

*Disabled American Veterans  
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Department Meeting Minutes*

The October meeting of the Department of New Hampshire, Disabled American Veterans was held on 16 October 2011 at Ch 4 Meeting Home in Newington. The meeting was sponsored by Chapter 13. Commander Edwin F. Brown, Jr. opened the meeting at 1315 with a prayer offered by Chaplain Bowden, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by 1<sup>st</sup> JVC John Trovato. Commander Brown then declared this meeting opened for such business as might come before it.

Roll Call:

Roll call completed as indicated in the log. Motion by Treasurer Arthur Belair to accept the roll; seconded by PDC Bud Owens. Motion carried.

Reading of the minutes:

Treasurer Belair made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the Internet; seconded by 3<sup>rd</sup> JVC Gerry Bosse. Motion carried.

Communications: (ry)

DAVA HQ News

Adjutant highlighted the membership program and Camp Corral

Ohio Info Bulletin

Highlighted there is a move to have POW/MIA Flags at every rest stop. Ohio also discussed the Armed Services Blood Program (ref: [www.militaryblood.dod.mil/donors/can\\_I\\_donate.aspx](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/donors/can_I_donate.aspx) ). Ohio also plans to have a bonus for current returnees. He discussed an Armed Forces Stamp on licenses to aid veterans in getting discounts. Maybe we should have NH contact OH and get the information.

PDC Owens made a motion to accept the communications and that they be brought up under the proper order of business for discussion; JVC Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commander's Report: (eb)

I attended the SVAC, the birthday party, a Wake for Marion Belhumeur, DAVA member of Unit 5. Good turnout from Auxiliary and chapter 5. Have a meeting in Tilton tomorrow

District III meeting – attendees Ben, Denise, Doug, Gerry, and yt - a six hour program which provided some good information on our operation. Tony Baskerville,

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National Membership Chair, was our speaker. A recap of events was provided. The meeting

Form 990N submission and copy to department. Will discuss this later

Treasurer's Report: (ab)

Treasurer discussed the report and the minor changes between staff meeting report and today. A question was raised concerning the amounts listed for the conventions in the other District member states. Question indicated they seemed high. The question was generated based on the belief that we are spending more than we have. The Treasurer indicated that there is a need to raise money to meet our projected expenses. A question was asked about the monies in the VAVS budget and not being spent. The VAVS Rep indicated it was included to insure we could pay the bill if the chapter did not. It appears the chapters are now accepting the responsibility when they sponsor the events. Ultimately the answer was – we need to raise money.

JVC Bosse made a motion to accept the report subject to audit; seconded by PDC Denise DeBlois. Motion carried.

Audit Committee: ()

There is some concern about attendance of members. As a result JVC Bosse will replace PDC Burke. The committee will determine who will be the spokesperson. The audit committee needs to audit the treasurer's report before each department meeting.

Budget Committee: ()

There is also concern about the availability of the members. As a result PDC Owens will replace PDC Biron. The committee will determine who will be the spokesperson. Technically, the budget committee only needs to meet prior to the convention to be able to provide a budget to the conventioners.

Bills against the Department (ab)

none

Sickness & Distress: (db)

Marion Belhumeur, Bunny's wife, DAVA Unit 5 died. The wake was Wed the 21th. The funeral was Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Thurs

Paul Sanger, Ch 13. PDC Owens attended with several Ch 13 members.

Brophy, Robert, ch 19 – motorcycle accident. The only damage was to him and his outfit. No scratches on the bike. Out 3 to 6 months.

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Jim Leal, ch 1 died

Ray Rheume had a stroke, but is recovering.

Membership: Current: 4825 Goal: 4926 Needed: -86 Status: 98.29% 7 of 15

New members: Life members:

Need to recruit or encourage partial life to go life (See last page for goals for each chapter)

SVC asked for a report on the partial life members (was provided on 18th). A handout was provided determining what each chapter's goals are.

Also, please use the official forms for signing up a member. It is easier for National to process.

There was a question concerning transfers. It was stated that a transfer member could not vote until the next elections.

Convention: (eb)

Location: The Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Contract is about 95% completed.

Meals - Buffets both evenings. Only have to fill 25 rooms per night. Bars will be available on both nights. Registration will be have shorter hours to allow workers to prepare for Memorial Services and Banquets. Registration forms. Every attendee whether they plan to stay overnight or just attend and be at the banquet will need to fill out a registration form.

Inspector: (bw) not present

Legislative: (ch) not present, may not be able to attend, so consider a replacement

Publicity: (jt)

No report at this time.

Need to get more information in about who we are and what we do, also what we have been doing to warrant attention. It was suggested that we tell people we are with the Disabled American Veterans rather than say DAV. People usually get confused with all the acronyms that exist.

Chapter email rosters – use bcc format to protect addressees.

Comment indicated a member received a call about a solicitation for money. Advise people the DAV *never* solicits by phone.

NSO: (dh)

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MSO will be in NH next week

17 in Plaistow, 18 in Merrimack, 19 in Keene, 20 in Concord

Need a couple of people there to discuss what is happening, sign them in and talk about membership and its benefits to them and the DAV.

Information seminars – we need 4 to 6 months' notice - preferably between April and October. This allows national to send out notices to every veteran within 50 mile radius. Need a hall that will accommodate at least 75.

Chapter service Officers – training in the spring. Just fill out the forms. Don't answer too many questions, if you are in doubt. Let the NSOs do it.

DSO: (rb) just advised me a few minutes ago that he lost his engine on the road – actually a blown head gasket.

Chapter Reports:

1. Held our meat raffle – we have competition now.

Have karaoke – an auxiliary member underwrites it. Oct 28, Nov 5 and Nov 18.

Nine ball mixed doubles underway

Penny Sale on 3 Dec. Raffle off 19 in LCD HDTV

4. Rehab by timberland should be completed this coming week. Great job so far.

Will sponsor two veterans at NHVH. They prefer a \$50 check and that way they can buy what the veterans wants and it will fit properly.

5. Fundraiser at Moose Hall on 1 Oct. Had Don and Denise there to help out and answer questions. A rep from Rideaway was there also. Made \$130 with the food sale. (Great meal)

Marion Belhumeur, wife of Bunny , died this week. She was a DAVANH PSC as well a Chapter CC and held other positions. her wake was Wednesday and the funeral on Thursday.

Brother-in-law and buddy want to join the chapter and become involved.

Will be involved with the Veterans Day ceremonies at eh City Hall on 11 Nov at 1100.

Form 990N problem resolved.

7. Parade in Nashua. Ch 7 is lead division in parade

Will be involved with Dinner dance at VFW on 5 Nov. Cost \$15.

Made donations to Tilton, MVAMC, Vets First, sponsor bingo monthly at

VAMC

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Belair and Bosse were at Wasserman Field in Merrimack for a welcome home party for ARNG returnees . Talked with several individuals, but as young guys, they never have problems. Handed out MSO packets to the vets. Donated food and water to the event

Golf tournament was a success. Don't know what we will receive from it. No politicians in attendance. Seemed like everyone was having a good time. YouYou rep or George Tibbetts should be at the meeting this week and we'll find out.

13. Had our meeting. Made our donation s to Vets home, VAMC, Red Cross, Salvation Army, USO and widows of the chapter.

Received our monies form the Casino operation

Will have members at the MSO, I'll be late

PDC Owens and Dave Lyman attended Paul Spanger's wake

18. not present

19. meeting, no quorum so only discussed items.

21. not present

23. Bingo at Tilton

Participated in train ride with auxiliary

Sent donation to Vets' Home

Will have a vets dinner with the VFW on 6 Nov.

donated \$500 to Ladies wing at Tilton

25. No monthly meeting due to lack of a quorum

Working with Vets council on Veterans Day program in Veterans Park on 11

Nov

Each chapter needs to have a report each month. Send a copy to the adjutant via email.

VAVS: (ry)

Ch 13 sponsored the October Birthday Party. Attendees were Ed, Bud, Ben, Art, Gerry, Robin, Denise, Ann, Andrea, Irene and yt.

Ch 13 sponsored October bingo. Attendees were Bud, Wes Davis, Herman Wench, Denise, Frances, Jeanne, and Ann

Tilton cookout. Attendees were Ed and Judy, Denise, Robin, Wanda, Ann, Ralph, Gerry, John, and yt....

VAVS Luncheon – many of our drivers attended. Though a USO motif, very few showed up in uniforms of their era.

You too can volunteer and become part of "The Crew" that is always there.

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HSC: (rb)

Need for drivers and an assistant HSC, some drivers are snowbirds, and some are just old? Need reinforcements – even one day a month or every other week would be great.

NH Veterans Cemetery: (bs)

Veterans' Day: our involvement? An invite?

6 Nov - Clean-up day, sponsored by the Rolling Thunder.

11 Nov at 1100 to 1200 our veterans ceremonies sponsored by the VFW

24-25 Nov cemetery closed

10 Dec 1000-1130 Wreaths at Boscawen sponsored by Blue Star Mothers and Civil Air patrol . Will be working section 6. Volunteers needed.

10 Dec 1200 -1300 Wreaths across America sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol

Tilton Home: (bo)

Meeting tomorrow morning.

Ladies' Wing Funds needed for Lounge (\$6,000) I will keep you posted on any other needs.

POW/MIA: (bc)

Ohio has plans to put a POW/MIA flag at all rest areas.

Fundraisers:

Gun show – Manchester, Saturday; Denise and Robin were there

Daughters are there today - Sunday.

Rest Areas are closing. Would like to be able to take over one of the rest areas.

We should get into one and get our info in there and hopefully get some donations. No luck so far. I have been told that refreshments are under the auspices of the Blind Association.

Vet in the helicopter at Concord ANG base. Turned down due to liability concerns

SVC Saxon talked with Chili's and if you give out their flyers and on a Monday or a Tuesday night, they bring in the forms 10% of the monies spent will be returned to you.

Ch 5 CC Davide Wiggin talked about Uno's on Wednesdays; similar approach to Chili's.

PDC Owens discussed getting on WOKQ. Need to pick up a form.

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Unfinished Business:

Fundraiser - Bike Run

Vets History Project

WW II veterans need to tell their stories for the Library of Congress.

Resolutions – What changes do you want made with National and VA

C&BLs updates - if they haven't been done in two or three years, review and update them now.

PDC DeBlois suggested we set up a committee to review ours. Volunteers: Denise, 2<sup>nd</sup> JVC Norm Gravel and SAA Doug Cotreau

Poker Night at Hampton Falls – Ch 13 had its dates.

Commemoration of Vietnam War – 50 years – jt

Fairs and Gun Shows: our involvement

Form 990-N – we need to get them in soon.

New Business:

Fundraisers

AARP driver course – [www.aarp.org/findacourse](http://www.aarp.org/findacourse). Free course from 1 Nov to 30 Nov for any veteran or spouse of deceased service persons is available. May be helpful for your insurance.

Memorial Wall for the Casualties of War –

It has been suggested that there be a Memorial Wall in the MVAMC to honor the fallen veterans who have died in a time of war – starting with OIF, OEF, and OND. There are to be 62 spaces. Right now they have 52. Some families haven't been reached. So there are actually 32 presently available. Sullivan Framing in Manchester will prepare the pictures at cost. Sponsors, thus far, are the Military Order of the Purple Heart, New Hampshire Freedom Cup, Manchester VAVS. Others who have been approached or will be are the Marine Corps League, the VFW, and the American Legion.

Discussion seemed to revolve around the thought that we have too many memorials and our money is not helping those who need true assistance. It was mentioned that if they want a memorial they should pay for it much like the Red Sox charge you to place a stone in their walkway; also the Rose Kennedy Greenway. There were other examples.

Free Flags: Vet commented he can get a properly folded flag in a plastic bag from the DAV.

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The general consensus of those who are deeply involved with the DAV explained this is not true. We need to spread the word to advise vets such a program does not exist.

Marine Corps drawdown

A message came through the system stating the USMC will have a drawdown. Manning will drop from 202,000 to 175,000. This is true, my informant at the Pentagon indicates what the Marine Corps is doing is to return to manning standards as they were in FY2004 before the big build up in OIF. I believe a copy of this message was sent to many of you present.

Commander transferred the gavel to SVC Saxon so he could make a couple of motions.

Commander made a motion to allow Treasurer Belair represent him at the Midwinter Conference; seconded by JVC Bosse. After some discussion the motion carried.

Commander made a motion to donate \$250 to SVC Saxon's daughter to get them started on becoming members of the auxiliary. They have done a lot of work for us over the past few years gratis; seconded by PDC DeBlois. After some discussion, motion carried.

Memorial Service: at 1523

Good of the Order: Next meeting at Newington on 20 November, sponsored by Ch 25

Adjournment:

SVC Saxon made motion to adjourn; seconded by JVC Bosse

Salute to the Flag by the Commander

Prayer by our Chaplain Bowden

Submitted by  
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Addendum

The Armed Services Blood Program: The closest sites are Bethesda and the Pentagon.

AARP Free course for veterans

The sites available are:

AMERICAN LEGION POST #47 (RICHARD EATON)

Phone Registration:

(603) 742-7814 (Call to register)

Address:

[551 FOUNDRY ST](#)

[ROLLINSFORD, NH 038690000](#)

Class Days:

11/01/2011 01:00 PM

11/02/2011 01:00 PM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: James Guyett



Sponsor:

FRISBIE HOSPITAL

Phone Registration:

(603) 332-4882 (Call to register)

Address:

[11 WHITEHALL RD](#)

[ROCHESTER, NH 038673226](#)

Class Days:

11/28/2011 09:00 AM

11/30/2011 09:00 AM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: Thomas Vaccaro



Sponsor:

WENTWORTH CONNECTION SR. CTR

Phone Registration:

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Address:

[137 PARROTT AVE](#)  
[PORTSMOUTH, NH 038014403](#)

Class Days:

11/16/2011 01:00 PM

11/17/2011 01:00 PM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: Thomas Vaccaro



Sponsor:

YORK SENIOR CENTER

Phone Registration:

(207) 363-1036 (Call to register)

Address:

[36 MAIN ST](#)  
[YORK, ME 039096244](#)

Class Days:

11/16/2011 06:30 PM

Duration: 4 Hours

Instructor: Tom Harvey



Sponsor: RIVERWOODS RETIREMENT COMM.

Phone Registration:

(603) 772-4342 (Call to register)

Address:

[7 RIVERWOODS DR](#)  
[EXETER, NH 038334374](#)

Class Days:

11/05/2011 08:30 AM

11/12/2011 08:30 AM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: John Hammon

Sponsor: ELLIOTT SENIOR HEALTH CENTER (CHOOSE PHONE OPTION 2)

Phone Registration:

(603) 663-4567 (Call to register)

Address:

[138 WEBSTER ST](#)  
[MANCHESTER, NH 031042512](#)

Class Days:

11/01/2011 01:00 PM

11/03/2011 01:00 PM

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Instructor: Duane Lighthall



Sponsor: NUTFIELD MED. FACILITY

Phone Registration:

(877) 642-2362 (Call to register)

Address:

[44 BIRCH ST](#)

[DERRY, NH 030382752](#)

Class Days:

11/30/2011 09:00 AM

12/02/2011 09:00 AM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: Richard Cote



Sponsor: HORSESHOE POND PLACE

Phone Registration:

(603) 228-6956 (Call to register)

Address:

[COMMERICAL ST](#)

[CONCORD, NH 033010000](#)

Class Days:

11/09/2011 01:00 PM

11/10/2011 01:00 PM

Duration:

8 Hours Instructor:

Olive Lafond



Sponsor: SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE MED. CTR

Phone Registration:

(603) 577-2002 (Call to register)

Address:

[8 PROSPECT ST](#)

[NASHUA, NH 030603925](#)

Class Days:

11/28/2011 09:00 AM

11/29/2011 09:00 AM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: Robert Bloomfield

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Sponsor: EAST HAMPSTED UNION CHURCH

Phone Registration:

(603) 887-4901 (Call to register)

Address:

[MAIN STREET](#)

[EAST HAMPSTEAD, NH 038260000](#)

Class Days:

11/17/2011 09:00 AM

11/18/2011 09:00 AM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: Elizabeth Barrett



Sponsor: ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Phone Registration:

(603) 595-3168 (Call to register)

Address:

[172 KINSLEY ST](#)

[NASHUA, NH 030603648](#)

Class Days:

11/15/2011 09:00 AM

11/17/2011 09:00 AM

Duration: 8 Hours

Instructor: Robert Bloomfield

Sponsor:

B.F. SENIOR CENTER

Phone Registration:

(802) 463-3907 (Call to register)

Address:

[16 TUTTLE ST](#)

[BELLOWS FALLS, VT 051011226](#)

Class Days:

10/21/2011 12:00 PM

Duration: 4 Hours

Instructor: Lynn Thayer