary of Japans surrender. This was held in Charlestown at the U.S.S. Cassin Young.

August 19<sup>th</sup> went to Boston to help.

August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in Quincy for HSC's, VAVS and SVSR representatives

August 29 had the pleasure of attend District 3 and District 4 annual picnic at Camp Naumkaeg in Salem, for the patients of Bedford VAMC and the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

September 1<sup>st</sup> to Boston

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors meeting in Quincy.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Bennett, Department Commander

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

September 12, 2015

The following is a summary of meetings and functions I have attended from June through September 2015

6/7/15 Went to Dorchester with Commander Helen Bennett

6/18 thru 6/21/15 DAV State Convention in Leominster – I was elected Senior Vice Commander for 2015-2016 session.

6/27/15 Attended Recognition Dinner in Woburn with Commander Bennett presented by The Deputy Sheriff's of Middlesex County.

7/17 thru 7/22/15 Attended Commanders and Adjutants Training at DAV Nation Headquarters in Cold Spring Ky.

8/6/thru 8/12/15 DAV National Convention in Denver, Co. I will give an oral report.

8/16/15 Went to Charlestown Navy Yard with Commander Bennett to honor World War II veterans and to lay wreaths to commemorate those who served.

8/25/15 Attended DAV meeting of HCS's and VAVS's in Quincy.

8/29/15 Attended District 3 & 4 cookout and bingo for Bedford Hospital patients and Chelsea Soldiers Home veterans in Salem Willows.

9/2/15 DAV Board of Directors meeting in Quincy.

9/12/15 DEC meeting in Leominster.

9/16/15 Governor's Recognition of Medal of Honor recipients at Reception in Hall of Flags

9/19/15 Medal of Honor Patriot Award Dinner at Seaport World Trade Center.

9/21/15 DAV Golf Tournament in Uxbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vicini  
Senior Vice Commander  
DAV

# Disabled American Veterans

## Department of Massachusetts

State 1st Junior Vice-Commander Report

September 12, 2015

The year started off quickly after our convention in June.

I worked with NSO David Boyd on a half dozen occasions helping Veterans with existing claims and filing new claims. We are planning visits to chapters with David, as he has been extremely helpful.

In the month of June, I attended a dinner sponsored by the Limbless to honor a special volunteer who has spent numerous hours driving veterans.

Attended a District 4 meeting

Attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new "Green Bldg" at the Bedford VA. Talk about bill and his coin?

Participated in a flag burning ceremony on Flag Day

In July I assisted the Auxiliary Commander and several others with the elections and installation of new officers at Unit 110

I cooked a steak dinner for veterans and their families

In August I attended a wreath laying ceremony on the USS Cassin Young (a Fletcher-class destroyer at the Charlestown Navy Yard

I cooked a lobster dinner for Veterans

And lastly, I attended the outing in Salem

I am hoping to visit as many Chapters to attend their meetings as possible. I'll be reaching out to everyone.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sullivan



**Paul Dubey – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander (Constitution & Bylaws)**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, DEC Report.**

I represented the Department and my Chapter at the DAV State and National Conventions. I went to the business meetings and some workshops while in Denver. I represented the Department as a delegate to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. I met VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald and our new National Commander Moses A. McIntosh, Jr. and many other great comrades. You could sit down with anyone at the convention and start up a conversation, 3000+ comrades. You can see photos from the national convention and some of the Department Delegates at [www.facebook.com/PaulDubeyOpenPhotos](http://www.facebook.com/PaulDubeyOpenPhotos).

I attended HSC's, VAVS, & SVSR representative meeting Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and was well informed on what the Department is doing and what we could be doing.

I attended a new flag pole dedication at the Athol Town Hall on July 14<sup>th</sup>.



**SALUTING THE FLAG** — The United States flag is saluted during the singing of the National Anthem at the dedication of the new flagpole outside Athol's town hall on Tuesday morning. Front, left to right — Veteran Vincent "Bill" Purple, Purple's daughter Cindy Hartwell, veteran Paul Dubey, veteran Alan Bowers, State Rep. Susannah Whipps Lee (R-Athol). Partially hidden in the rear is Northeast Quabbin Veterans District Director Neil McGuirk.

Photo by Brian Gelinias

**Flagpole** From Page 1

"We could not have done it without you," said Town Manager Shaun Suhoski to those donors in attendance.

"It's very important we say 'thank you,' and we mean that," said Selectboard Vice Chairman Anthony Brighenti, who spoke in place of Chairman Lee Chauvette who could not be in attendance due to work commitments. He also noted that the flagpole replacement was one of the easiest public projects he has been involved with since serving as selectman.

Following Brighenti's remarks, Athol High School student and recent Girls State delegate Olivia Dufour sang the National Anthem while the flag was raised to full staff by veteran Ron Ferguson. The Pledge of Allegiance was also recited.

In making her com-

ments, State Rep. Susannah Whipps Lee (R-Athol) said, in part, "One thing I noticed about Athol, we honor our veterans and we do what we can for our veterans."

"This was a wonderful project," said Selectman Stephen Raymond, who, along with Brighenti, read the names of the donors, which include:

- North Quabbin Vietnam Veterans of America;
- Roy Boyce Post 650 Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 46;
- AMVETS Post 793;
- Pequog Detachment 1168 Marine Corps League;
- Edward H. Phillips Post 102 American Legion;
- Athol Veterans Council;
- Athol Veterans Park Development Corporation;
- L.S. Starrett Company;
- Castle Tree Company;

- Ron Wright Welding;
- Athol Granite Works;
- Whipps Inc.;
- Girardi Distributors;
- Athol Savings Bank;
- Athol Credit Union;
- Market Basket;
- Fiske-Murphy & Mack Funeral Homes;
- Athol-Orange Area Rotary Club;
- State Rep. Susannah Whipps Lee;
- Athol Police Association and NEPA Local 52;
- Town Hall, Library and Dispatch Employees SEU 888;
- The Brighenti family;
- The Raymond family;
- The Suhoski family;
- The Casella family;
- The Brissette family;

and  
• The Watts family.  
Refreshments were served in Memorial Hall following the ceremony.

I was in contact with Deb Olson and received a copy of the Constitution & Bylaws schedule of the different chapters. I will be attending the Districts meeting this year to inform them of their obligation to keep their bylaws up to date. I will also contact those chapters that are delinquent in updating their bylaws and helping them out where I can.

I contacted our new webmaster and set up a date to work on the job description and the Membership Webpage. I spent a few hours cleaning up the old webpage and posting new VA forms.

I continued my duties as Adjutant for our Chapter. I composed and put together our Chapters yearly newsletter. A copy is attached.

## Disabled American Veterans Charles Musante Chapter 46 Athol



### NEWSLETTER 2015

#### Officers for 2015 - 2016

John Dodge	Commander
George Lucier	Sr. Vice Commander
Roberto Albril	Jr. Vice Commander
Paul Dubey	Adjutant
Jeffrey Gwynn	Treasurer
Edward LaFord	Chaplain



PNC Allen Bowers    Chaplain Ed LaFord    Adjutant Paul Dubey

#### Meeting Dates

September 28<sup>th</sup> 2015  
October 26<sup>th</sup> 2015  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015  
Remember DAV DAY in December  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 – DAV & VVA Spaghetti Dinner 6pm  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Nomination of Officers  
April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Election of Officers  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Installation of Officers  
June 27<sup>th</sup> 2016  
July & August 2016 – No Meetings Summer Off  
September 26<sup>th</sup> 2016



Our Commander John Dodge & Adjutant Paul Dubey

Welcome comrades to our chapter's yearly newsletter. It has been an amazing year for Chapter 46. Some of our members have moved up the ranks. Our adjutant Paul Dubey is now part of the department as third junior vice commander. Our chapter commander John Dodge is doing a great job keeping the meetings going.

As you can guess our membership is dwindling, we are now only 127 members. Our membership chairman is busy trying to recruit new members in these tough times. My comrades you can help DAV Chapter 46 by steering veteran friends that you may know who qualify for the disabled American veterans towards our chapter. The chapter is considering paying at least part of new full-paid-life memberships. So if you know anyone interested in helping disabled veterans, give us a call. We need to increase our membership in order to keep the Charles Munsante DAV Chapter 46 alive and well.

Our clubhouse at 47 Pine St. is being well-maintained by our active members. We now have a security system complete with cameras. You may ask why, well we were broken into last summer and vandalized. We are now in the process of connecting Wi-Fi to the clubhouse. In this way we can keep an eye on the building. We will also be able to maintain the thermostat in the winter from our cell phones. The front of our building has a nice new metal sign with the DAV logo and our chapter's name. We also have an outside felt blackboard with the white lettering of the service organizations and their meeting times at our clubhouse. DAV Chapter 46 lends space to other service organizations, they are VVA, VFW, AMVETS and the Athol veterans Council.

Our small chapter was well represented at the state and national conventions this year. Past national commander Alan Bowers and your adjutant Paul Dubey were delegates at these conventions. Some of our members have taken part in the veteran ceremonies in Athol Massachusetts. We have donated and sponsored a new flagpole in front of the Athol town hall. There was a small ceremony to dedicate the flagpole and we were there. With that in mind we are refurbishing our own flagpole with new rope and flags, the US flag and the POW flag.

Our chapter has been fortunate enough to receive a kind donation from one of our members who recently passed, Paul Pakkanen. His generous donation has allowed our chapter to perform many good works. We are a service organization and have donated 10K to the National Service Foundation. We have sponsored a golf hole for the Department HSC hospital transportation program. Our scholarship fund which covers three high schools in our area. The Scholarship is for the student's college education. The only qualification to receive the scholarship is that a student is related to a veteran, disabled or not. We have also been able to sponsor a van which is instrumental in transporting our disabled comrades to and from there VA appointments.



We have also given to Boys State, the United Way, the Athol veterans Council and other worthy organizations. You as a member can help by giving a donation to our **forget-me-not drive**, that we sponsor once a year. All funds generated by the drive go to veterans services. Just make out your checks to DAV Chapter 46 Athol. Once again thank you very much.

Our chaplain Eddie Laford asked us to take a moment to remember and pray for our chapter comrades who have gone before us.

DAV Charles Musante Chapter 46 officers thank all of you who are unable to attend our events for your dedication to the DAV. We hope that you may be able to attend one of our meetings this year, if you happen to be in the area. Feel free to contact our adjutant Paul Dubey with any questions or suggestions or just for comradeship. His contact number is 978-249-8755 or email, preferred is clayhans@mass.rr.com.

**Our mailing address: DAV Chapter 46 Athol, P.O. Box 746, Athol MA 01331.**

Commander John Dodge front, PSC John Gannon rear.



Sr. vice Commander George Lucier and his wife Judy.



This concludes my report.

**One of Service,  
Paul Dubey – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. vice Commander of the DAV Department of Massachusetts**

9 September 2015

Dear Comrades:

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

I would to thank **ALL** Chapters for submitting their Officer Reports. The following Chapter still needs to submit their DEC designee: 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, 85, 110 are to be filing 990 long forms along with the IRS. 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 [tmate@davma.org](mailto:tmate@davma.org), [dstack@davma.org](mailto:dstack@davma.org) or myself. The following 4 chapters still need to file their 990n –for last year – 2013-2014 fiscal year: 55, 72, 76, 82 **YOU ARE LATE**. This needs to be completed **NOW**. See me at the end of the DEC meeting if you need assistance in completing this task.

32 Chapters have filed their 990n for 2014-2015 fiscal year -**excellent job** -we have 19 chapters that need to file their 990n, see me if you have any questions.

I have visited several chapters to assist them with their finance reports, prior to submission. We have started receiving financial reports at the office and we have begun the review process. Please remember to submit all supporting documentation, bank statements that includes checking, savings, cd, money markets, minutes and sign in sheets and completed schedules. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at [dolson@davma.org](mailto:dolson@davma.org). Make sure you have all required signatures and all those signing actually review the document, give them a calculator to help them double and triple check your math, its usually something small that trips you up – reminder your chapter receives 2 per-capita disbursements, a large one in July and a small one (under \$50) in January, don't forget the January one.

The process of updating Chapter By-Laws is on-going. Your by-law committee should be a standing committee in your chapter. 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.

It was my privilege to attend the National Convention in Denver, the seminars were informative and insightful. I had no problem putting in my 10,000 steps each day. My son Jeffrey came with me and was a page for the Auxiliary, he's still not sure what he was supposed to do. Over all it was a great week. I recommend attending if you have the opportunity.

Upon returning from the convention it was right into preparing for the Annual Salem Park Picnic for the Chelsea Soldiers Home and Bedford VA. What a great turn out, beautiful weather and it was excellent to see so many veterans out enjoying the day. Thank you District 3 and District 4.



I have been honored to be appointed by National Commander Mosses to the National Interim Committee on Employment for this coming year. On Sept 2, I attended the DAV/Recruit Military Job Fair. There was a great turn out with over 100 companies present and hundreds of veterans. I should be receiving the data on this job fair in the near future that I will share with you. At the Job Fair in April there were 80 Companies that offered 70 jobs right off the floor and a total of 140 plus veterans received job offers directly from this fair. Mark on your calendars April 9, 2016 that will be the next job fair. If you know of a veteran or spouses looking for a job have them go to [www.jobs.dav.org](http://www.jobs.dav.org) this site has over 1800 pages of jobs earmarked for Veterans and their spouses.

I am looking for deputy inspectors, 1 from each district, to train and assist in keeping all the train cars on track and going forward. This way if I'm hit by this train, the department will have 6 well trained gear men to choose a new conductor from.

It has been a very busy start to another very busy year and all chapters have started off on the right foot by completing their officer & DEC reports, with a majority already filing their 990n and chapters starting to send in their financial reports, thank you for keeping up the pace and staying in cadence. 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](mailto:maldendav@gmail.com) or [dolson@davma.org](mailto:dolson@davma.org) .

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

Date: Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

- Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Look Park in Quincy, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Jeanne Martin)
- Annual Women Veterans' Conference in Marlborough, June 13<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- State Convention in Marlborough, June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- "Stand Down" in Dorchester, August 28<sup>th</sup> (w/Jeanne Martin)

**Events/Attended:**

- Invited by Chelsea Soldiers Home, Memorial Day Ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, May 21<sup>st</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- Memorial Day Ceremonies:
  - St. Mary Cemetery in Salem, May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Pier at Winter Island in Salem, May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Greenlawn Cemetery in Salem, May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Photographed all and posted on social media
- Installing Adjutant for Installation of Officers, Lawrence Chapter #2, May 28<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- "Vietnam War Memorial That Heals" in Gloucester, July 9<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- "Stolen Valor Act" H1641 testimony at State House, July 14<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- National Convention in Denver, August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media
- A guest speaker for Starbuck volunteers who cleared grounds at West Roxbury VAMC, August 18<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media

**Webinars:**

- DAV Media Relations, May 20<sup>th</sup> DAV Behavior Health Workforce Development Priority, July 7<sup>th</sup>

**Events Volunteered:**

- DAV Golf Tournament at Granite Lakes Golf Course in Quincy, May 18<sup>th</sup>; Photographed and posted on social media [Honor Guard pictured at right]

*Christine Tron*  
Chairwoman



## DAV Boston HSC Report Sept. 2015 DEC

VA Boston DAV 2Qtr 2015: Veterans 340 Miles 13,482\* Hours 1,809 Vehicles 9 Drivers 16\*\*

VA Boston DAV Volunteer Lunch, planned for Sept. for 3 offices including state DAV Certificates of Appreciation for our outstanding volunteers.

Driver of the Year in each office: Brockton Glenn Wilson, Jamaica Plain Bill Desmond, West Roxbury Paul Markle – selected for their leadership with most volunteer hours & most veterans served in their offices!

Thank you to several staff & drivers that also supported additional events in support of VA, VAVS & Memorial Day further representing DAV very well & requiring many hours of coordination.

Vehicle maintenance. Unusually high lately, besides regular maintenance there were several brakes, tires & steering issues, even on newer vehicles, required many hours of coordination to ensure repairs.

\*Mileage. Approx. 20% of mileage is POV (personally-owned vehicle), instead of DAV-VA vehicles, which drivers may use for their convenience considering patient(s) schedule & location.

Although gas reimbursements & meal tickets are modest, our volunteers appreciate them so thanks to state DAV & VAVS for their efforts with that coordination. Next VA Boston VAVS meeting: Sept. 28.

The End-of year 2014-2015 Newsletter was published & copies are available in all offices.

The Summary of Drivers Guidance and Procedures has been updated & copies are available in all offices.

Lists of veterans contact info (approx. 1,000) has been compiled for easier info access for staff & drivers.

\*\* Drivers always needed, once or twice a week OR once or twice a month - please recruit a friend.

VA Brockton DAV                      Veterans 167 Miles 8,734 Hours 612 Vehicles 3 Drivers 8

In past year, Brockton DAV more than doubled their number of drivers, veterans, miles & hours served.

VA awards. Bob Flaherty (1,368 hours), Glenn Wilson (1,000 hours)

VA Jamaica Plain DAV              Veterans 141 Miles 3,491 Hours 745 Vehicles 4 Drivers 4

Jamaica Plain & Brockton stats vary mostly due to JP area is smaller but more populated.

JP has our top 3 drivers almost every month with most hours, miles, vehicles & veterans served per driver due to outstanding dedication of Bill, Mark &

Tom. VA awards. Bill Desmond (7,500 hours), Mark Keating (8,750 hours), Tom Leonard (3,262 hours)

VA West Roxbury DAV              Veterans 32 Miles 1,257 Hours 452 Vehicles 2 Drivers 4

Due to West Roxbury's greater percentage of in-patients & closer distance to Bedford VA, WRox decreased stats remain a priority so Outreach strategy is underway including better & increased marketing with VA depts. & calling our 300 WRox patients reminding them about our

DAV. VA awards. Charlie Costa (18,641 hours), Dennis Gill (1,000 hours), Paul Markle (1,000 hours), Pete Neuman (300 hours), Bob Strickland (750 hours)

Special thanks to all of our volunteer drivers & their families helping our veterans & their families.

Thank you VA Engineering for their support & professional maintenance of our DAV-VA vehicles.

## DAV Boston HSC Report Sept. 2015 DEC

Thank you VAVS for improving driver recruitment & processing and recognition of volunteers.

Thank you to DAV Commanders of state/chapters, officers, auxiliary & staff for continuing support.

Respectfully submitted, Boston VA DAV HSC Tony O'Brien cell 508-868-2547 HSCBoston@yahoo.com



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

## VAVS REPORT TO THE D.E.C. SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 (AS OF 9/3/15)

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1. **Donations** since the State Convention include **Chapter30 Fitchburg** Donation of \$451.00 in gift cards designated to buy a crock-pot for Building 4 and toiletries June 16. Sponsorship of a bingo/Pizza party for Ward 6B June 15. **Chapter45 Waltham** Sponsorship/Conducting of (3) bingos/and serving refreshments Ward 6B June 9, July 14, August 11. **Chapter47 Billerica** Donation of \$100.00 for VAVS golf tournament July 8. A generous donation of Lowell Spinner tickets and T-shirts for the VCCC Lowell July 22. **Chapter81 Falmouth** Generous donation of 5 Red Sox tickets on August 3. **Chapter100 Peabody** Kind, generous donation of paperback books on June 8. **Chapter113 Burlington** Coordination of a cookout with the Middlesex Deputy Sheriff's Association at VCCC Lowell on July 13. Donation of donuts and watermelon delivered to VCCC Lowell on June 24. **District 4** A generous/heartfelt donation of women's clothing on June 23. Donation of \$50.00 for purchase of woman supplies on June 23. Once again, thank you for all of your continued support. Please take time and view the current donation "wish list" is on line [www.bedford.va.gov/giving](http://www.bedford.va.gov/giving) please check it out.
2. Total reported **DAV Volunteer June**. 821 hours, **July**. 734 hours. Total DAV Volunteer hours in current FY as of 7/31/15. **7,383**.
3. **DAV Transportation for June**. Total of 156 hours, 2,653 miles, 29 patients. **July**. Total of 234 hours, 3,941 miles, 44 patients. **August**. Total of 128 hours, 1,928 miles, 20 patients.
4. **Future/Events:** This year's July Golf Tournament proceeds will fund wireless internet for all our residents throughout the facility. Wireless internet is a wonderful gift, as the old buildings in Bedford seriously limits use of internet. Great for the veterans. Thank you to all who contributed to this event.
5. Vets to Vets program supported by Voluntary Services, is scheduled for Sunday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had over 500 Corvettes on display along with Honor Guard, Live Music, Chow Line. The Air Force Association fed over 2,000 people in 2014.. This event is the largest fund raiser of the year, very popular and brings a lot of folks to the hospital. Come on down, check out the Vets and spend time talking with, and having lunch with the inpatient veterans. The Annual Veterans Festival will be held on Thursday, October 29, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the Hospital Gym. This year the theme will be "Halloween". Come dressed in your costume attire. Game booths, Gifts, Photo booth w/ Veteran's pics, Ice cream, Soda, Prizes, Canteen books, T-shirts, Hats, Socks, and Entertainment. Donations are encouraged/ needed. Please call Voluntary Services @781-687-2352 for more info.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Lawler

DAV-VAVS Brockton

DEC Sept. 2015

DAV Chapters 4, 7, 9, 35, 50, 56, 57, 72, 76, 81, 91, 96, 119, Auxiliaries, District.

Reminder to Chapters: please support annual DAV golf fundraiser on Sept. 21 with donations and/or volunteers. Please contact Dept. HQ for more info.

Chapter Cmdrs & Chapter VAWS Reps. reminded to please send regular & event reports via email as soon as possible incl. volunteer numbers & names, volunteer hours, number of patients served, and donations by Chapters & individuals (incl. money & non-money donations i.e. clothing, books, food, health items).

New VAWS email address is DAVVAWSBrockton@yahoo.com Email is best comms for routine DAV-VAWS info to/from Chapters. Save this email address & email regular & event reports for volunteer hours, donations, events, VA visits, etc.

Following the recent turnover of Dept. & Chapter officers, an update of DAV-VAWS contact info for Chapter Cmdrs & VAWS Reps. Is underway – please email updates.

Received 3 reports for 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. from DAV transportation, served 600 hours helping 180 patients: Bob Flaherty, Phil Gerity, Dave Gill, Tony O'Brien, Glenn Wilson. If you don't see Chapter volunteer/donation info here then we didn't receive it.

Two well-known DAV programs are DAV Service offices & Transportation offices. Transportation gives vets rides to VA hospital, very satisfying. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer as a driver then please contact us anytime.

Annual highlight of DAV schedule is DAV Day Dec. 6, planning by Chapters ongoing for event, volunteers, donations. VA & our veterans are appreciative of DAV Day.

If we missed any reports then please send or re-send them so all involved (local, state, national VA, DAV, Chapters) can get full credit for your outstanding efforts.

Volunteers appreciation. Director, Boston VA system (3 hospitals) says VA could not operate without VA volunteers – high praise - thank you for that service!

Respectfully submitted, DAV-VAWS Brockton Rep Tony O'Brien  
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# Disabled American Veterans

Department of Massachusetts

State Volunteer Service Representative

for The Chelsea Soldiers Home

September 12, 2015

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

The winter months are closing in on us quickly. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting another rough winter. Any donations for the Chelsea Soldiers Home to sponsor pizza and bingo parties or for their trips for Chinese food would be great fully appreciated.

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

Salem Willows was once again a huge success thanks to the efforts of Districts 3&4, Chapters 2,10,20,25,27,45,84,85,88,100 and 110. Also Units 27,40,64 and 85. A special thank you to Department Commander Helen Bennett, Sr Vice Commander Bill Vicini and the volunteers from Bedford VA and the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

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](mailto:mikedav27@comcast.net) or 617-999-9677.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Sullivan

# DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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### Minutes Board of Directors Meeting

Sept 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:15p.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  
District #2 Ben Tieso  
District #3 Deb Olson (Excused, attending DAV Employment Fair at Gillette Stadium)  
District #4 Anita Reed  
District #5 Gregg Gentzler  
District #6 Leo Vance  
District #7 Mort Morin  
Adjutant Dan Stack

Adjutant Dan Stack called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the election of a Vice Chair in accordance with D.A.V. Department of MA By-laws, Section 6.2, Par. 2. Helen Bennett was nominated by Leo Vance. Hearing no further nominations Mr. Vance made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gentzler, to close nominations and cast one unanimous ballot for Helen Bennett for Vice Chair; motion approved.

Leo Vance District #6 made a motion to affirm the minutes of April 28, 2015, motion seconded by Mort Morin District #7; motion passed.

Treasurer Ray Richards referred to the treasurer's report for the period June 1<sup>st</sup> thru Aug 31, 2015.

Adjutant Stack updated the Board on Chapter #55 Trusteeship.

Adjutant Stack also informed the Board of the upcoming H.S.C. Golf Outing to be held on Sept. 21 at Blissful Meadows Golf Course, Uxbridge, MA and also on the 5K Run to be held on 11/11/15.

A motion was made by Mort Morin, District #7, seconded by Anita Reed, District 4, to grant permission for Silver Star/JFK Memorial Chapter #3 to hold a fundraising raffle & poker tournament to raise funds for their service programs; motion passed.

A motion was made by Mort Morin, District ##7, seconded by Bill Vicini, Sr. Vice Commander, to grant DAVA permission to hold the Auxiliary Fundraising Event; motion passed.

A motion was made by Leo Vance, District #6, seconded by Gregg Gentzler, District #5, to grant Chapter #57 permission to solicit donations from their business community; motion passed.

A motion was made by Ben Tieso, District #2, seconded by Gregg Gentzler, District #5 to adjourn; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Stack*

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Department Adjutant