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- To bond the disabled together as a unit.
- To acquaint the members of the DAV and the public with the problems of the disabled and what the Department of Michigan, Disabled American Veterans, is doing to assist in overcoming their handicaps.
- To keep alive the Fires of Freedom that American ideals shall not perish from the earth.
- To promote the welfare of the Disabled American Veterans of the State of Michigan and the Nation.

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## Mission Statement of the DAV

Made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is dedicated to one, single purpose: building better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families.

This mission is carried forward by: providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government; providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically; representing the interests of disabled veterans; their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House, and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government; extending the DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state level departments and local chapters; and providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

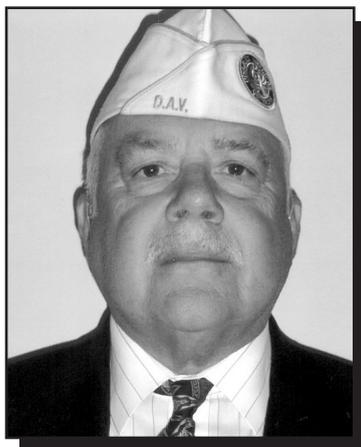
## SPECIAL NOTICE

To all members of Washtenaw County DAV Chapter 13:  
 Chapter meets at Grof-O-Hara VFW Post 423, 3230 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan (located between Ann Arbor and Saline).

**Meeting Dates:**

- February 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for Nomination of Officers
  - March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for Election of Officers
  - April 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for Installation of Officers
- Also, just a reminder: Chapter 13 will be closed the month of July 2012.

**Commander August Wallman and Adjutant Reuben Swisher**



**Bob Blevins**

History proves that the misuse of power or authority, along with money, has destroyed governments and many political leaders. It has seriously damaged our religious institutions, as well as ruined many well-intended organizations. This misuse of authority and money has also been the leading destructive element in relationships such as marriage and families.

Why this happens over and over again is not easily answered. Many will no doubt agree that the absence of consequences for bad behavior is a serious consideration. Some will argue that previous bad conduct and back door deals have clearly set precedence for others to follow. There is no doubt many well-intended organizations and leaders eventually get 'sucked-in' when surrounded by others with agendas and personal goals that supersede fair play and honesty.

It is not my intent to "re-hash" the events that created serious concerns to our Department in 2011. There are old say-

## Commander's Message

### My Thoughts

ings in our culture that speak about "water under the bridge" and "spilled milk". It's been my observation that sometimes the water under the bridge gets high enough that it destroys the bridge; and with the case of spilled milk, we often quickly forget who spilled the milk and focus on the person or persons that are assigned the task of cleaning up the mess.

Some say, "This is just a bump in the road." Others say it has the potential of tearing our Department apart. Let me finish by telling you a story that was told to me many years ago by my grandfather.

Early in mankind there was this village of well-intended people that had concerns of helping others in need. After many years of good deeds and wonderful accomplishments, it became apparent that the leaders of this village were prospering and taking advantage of their authority, while the good deeds to others diminished.

One "Old Man" decided to step up and expose the leaders, and take back control. He knew his position of being well liked would soon be in question. He realized he would be loved by some and hated by others. None the less, he felt the "village" was worth his involvement.

When the "village" would come together in the Great Hall for a meeting, some of the radicals would run up and down the

hallways yelling and screaming with accusations, and defamatory comments about the "Old Man". Some of the dissenters would attend the meeting and attempt to disrupt by shouting from their chairs or jumping up to shout and challenge the changes and the new leadership.

The factions of radicals were determined to find fault and prove the "Old Man" to be wrong. One man had an idea. He said, "I will prove the 'Old Man' wrong and discredit him in front of the entire village."

"I will climb a tree and remove a young bird from its nest. I will carry this bird in both hands so no person can see. I will approach the Old Man and say, 'In my hands is a young bird, is it alive or is it dead?' If the Old Man replies, 'it is alive' I will crush the bird and open my hands to show the village a dead bird. If the Old Man says the bird is dead, I will open my hands and allow the bird to fly. It doesn't matter what the Old Man tells the village, he will be wrong."

At the next village meeting, this man approached the Old Man and said, "In my hands is a bird, if you are so wise, tell me, is it alive or is it dead?" The Old Man quietly looked at the man and said, "My son, the answer to your question...Is in YOUR Hands!"

**Bob Blevins**  
 Department Commander

## Report from the Board of Managers for the Michigan Homes for Veterans

One of the big things that is affecting the Grand Rapids Veterans Home is our 2011-12 budget. The legislature passed a budget that meant laying off the Health care aides [HCA] who are Union members and replacing them with contract aides. The legislature cut our budget \$5 million. A member of the home went to circuit court and asked to put a stay on the layoff as he would suffer harm, and the judge put a stay that would not allow the home to lay off the HCA. The attorney general has appealed that order to the appeals court and we are waiting on that ruling. The Home is currently going over budget by \$18,000 a day.

The Grand Rapids Veterans home has been making 4 member rooms into 2 member rooms. This gives the members more room. To stay under our budget, we have now closed the 4th floor

and moved members to empty rooms on other floors. This has allowed the home to move staff around and help with the budget. The census for Grand Rapids home is around 550 members. We are still admitting members and do not have a big waiting list.

The Grand Rapids home received a large donation to put a cover over the entrance to the Home that would allow buses to be loaded and unloaded under cover. Even though the money is donated, we still have to go through the state to get approval to do the project. The board has seen drawings and are giving our input.

The Jacobetti home in Marquette is doing well and has around 190 members.

The legislature has passed a bill that the governor signed that has become Public Act 283 of 2011. The act changes the Board of Managers to three-year

terms and changes the makeup of the Board. Presently there is two from the VFW, two from The American Legion, one from the DAV and one from the AMVETS. The remaining member was at-large. The new makeup is one from VFW, one from The American Legion and one from the DAV. There will be one other member that can be nominated from any other veteran's organization. The other three members will be at-large, but must still be veterans.

We ask you to call your legislative people and let them know how you feel about the homes. By the time you read this, half the year will be gone and unless we get a supplemental budget, we will have to make further cuts.

**Gerald "Jerry" Cool, Member, Michigan Veterans Homes Board of Managers**

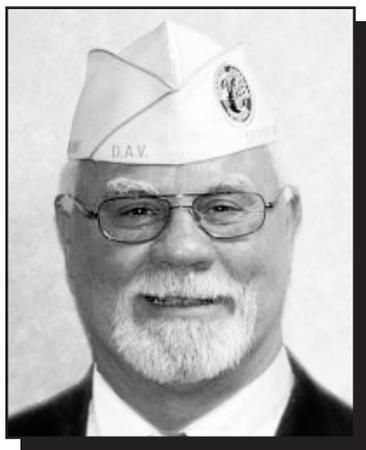


## OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY 2012



In Honor of those who gave their last

full measure of devotion to our country on the fields of battle...



Rolly D. Lee, Sr.

### Adjutant's Message

#### Press on, Comrades!

about something. The Disabled American Veterans can get the word to their members easily enough, you've proved that. Now, you need to talk to your friends about their history. Were they in the service? Were they injured? Were they in Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan? Have they filed a disability claim with the VA? Our comrades need to know that this help is available to them. They've earned these benefits!

Keep this number handy: 313-964-6595. That's the telephone number of the DAV National Service Office in downtown Detroit. They can call and find out when is the best time to come and talk to a service officer about their benefits. This is one of the things that the Disabled American Veterans does, represent folks in prosecuting their benefit claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs...very professionally and absolutely free of charge.

#### Keeping abreast on National Constitution Bylaws and Regulations

#### Section 14.9: Safeguarding DAV Assets

It is the responsibility of departments and chapters to protect DAV assets from theft or conversion. This responsibility includes, without limitation, implementation of sound financial management practices and the purchase of insurance to cover, theft losses. In the absence of such insurance, the National Organization shall provide a mechanism by which departments and chapters may be reimbursed for the theft or conversion of department or chapter assets by an elected or appointed department or chapter officer. Such reimbursement shall be limited to \$100,000 per occurrence and be subject to a deductible amount of \$5,000.

Such reimbursement shall be made only upon a full and final adjudication of theft or conversion by a court of competent jurisdiction. Such reimbursement shall also be subject to the limits and conditions of the reimbursement program as determined by the Board of Directors. This amendment is effective January 1, 2006.

Our National Guest for the 87th Annual State Convention will be National Judge Advocate Michael Dobmeier.

#### Support our business, local jobs

In these tough times, we all have a part to play in revitalizing our economy and getting Michigan back on track. Visit [www.BuyMichFirst.com](http://www.BuyMichFirst.com), a free Web site for businesses and consumers that showcases first-class Michigan-made products and services.

Remember to remain committed to our purpose:  
*"Building better lives for America's Disabled Veterans and their families."*

*"The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."*

— Stephen B. Biko

#### Trivia

1. How many National Conventions has the Department of Michigan hosted?
2. Where was the first National Convention held in Michigan?
3. How many National Commanders has the Department of Michigan had?
4. How many National Adjutants came from the Department of Michigan?
5. Who and from what Chapter was the National Adjutant from Michigan?

Answers on page 6

## Department Holding a "Hunt with Ted Nugent Raffle"

A hunter's dream come true at Ted Nugent's Ranch in Jackson, Michigan



To all of you avid sportsmen out there, this is one hunt you will surely never forget and one raffle you will not want to miss out on! Please see the advertisement below for all of the information regarding this raffle. **This raffle is open to Michigan residents only.**

If you have a neighbor, family member, co-worker or friend that might be interested, please

have them call Headquarters at 888-448-2328 or send in the entry form below with a check or money order and we will mail you your ticket. We also accept Visa and MasterCard. The winning ticket will be pulled at our State Convention, June 9, 2012 at the Kewadin Casino in Sault St. Marie.

Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity!

**Department of Michigan – Win a Hunt with Ted Nugent At his Ranch in Jackson, Michigan Russian Board Porkslam Hunt Open to Michigan Residents Only \$10.00 PER TICKET**

#### RAFFLE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa and MasterCard Accepted or make check or money order payable to:  
**DAV Department of Michigan**

and forward with completed form to:  
**DAV Department Headquarters  
 17779 E. 14 Mile Road, Fraser, MI 48026**

**Or call 1-888-448-2328 to order tickets by phone**

**Or via e-mail: [michelle@davmichigan.com](mailto:michelle@davmichigan.com)**

## Update on Michigan Veterans Trust Fund

By Ron Schrieber, MVTF Trustee

A little history:

The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund was established by Public Act 9 of 1946. Fifty million was given from extra general fund revenue to establish the fund.

The Trust Fund was dissolved twice in its history, the last time in the 1970s. The trust was repaid by Governor Engler in 1994 but only \$49 million. In 1966 the trust fund gained Constitutional protection.

From 1964 to 2005 the Veterans Dependent Tuition Grants were paid from the Trust Fund, which reduced the fund to a low of \$46.9 million, which reduced the revenue. The tuition grants Program legislatively moved to the Department of Treasury by Public Act 248 of 2005 with separate funding. It then took nine years to restore the corpus to \$50 million. Market value as of November 30,

2011 was \$51.5 million.

The Board of Trustees uses the projected revenue and funds above the \$50 million for emergency assistance and administration.

From 2010-2011 the grants increased by (30%) or \$384,000. From 2000-2010, the board of trustees has reduced administrative expenses by nearly \$181,695. This is about 25% of state administrative costs.

The Emergency Grant Program allows the County Committees to grant discretionary grants for temporary emergencies for wartime service veterans and/or their dependents.

Distribution of the revenue is half of the total revenue divided by the total number of veterans in the State gives the value per veteran. This is multiplied by the number of veterans in a county divided by four to get the total quarterly allotment, distributed as needed by the County.

The Board of Trustees has established fair and equitable policies for County Committees to follow.

The board has a statutory appeals process to the State Board of trustee level.

The several County Committees apply the policies for grants and make decisions. Individual Agents complete applications and vouchers. If the request is disapproved, then a notice of decision is sent to the veteran with an explanation on the appeal process.

County Veterans Affairs Offices cannot be mandated to run the programs under the Heady Amendment. The Board of Trustees has tried to establish district committees where possible.

As of now, we only have four. We have service agreements in 29 of 32 counties; this helps to stabilize expenses. We reduced administrative expenses for 2000-2010 by nearly \$260,000.

#### Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Emergency Grants for 2011 Categories

Rent (to prevent eviction): \$362,235

Utilities (to prevent shutoff or restore): \$388,797

Mortgage (cure defaults or avoid foreclosure); Property taxes and emergency home repairs: \$286,642

Transportation (car payments/ insurance/repairs) for jobs and to maintain daily care: \$274,013

Medical/Food/Miscellaneous: \$88,365

Grants totals for 2011 as follows:  
 Total apps: 2,209; Grants: 1,395; Per cent approved: 64%; Total dollars: \$1,273,624

Public Act 9 Legislatively changed the make-up of the Board of Trustee and County Committees effective January 2012 as follows:

- One each from DAV, VFW and The American Legion.

- One each of 4th VSO Position can be any one person representing any of the other congressionally-chartered Veteran Service Organizations.

- Three each independent honorably discharged wartime veteran (one each on County Committee).

All representatives need to present experience in business, finance or public service.

Veteran Service Organizations will submit three names to the Governor from the Commander and the Governor will make an appointment from the three.

The independents will submit applications direct to the Governor's office. All submittals to Governor will require a DD214 and resumé.

I hope this information will help you better understand the operation of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund State operation.

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Donation checks should be made payable to the respective DAV VAVS representatives or chairmen as indicated, and mailed to their address. Please **DO NOT** make checks payable to the medical center or veterans' home.

As we venture into another membership year we must remain vigilant in our recruitment of new members. If we do not breath new blood into the core of our organization, then we can be certain that we will go the way of the dinosaurs. Currently as I write this article the Department is 557 members from obtaining goal for the State of Michigan. Only four chapters have met goal so far: Chapters 33, 38, 106 and 130. Congratulations to them!! Many others are only one or two members

**Membership Chairman's Message**

away from goal. By maintaining and growing membership, our Legislative Staff in Washington, D.C. can go to Capitol Hill and proudly boast that they are representing 1.3 million Disabled American Veterans. In a recent survey, Veterans who have joined our ranks were asked why they joined. They overwhelmingly cited DAV service. They get that help – expert help – from other disabled vets who have undergone the stiffest training program in

veterans' affairs. An all-new, high-tech training program is making sure DAV National Service Officers (NSOs) will always remain the best. Another talking point when recruiting can be the membership benefits such as the X-plan with Ford Motor Company, 10% off Apple Computer products, up to 12% off Dell Computer products, 10% off at over 6,000 participating hotels, and discounts on car rentals...just to name a few. Many of you remember chal-

lenge coins and the comradship that they promoted. Well, I'm laying down my challenge coin to every DAV member and DAV Chapter of the State of Michigan. I challenge each and every one of you to recruit at least one member. If you do so, then Michigan's total membership can virtually double in size. By doing this we can insure that the DAV will prosper and lead our nation's Disabled American Veterans into the future.

**Rick Barenbrugge**

**Congratulations Leo Leroux and Edward Werner!**

*Both Men Honored with the Outstanding DAV Employee Award*

Leo Leroux and Ed Werner were both selected by Past Department Commander Frank Shepherd as the recipients of the Outstanding DAV Employee Award announced at the State Convention back in June 2011.

**Leo Leroux**  
 Mr. Leroux was the State Adjutant from 1982-1998. He served in the Army from 1943-1945 as a gunner in the motor section and received the Purple Heart for an injury he sustained in the line of duty.

After the service, he worked in retail management for 25 years before becoming a DAV Field Service Officer; he then was appointed to the position of State Adjutant. One of his fondest memories was seeing the smiles of the veterans when he assisted

them to receive their benefits. Mr. Leroux is married with eight children, ten grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Since his retirement from the DAV he enjoys traveling, reading, visiting with family and eating out.



*Leo Leroux and his wife, Joan.*

**Edward Werner**  
 Edward Werner served in the Army field artillery and was an instructor of Telephony Codes. He completed five years of service, making the rank of Sergeant. After the service, he was a U.S. Post Office Supervisor before becoming the State Adjutant. He held the Adjutant position for 10 years and retired in 1982. While he was the State Adjutant, he also served on the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee, as well as being Chairman of the National Membership Committee. One of his fondest memories was when the Department of Michigan exceeded a membership of over 50,000 members!

Mr. Werner is a widower and has five children, nine grand-

children and nine great-grandchildren. Since his retirement, he has enjoyed traveling all over the United States, sports, dancing and theatre. He is enjoying life to the fullest.

Congratulations, Leo and Ed, for this much deserved recognition and your dedication to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Michigan.



*PDC Frank Shepherd and Ed Werner.*

**Department Membership Trophy Standings As of February 6, 2012**

Category A (500-over members)		Category B (150-499 members)		Category C (10-149 members)	
HARCOURT TROPHY		AUST TROPHY		FRISKE TROPHY	
Chapter	% Gain	Chapter	% Gain	Chapter	% Gain
114	102.581	125	105.405	42	108.621
1	102.400	38	104.221	26	107.865
3	102.176	117	103.673	100	104.918
2	101.936	102	102.614	106	103.947

ZONE TROPHIES							
ZONE I		ZONE II		ZONE III		ZONE IV	
Chapter	% Gain	Chapter	% Gain	Chapter	% Gain	Chapter	% Gain
42	108.621	125	105.405	100	104.918	26	107.865
102	102.614	63	103.937	38	104.221	93	103.226
114	102.581	68	102.804	106	103.947	25	102.260
1	102.400	14	102.507	117	103.673	66	102.062

ZONE MEMBERSHIP RACE			
ZONE III	102.07%	ZONE II	101.86%
ZONE IV	101.62%	ZONE I	101.50%

- (1) No chapter may receive more than one trophy.
- (2) Membership on record in the Department office as of May 4, 2012 will be used in computing trophy winners.
- (3) Trophies are based on largest percentage gain over chapter total membership as of July 6, 2011.
- (4) All ties will be broken and trophy winners declared on the basis of largest numeric gain.
- (5) Winners will be announced and final standings distributed at the State Convention.
- (6) National Trial Members were excluded from calculation.

**COALITION Cont. from page 1**

claims assistance. Please understand that under the MVC's teaming agreement, we have essentially formalized the "Courtesy Claim" process. Any service officer accredited by an organization within the MVC can assist you in the field, and then submit that claim on your behalf to the organization currently holding your power of attorney. Michigan's County Veteran Counselors already have a long tradition of working in concert with the VSOs in this fashion. Please be patient as we continue to make adjustments to our scheduling and the unprecedented demands on those who serve you every day. The MVC has also made great strides on the technology front. Every professional service officer associated with the MVC has access to a state of the art, Internet-based case management system called VetraSpec. This system allows your service officer to remotely and instantly access information relevant to your claim, and to update and

complete forms required for the VA claims process. The MVC also continues to work closely with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Former Senator Jason Allen, a longtime friend to veterans in the State of Michigan, and leader of the Veterans Affairs Directorate, has continued to publicly express his pleasure with the increased level of coordination and cooperation by Michigan's VSOs. He has been receptive to many of our suggestions related to outreach efforts and has assured us that Governor Rick Snider favorably views the advances we have made. As we continue to move forward with this bold initiative, please know that we always appreciate your support. The level of selflessness demonstrated for our Chapter and Post Service Officers is commendable. The dedication to service displayed by our professional service officers is both infectious and commendable. Please take any opportunity you have to thank them for their continued service to our nation and its warriors.

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**Thomas E. Wendel**

## Service Director's Message

### Message to Surviving Spouses

paid to the surviving spouse of a veteran that died of a service-connected condition.

These next changes are directed to the surviving spouses of Vietnam veterans that had boots on the ground in Vietnam and a specific group of Navy veterans. If your spouse died of one of these conditions, you may be entitled to Dependents and Indemnity compensation (DIC) as long as the surviving spouse didn't remarry prior to age 57.

**AL Amyloidosis**  
Chloracne (or Similar Acne-form Disease)

A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen

**Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2)**  
**Hodgkin's Disease**

A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia.

**Ischemic Heart Disease**  
A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain.

**Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**  
A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.

**Parkinson's Disease**  
A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement.

**Porphyria Cutanea Tarda**  
**Prostate Cancer**  
**Respiratory Cancers**

**Soft Tissue Sarcoma** (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma)

A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

**Note 1:** The term soft-tissue sarcoma includes the following:

Adult fibrosarcoma  
Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans

berans

Malignant fibrous histiocytoma  
Liposarcoma

Leiomyosarcoma  
Epithelioid leiomyosarcoma (malignant leiomyoblastoma)

Rhabdomyosarcoma  
Ectomesenchymoma  
Angiosarcoma (hemangiosarcoma and lymphangiosarcoma)

Proliferating (systemic) angioendotheliomatosis  
Malignant hemangiopericytoma  
Synovial sarcoma (malignant synovioma)

Malignant giant cell tumor of tendon sheath  
Malignant schwannoma, including malignant schwannoma with rhabdomyoblastic differentiation (malignant Triton tumor), glandular and epithelioid malignant schwannomas

Malignant mesenchymoma  
Malignant granular cell tumor  
Alveolar soft part sarcoma  
Epithelioid sarcoma  
Clear cell sarcoma of tendons and aponeuroses

Extraskelatal Ewing's sarcoma  
Congenital and infantile fibrosarcoma  
Malignant ganglioneuroma

**Note 2:** For purposes of this section, the term acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy means transient peripheral neuropathy that appears within weeks or months of exposure to an herbicide agent and resolves within two years of the date of onset.

**Note 3:** For purposes of this section, the term ischemic heart disease does not include hypertension or peripheral manifestations of arteriosclerosis such as peripheral vascular disease or stroke, or any other condition that does not qualify within the generally accepted medical definition of Ischemic heart disease.

If you believe that you are a surviving spouse that may be eligible for this benefit, please contact our office at 313-964-6595.

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope that everyone had a joyful holiday season. It is now time for us all to get back to the DAV's mission of providing better lives for our Disabled Veterans and their families.

We are going to talk about something today that can help surviving spouses of our Veterans. Many times a veteran passes away and at the time of the veteran's death, their wasn't a law in place that would say service connected was the cause of death, but since that time there have been laws changed that would service connect the veteran's death, which would now allow the surviving spouse to collect benefits from the VA. Here are some of the recent changes that could result in benefits for surviving spouses:

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease** was made a presumptive condition in 2008. This means that if an honorably discharged veteran is diagnosed with ALS anytime in their lifetime, that the VA would presume that it is related to his/her military service. What this means for the surviving spouses is that if the veteran passed away because of ALS, then they would be entitled to Dependents and Indemnity compensation (DIC) as long as the surviving spouse didn't remarry prior to age 57.

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- JACK JOHNSTON 88**, 2nd Thurs., 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 264 Fawn River Road, Sturgis 49091.
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- STANDISH 100**, 1st Tues., 2 p.m., VFW 3724, 3458 N. Huron, Standish 48658.
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- FLAT RIVER CHAPTER 106**, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., 8484 S. Mt. Hope, Carson City 48811.
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- ROBERT H. COX 129**, 1st Tues., 7 p.m., DAV Hall, 47326 Dequindre, Shelby Twp. 48317.
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**Trivia Answers from page 3**

- 1. Four
- 2. Detroit, Michigan
- 3. Five
- 4. One
- 5. Denver, Colorado

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**Name..... Chapter**

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Allen Thomas.....1
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Gale Lincoln.....11
Willie F. McIntosh.....11
Arthur Wittebort.....11
Robert M. Bassett.....13
James F. Birk.....13
Guy Hyde Chick.....13
Toy A. Davison.....13
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Elwyn Hollenbeck.....13
J.R. Hood.....13
Frank W. Kildau.....13
Frank P. Mazzie.....13
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Ray E. Purvis.....13
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Phil Weiss.....13
Harold R. Gaul.....17
Ewald H. Lehmann.....17
Kreaton H. Cullimore.....18
Lyle F. Troupe.....18
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Donald Passingham.....19
Kenneth Showers.....19
Harold Camron.....20
Richard Gaver.....20
Maurice Rider.....20
Kenneth Sell.....20
Robert Stevens.....20
Ike Suydam.....20
Arthur Carron.....24
John Casey.....24
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Lowell Fox.....24
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Betty Lund.....24
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**Chaplain's Message**

by Michael Knutson, LTC US Army (Ret.) State Chaplain

**I'm Positive**

It seems like reputations for wisdom and intellect and keen observation have come easily enough, and the negative lens through which we viewed our world as we were growing up was used to try to stay out of trouble.

We are no longer surprised by reports of political wrongdoing and wishing harm on others and mass killings and misleading information. We have a fascination for reckless actions. Many an intellectual reputation has been made by the promotion of cynicism. One only has to look at all the news analysts on the major public news broadcasts.

What is harder and less celebrated and much healthier is to maintain a perspective of the positive. Healthier, because tragedy and misfortune terminate like clouds and noise from a frightening explosion when one is positive. When the clouds and noise of the explosion are

gone, it seems like all that is left is a chasm-like silence. We are stripped clean of what was, to which we would have clung. Tragedy and misfortune, like unexpected surgery, is now past our initial anxiety and worry and we must rest and renew our minds and bodies.

Being positive is the new start in our lives that is rock solid and firm and it will not go away. Being positive allows us to reach out to those we love and serve and to come together in unity.

Let the DAV Department of Michigan be a positive force in the lives of the veterans it serves. May the blessings of peace, love and joy fill each of you as you reach out to each other in service.

God loves you and so do I.

**Michael Knutson  
LTC, US Army (Retired)  
State Chaplain**

**2011-12 Auxiliary Commander**

**Linda Walters**

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*March 30, 2012*

**Price of ticket per person: \$20.00**

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5:30 social hour begins with Punch being served  
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**Dinner Menu:**

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**Linda Walters**

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Linda Walters

## Auxiliary Commander's Message

### Ninety Years of Dedication

number of new members and community service hours, etc. put most of us to shame.

They continued to work together despite their differences. They maintained the four principles of this organization.

**Comradship** – A close friendship shared with those who have a common interest (our Veterans). Our National Bylaws (blue book) states that without this principle “only strife and discord will prevail”. It doesn't say that there will never be disagreements. It means that through our friendship, we will not let those disagreements win out.

**Loyalty** – to defend, support and be faithful to: the organization, your comrades and our veterans.

**Devotion** – to have faithfulness, love, deep affection or passion. The Blue Book states “Be

devoted to your God and to the United States of America.”

**Service** – To do something to help our disabled Veterans and their families. This is where our projects come in. If you can't work on a certain project because of work or family time constraints, or if you absolutely cannot work with a certain individual (I realize some people clash), then find another project; there are more than enough to go around. If you find yourself on a project that you discover you don't care about, do not leave your comrades in a tight spot; finish the project before you go on to something else. Continue to stay active and keep our Auxiliary growing, so we will be there for our Veterans in the next ninety years.

Linda Walters  
DAVA State Commander

Ninety years ago was the birth of our organization. That's ninety years of working together for the betterment of our veterans and their family's lives. A lot has changed since then. I'm sure they had their differences and arguments, and I'm sure many of them were based on the changes that were coming about around them; yet in their reports, such as the number of letters sent to their representatives and congressmen, the

## Mae Holmes Award

By Loraine Connelly, Auxiliary State Mae Holmes Chairman

National Auxiliary Commander, Mae Holmes, who was from Michigan, served from 1954-1955. She wanted to reward the Units that participated in all of the Auxiliary programs and showed exemplary work in all areas. They also had to make quota by April 1. That was the first year the award was presented and 57 years later, it is still the award to strive for.

The Mae Holmes report documents what your Unit has done to support our Disabled Veterans, their families and how we have made a mark in our community.

The Mae Holmes report is completed by using information

from all the other reports and the most important question on it, if you would like to win the award, asks if you met quota by April 1.

In order to prevent your Mae Holmes (or any other reports you want to submit) from being disqualified, be sure they are postmarked by May 1. Make sure each question at the top of each report is answered and sign the bottom. Please remember to securely attach any documentation to each report that requires it and also attach a copy to the Mae Holmes report.

Send membership applications in by mid-March to ensure processing by the April deadline.

**If you don't make quota**

by April 1, it is still important that you send in the Mae Holmes report. If your Unit doesn't submit reports, it is still important that you send in a Mae Holmes report so your activities can be documented.

All Mae Holmes report figures are tallied on the state and national level, so there is an overall total of how our Auxiliary supports the mission of our Organization.

Your dedication of serving so unselfishly to our Veterans and their families and your involvement in the community is what makes the DAVA such an outstanding organization.

Thank you and Good Luck!!

## Move on Membership

By Anna Lockwood, Auxiliary State Membership Chairman

It's halfway through 2011-12, but time will go fast to sign up new members.

Ask your unit members to help; ask if each one could get one new member. Ask people to come to your meeting and welcome them. Units – perhaps you could put aside \$50.00 to help as a down payment on a life membership.

Have a membership drive at your hall or meeting place; serve free coffee and rolls. Take some membership applications to your library with your name, address and phone number and ask if you can leave them.

Attention All Units: We will be giving \$90.00 toward a life membership this year. All senior

members that have signed up for life membership between July 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012 will go into a drawing and four winners will be drawn. The money will go to National to help pay their membership in full and the top recruiter will receive \$40.00.

Hope you all have a Happy New Year.

## Roaring 20s Night of Murder and the Mob!

The theme for the Auxiliary Commander's reception on Friday evening 7-9 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino is “Murder at the Juice Joint.”

You are encouraged to dress as Flappers, Molls and Gangsters in Zoot Suits. Everyone dressed in theme can participate

in the murder mystery.

Go to [www.nightofmystery.com](http://www.nightofmystery.com) for ideas. If you would like to play one of the main characters, contact [lorainemc@ymail.com](mailto:lorainemc@ymail.com). Check in will start at 6:30 p.m. so the mystery can begin promptly at 7 p.m.

## Adjutant Ad Libs

By Carol Gray, State Adjutant



The year is passing quickly and your Unit Adjutant will be receiving a packet with the annual report forms. The

Officer Report form and the Financial Report form are sent from National Headquarters to your Unit Adjutant.

Many of you look forward to spring as that is the time of year when Zone Meetings are usually held. The DAV Department of Michigan is in the process of restructuring, so we will not be conducting any Zone Meetings. When the restructuring has been completed, the Auxiliary State Department will be structured in the same manner as the DAV as mandated in the Standard State Department Bylaws in the Constitution and Bylaws book. When changes come, they are an instrument of growth to the organization. Face change with a positive attitude so that we can continue the legacy of service to our Disabled Veterans and their families.

State Auxiliary Commander Linda Walters continues to search for VAVS Representatives at the following VA Medical Centers: Battle Creek, Iron Mountain and Saginaw. The service that we need to bestow on our hospitalized veterans is lacking with this shortage. Volunteers are always needed at our VA Medical Centers, as well

as our State Veterans Homes.

It is sad to report that two of our very faithful and respected volunteers, Past State Commanders Margaret Clute and Brenda Ott have both passed away. They will be truly missed.

It won't be long before your unit will elect officers for the coming year. When you elect officers, remember that this is not a popularity contest – we need to have officers who are truly interested in the future of not only your unit but that of the State Department. Even if you have never shouldered the responsibility of an office, there is a veteran in your family who stepped up when needed by their country, so give it some serious consideration and accept a nomination or appointment to assist your unit.

At the State Convention in June, we will again have an auction on Thursday evening. Items are needed for that auction, either from an individual or your Unit. The Auxiliary office will accept your items starting on Wednesday afternoon. Each year we have the auction, it sparks more interest in those who attend. We appreciate all of the items that are donated and thank you for your participation.

When details on the Forget-Me-Not luncheon are available, all units will be notified.

Our National Auxiliary Adjutant, Judy Hezlep, will be the Auxiliary Representative at the Convention. Come on up to the Convention!

### Pre-Registration Form for DAVA Auxiliary and Units

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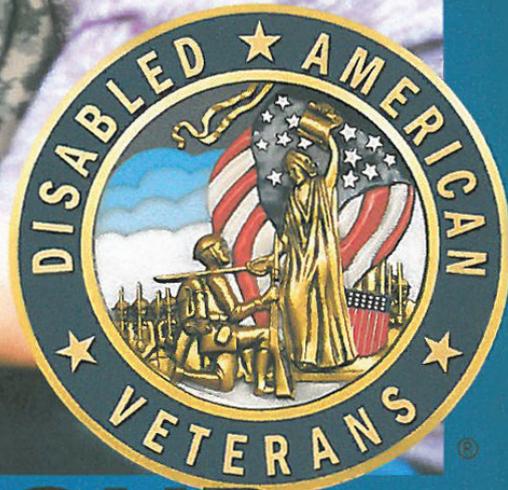
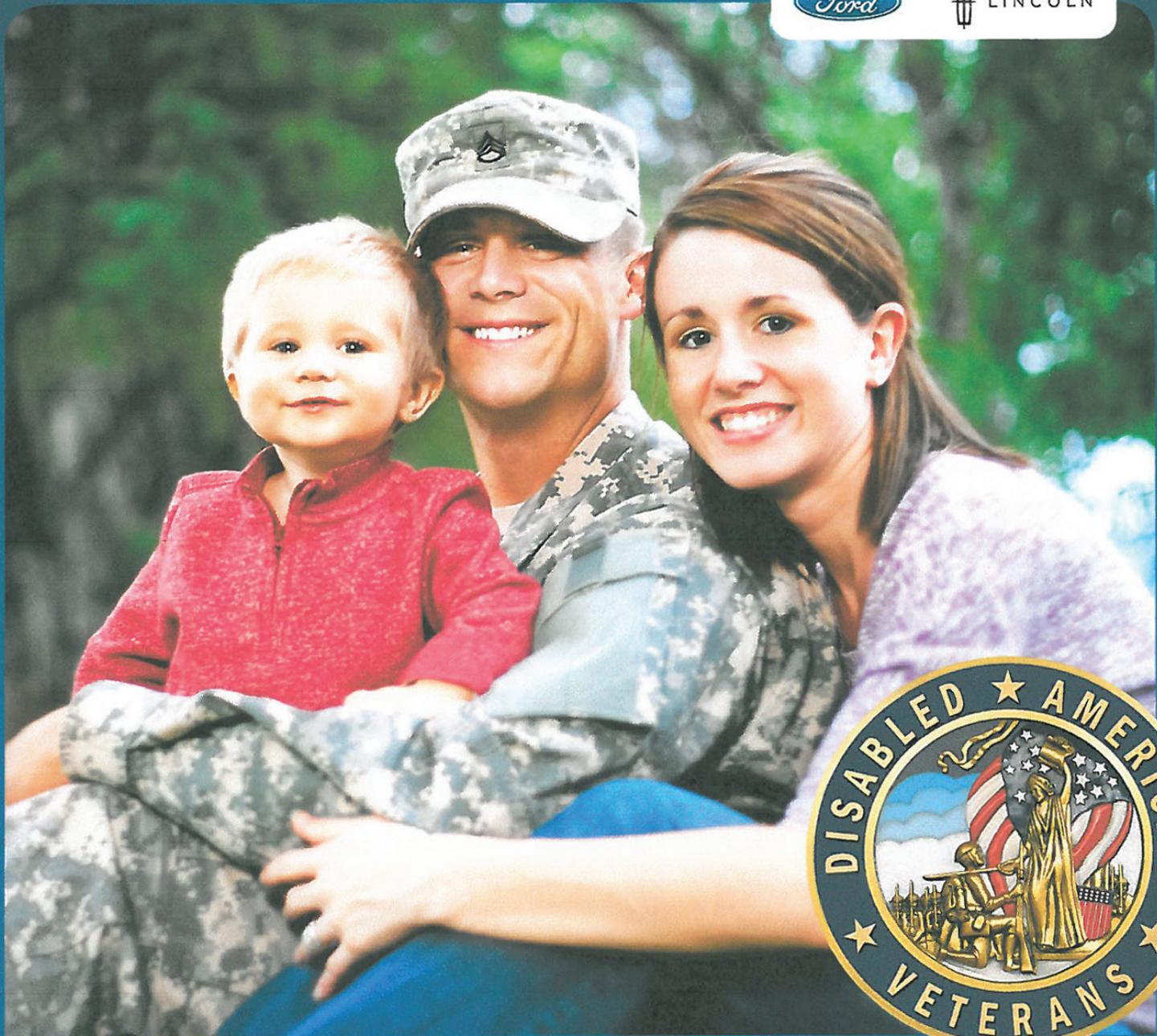
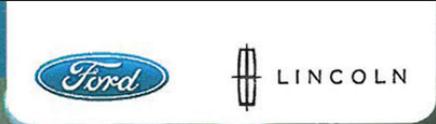
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