



Reilly's Ramblings

Ah, as we get closer to that time of the year that is mine – the Fall. No one can claim it but me. Yet, though it is the season of Fall, we as DAV members must spring forward to start **Fulfilling Our Promises** to make this a better year.

Our goal, as I perceive it, is to grow each year, to show the team before us that they have set the stage and we plan to go a little bit further. This effort is extremely important. Who will lead the way? Who will get us started? As one writer said:

*"You don't have to be great to get started,
but you have to get started to be great."*

The author is Les Brown a famous motivational speaker.

So let us begin ...

Kudos Korner - to those who are actively **Fulfilling Our Promises**

It is important we recognize those who have served, not only this year, but in the past years ... August is quickly moving toward history, yet there were many functions for each of us to enjoy;

SVAC Social: Attendees were – Gerry, Dave, Gordon and Doug

Mini-MAC in VT: Attendees – Gerry, Dave, Gordon and Doug

Shaheen & Ayotte presentation on VA bill just passed: Attendees -

Gerry, Gordon and Doug

Birthday: sponsor Unit 1: attendees were Jeri, Fran, Carol Mayer,

Andrea and Ann Unit 7. Also Art and Bob (7) and Gordon (18)

Bingo: sponsor Unit 1: Attendees were Frances, Jerry, Carol Mayer,

Andrea and Ann (7)

Kuster Veterans Focus...Gerry, Art, Bob, Doug and Gordon

Ice Cream Social at NHVH...attendees Gerry (7), Dave (5), Ed and

Ralph (4), Jim McGean and Pat Richardson (13), ry; Jeanne, Jeri,

Fran, and Andrea U1 and Ann (7)

DAV National Conv14 – Attendees: Gerry and ry. Russ Manchester (13) e

There seems to be some familiar faces there. Thanks Team Granite



Sickness and Death

Ch. 4 - Relinski, Robert G. 25 Worthen Rd Apt 315 Durham NH 03824

Attendees at Wake Ed, Dave, Manny

FL DAV - Tartaglia, Mario C, Jr – Charlotte, FL, originally Candia

Just got off the phone with Bob Burke. All seems well with his kidney transplant. Maureen is also doing well after her brief stay in the hospital. He mentioned he is a new grandpa with Bob Jr.s' new daughter, who is four weeks old.

Congratulations... Bob will attend one of our upcoming meetings.

Thank You note:

Received a Thank you note from Carole and Gerry Bosse

Thank you for the beautiful rose bush
you sent me on the passing of my dad
Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Thank You letter from National Service Foundation

Thank you so very much! Everyone associated with the DAV National Service Foundation wishes to extend their most sincere gratitude for the generous support shown again by the Department of New Hampshire with a gift of \$500 to The Columbia Trust. And it was particularly rewarding when it was presented at this year's DAV National Convention in Las Vegas. – Art Wilson, President

UP the Road with the DAV

September Department Meeting – 20 Sept 1300 – sponsor Ch. 7

VFW Post 8641, 282 DW Hwy, Merrimack

Possible membership for Pitts, MOH recipient

Other items

September - With summer's best of weather, and autumn's best of cheer."

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

1 – Labor Day

1 – Kittery Trading Post



- 2 – SVAC Meeting in Concord @1700
- 3 – VAVS Meeting
- 6 - Kittery Trading Post
- 7 – Kittery Trading Post
- 7 – Grandparents Day
- 9 – Primaries – Vote! The only chance to make a real choice
- 9 – Staff Meeting – T&E Room
- 9 – Veterans Birthday party – Sponsor Ch. 7
- 10 – Patriot Day
- 12 – Friday Night bingo – sponsor Ch. 7.
- 14 – Voluntary Services Luncheon – get your reservations in
- 15 – Open Forum for Veterans @ 1800 @ VAMC. Who will be there?
- 18 – United States Air Force Birthday
- 19 – POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 20 – Cookout for Vets at NHVH. Who will join us?
- 21 – Department Meeting – conv15 meeting – Audit meeting
- 23 – First Day of Autumn – yeah!
- 24 – Auxiliary Fall Conference commences
- 24 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- 26 – Rosh Hashanah ends at sundown
- 27 – Auxiliary Fall Conference concludes

Yes, it is a busy month. Moreover, each succeeding month will add even greater challenges. Much we desire to achieve; I hope will signal the beginning of another great and successful year. To some of us, it is difficult to determine:” How can I achieve success?” What is a success? Perhaps Abraham Lincoln had the right idea, when he said,

*”That some achieve great success,
is proof to all
that others can achieve it as well.” ~*

The Future

Again, it seems we are just getting started, yet thoughts on the future keep ripping through my thick skull; and, though Conv15 is 10 months away, I am perplexed with visions on how it will work out. Will it be a success? Where will we journey to



meet and greet those who will join us and share our dreams? What hotel, in what location will give us our best options? These are the thoughts that make my hair grow greyer each year. I am sure the convention team, which will be announced soon will do its best to make our dreams a reality.

Comes the next thought: "How can I be of service to make this reality come true?" My wild mind thinks about costs, not just for conducting the convention, yet for the attendees. Somehow, we should provide a way for more people who do most of the volunteer work, to have some credits applied to their costs. Should not those who do the work benefit from their efforts? Hmm, what about a percentage of the sales for ads going towards the seller's cost for attendance? Would it encourage members to solicit ads and I hope achieve enough to pay at least half of the costs? Might this approach create a desire for a greater sense of involvement? Then again, what does involvement entail?

How does one define Involvement?

As I review this message to ensure there is no need to provide an 'oops!' message for missing something, I note that only eleven DAV members and six DAVA members seem to be the only ones involved in helping us to achieve our goals. Why is this? Ask yourself, "is there any particular reason why I can't provide more time to help to "Serve those who have served."

Remember, our use of our time is what counts. We need to be more involved

Life's not what happens to you,
it's about what you do
with what happens to you.

Keep in mind

Everyone gets the same 24 hours each day
to use as they choose. –Maria Gracie

Any questions, please share your thoughts. Look forward to meeting with each of you as our year continues. It is a long way to June and much needs to be done. When I assist and I get involved, I will make it better.