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**DAV/DAVA October 2017
NEWSLETTER**



TOGETHER AS ONE

DAV Commander's Corner:

Over the past two months I have traveled across Oregon attending Chapter meetings and, as of this date, I have had the privilege to attend thirteen of the seventeen Chapters. I have listened to your concerns and we are working to resolve them. I realize the answer may not satisfy you completely, but I hope that I have been to address some of your issues. + We have been working with the VA to get local transportation set up in Salem and Eugene. While there has been some resistance from the VA, we continue to push forward. If you talk with Brigitte, she will tell you I'm asking about this all the time, so look for further updates. + It's that time of year where it gets dark early, which makes it difficult for some of our members to get around because they cannot, or choose not to, drive in the dark. This is a great opportunity to pick them up and visit with them while you drive them to your Chapter meetings and take them home. Chat with them, learn about them, and be a sensitive listener, as they may be trying to tell you they need other help for which they are reluctant to ask. The Mid-Year Conference has just completed and, from the lively discussions, I think all those who attended learned something new. Be sure to take that knowledge back to your chapters and share it with others. That is how you develop new leaders. +Your input is valuable as it helps us, as Department Officers, learn a better way or help you or improve what we are doing to make our Department stronger. We are never too old to learn. + I want to address an issue that I feel has plagued many Chapters... I know we get tired of doing the same job and want to throw in the towel as no one wants to and take over the responsibility. I GET IT! So, my first question is: Is your community going to suffer if the DAV goes away? Do you want to see what you have accomplished be forgotten? As proud Veterans and DAV members, I know that everything you do is important and asking for help is not a sin but rather a chance to gain strength from others. The Officers of this Department are here to help ... anytime, anywhere. But you have to let us know you need or want help. ASK US! We, the Department Officers, are ready, willing and able. + Thank-you to everyone for the support at the meetings I have been to and I look forward to attending the others that are scheduled. Thank-you all for what you do each day to help each other and our fellow VETERANS.

Kevin J Owens
Commander

Department Officers

Senior Vice Commander – no input

Junior Vice – no input

Adjutant -

Historian

October 19, 1781 - British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his army of some 8,000 men to General George Washington at Yorktown, giving up any chance of winning the Revolutionary War.

October 21, 1861 - Battle of Ball's Bluff, Virginia. Colonel Edward D. Baker, senator from Oregon and a friend of President Lincoln, led troops across the Potomac River only to be forced back to the river's edge where he was killed. The ensuing Union withdrawal turned into a rout with many soldiers drowning while trying to re-cross the icy waters of the Potomac River.

October 4, 1918 - President Woodrow Wilson receives a request from the German government, sent via the Swiss, asking for armistice discussions on the basis of his Fourteen Points.

October 2, 1944 - The Battle of Aachen was a major combat action of World War II, fought by American and German forces in and around Aachen, Germany.

October 17, 1950 - The Battle of Pyongyang was one of the major battles of the United Nations, American and South Korean offensive during the Korean War.

October 8, 1968 - Operation Sea Lords was launched, and was intended to disrupt North Vietnamese supply lines in and around the Mekong Delta.

October 17, 1990 - 200,000 American, 15,000 and 11,000 French troops are now stationed in the Gulf region.

October 7, 2001 - Operation Enduring Freedom begins as the invasion of Afghanistan.

Department Chaplain: No input

Director Of Services

The Driver Co-ordinator for Albany had to resign recently for health reasons. We are actively looking for someone to take his place. This is a great opportunity to have a major impact on Veterans in the Albany area. The job requires you to contact drivers to prepare the driving schedule and inform the Director of Services of upcoming events in the local community where we might participate to increase awareness of the VTN program and recruit new drivers. You will be supported directly by the HSC in Portland as well as the Director of Services. If you are interested in this position, please contact Brigitte Marker.

NATIONAL NEWS

National Service Office

No input

PORTLAND NSO OFFICE

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Convention Chair:

Department Conventions (held in May each year):

2018 - Running Y, Klamath Falls, May 12-13th, 2018, hosted by Dewey Powell Chapter #12

(Service Officer Training Level 1 on May 10, 2018, & Level II on May 11, 2018). Keep an eye of the Department Web Site for registration forms and up to date information about this event.

2019 - North Bend, OR (venue to be chosen), hosted by Coos County Chapter #38

2020 - Lebanon Veterans Home

2021 - Portland, OR

Mid-Year Conferences (held in October each year):

2018 – Springfield Chapter #42, Springfield OR

2019 – Portland, OR (Chapter 1)

2020- Lincoln City, OR (Yamhill #5)

Treasurer/Fund-raising:

Current Account Balances (as of 1 October)

General:	\$121,859.25
HSC Operations (payroll and taxes):	\$ 43,805.30
Van Fund:	\$ 38,032.56
National Campaign:	\$ 2,756.79
FEMA:	\$ 65,728.20

When you start planning your fund-raising event, let Brigitte know as she may be able to get a van to display at your event so people can see what they are supporting. You may also have some local van riders who would be willing to come out and tell their stories to potential donors so the community can see how important this service is.

Remember, all fund-raising must be coordinated thru the Department IN ADVANCE of the event. Make sure you follow the directives in the National Constitution and By Laws Section 15.3 for all your fund-raising events.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee is narrowing the search for investment options. If you have information on a low risk option, get it to committee Chairman Tal Clark at Tal.Clark@va.gov.

/Wanda Janus, Treasurer

LVAP Program:

LVAP hours reported for August are as follows:

Chapter #1 – 72 total hours, 4 members

Chapter #12 – 472 total hours, 12 members

Department total: 544 total hours, 16 members

We discussed LVAP at length during the Mid-Year Conference. I think everyone present now appreciates how important it is for all our members, and others who support us, to report LVAP hours and how much LVAP work everyone is doing. It is my hope that all who attended take the message back to their Chapters and help get those LVAP hours reported. I expect to see a lot of new registrations and a big jump in the hours we are reporting.

You can download the necessary forms from the Department Web site...<http://www.davmembersportal.org/or/default.aspx>

Remember, the best way to submit your LVAP reports is by sending them via e-mail to OregonLVAP@gmail.com . If you mail them, please mail them directly to the LVAP coordinator Wanda Janus, 37615 SE Gordon Creek Rd, Corbett, OR 97019.

Send them on the first of each month for the preceding month so that I can get them posted in time to meet DAV Headquarters requirements. Reports are closed by National on the 4th, so if I don't get them before that, our numbers will not be accepted. DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT.

Remember, before reporting your hours, you must be registered in the LVAP system. You need to complete the registration form only once. A fillable e-form can be downloaded from the Department website.

If any Chapter needs help with this, let me know by sending an email to OregonLVAP@gmail.com or calling me at 503-695-6459.

/Wanda Janus, LVAP Coordinator

HSC Supervisor:

HSC VA Phone Numbers:

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One thing we really need: Volunteers in the Portland DAV Transportation Office. Volunteering for a few hours a week would be tremendously rewarding as you have a direct impact of the quality of life for those you help. It also benefits the office tremendously by allowing the HSC's to focus their efforts on answering Veteran calls and scheduling. While our biggest need is in Portland. We are in need of Volunteer Drivers throughout the state and office help in White City and Roseburg, as well.

Monthly Report: August- 2017

Hospital	Hours Donated	Miles Driven	Veterans Transported
Portland	1394	26467	618
Roseburg	900	19245	257
White City	304	5843	148

Thank-you to all the great volunteers, WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.....

DAV HSC OFFICES

PORTLAND

We are in desperate need of Volunteer Drivers in: Albany, Salem, The Dalles, Tillamook and Longview, and a driver coordinator in Albany..

ROSEBURG

We are in need of volunteer drivers in Eugene, Local, Florence and Crescent City. Please call Andrea in Roseburg for more information.

Need Volunteer Dispatcher at Eugene Clinic

Need Volunteer Local drivers in the Eugene/Springfield area to transport to the Eugene Clinic

WHITE CITY

We are in need of local and AM drivers. Please call Jason at White City for more information.

VA News: no input

ODVA NEWS: no input

UGVO Report: no input

CHAPTERS: Chapters can report any upcoming events or information concerning your chapter. IF you would like it in the newsletter, it will need to be to Brigitte Marker by the 1st of each month.

Chapter 1- We will be at the City Bible Church, 9200 NE Fremont St, Portland on November 11th from 9:00 – 11:15 a.m. for their annual Veterans Day breakfast honoring Veterans and First Responders. Featured Speaker at the event will be E.E. Van Valkenberg, former Chief Communicator for Air Force One. We will be actively recruiting new members and drivers as well as educating folks on what DAV is all about and how we might help them. If you are in the local Portland area, I hope you can join us.

Chapter 4 – no input

Chapter 5 - No Input

Chapter 6 - No Input

Chapter 7 – No input

Chapter 8 – No input

Chapter 11 - No Input

Chapter 12 - Chapter 12 continues to serve its breakfast every Wednesday Morning. We serve 60-75 veterans during these breakfasts. Our chapter is getting ready for Veterans Day, Our Holiday food box giveaway and our 1st ever Chocolate Walk which will take place on November 25, 2017. Our service Officer is staying busy. Our chapter members are staying busy providing 472 LVAP hours of service.

Chapter 14 – Chapter 14 will be holding their normal monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming Driver Appreciation & Thanksgiving Dinner next month. This dinner is done each November to show our appreciation to the volunteer drivers that take our veterans to their medical appointments in Portland and Bend CBOC. It is also our way of meeting with members that we haven't seen for some time.

Additionally, we will be preparing for our participation the Veterans Day parade on November 11th. Each year the Chapter has members both in the parade or assisting in any way possible to make sure the parade goes off without any problems. We invite everyone to come and enjoy it with us.

Chapter 17 – No input

Chapter 18 - No Input

Chapter 20 - No Input

Chapter 23 - No Input

Chapter 25 - No input

Chapter 38 - We continue to hold monthly meetings. Chapter 38 continues to make donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Bay Area Unit #34 for the coffee service that is provided at the North Bend CBOC as well as our monthly donation to the DAV Transportation Fund of fifty dollars. The Chapter is moving forward with visiting Veterans in the local retirement homes that may not have anyone to visit with. What a great way to serve Veterans in need. We look forward to hosting the Mid-Year Conference in North Bend and hope everyone enjoys their stay. The month of November we hope to have a For-Get-Me-Not drive on Veterans Day, stay tuned for more info.

Kevin Owens
Adjutant/Treasurer
Chapter 38

Chapter 39 - No Input

Chapter 42 - No input
News from NATIONAL:

EVENTS

LEGISLATIVE:

Commander's Action Network (CAN):

<https://www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/join-action-network-take-action/>

This is the website to sign up to receive e-mail Alerts about pending legislation that DAV is working on. Timely communications with your representatives in DC is vital to making sure they know what you, their constituents, feel is important. Please visit the web site and sign up. With the CAN you can send messages to your representatives about pending Legislation that effect Veterans and their dependents.

Auxiliary News

DAVA Commander – No input

DAVA Adjutant

Hello from Lexington, KY for National Fall Conference! As I sit here getting ready for my first meeting of the conference, I am already trying to put together our meeting in 2 weeks. Please please please ensure as many members come as are able. It will be a full day of training. We want/need to ensure everyone can learn everything about our wonderful organization! I am putting together what we need first and will be making assignments with Vickie very soon. You will hear from me if you are needed to make a presentation! I hope it can truly become a learning session, as it was meant to be! See you all very soon!!!!

Jenny Clark
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DAVA Senior Vice Commander – No input

DAVA UNITS Reports –
Unit #1 -

I hope you enjoyed our department newsletter. If you have any suggestions or contribution to the newsletter please contact Brigitte Marker at Markermb@gmail.com . For anything you want added to the next newsletter please have the information to me by the 30th of each month.

Chapter Meetings: October 2017 Special Chapter Events will be in **RED** Unit will be in **Blue**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 CHPT 6- 1000 CHPT 23 - 1400
8	9	10	11 CHPT 12-1800* CHPT 7 – 1800 CHPT 18- 1800 CHPT 5 – 1900 Unit 5 -1830	12	13	14 CHPT 11 – 1300 Unit 8 - 1200 Unit 11- 1200 CHPT 38- 1400
15	16	17 CHPT 8 – 1200 CHPT 17- 1300 CHPT 39- 1400 CHPT 42- 1900	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CHPT 1 - 1900 Unit 1-1900	26 CHPT 14 – 1830 Unit 14 -1830	27	28 CHPT 12 -1000 CHPT 20- 1000 CHPT 25- 1100 CHPT 4 - 1400 Unit 25-1430
29	30	31				

RED- Chpt 12 meeting day change as Commander Owens is coming

Chapter Meeting INFO:

Chapter 1 --DAV Bingo Hall	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland , OR 97220	4 th Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 4- Gladstone Community Club	255 E Exter Street, Gladstone, OR 97027	4 th Saturday	10am
Chapter 5-	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 nd Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 6- WestCare Home for Heroes	2933-B Center St NE, Salem, OR 9730	1 st Saturday	10am
Chapter 7- American Legion Post #6	285 W. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123	2 nd Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 nd Tuesday	12pm
Chapter 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 nd Saturday	1pm
Chapter 12- DAV Hall	2809 Avalon Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603	2 nd Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 th Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 rd Thursday	630pm
Chapter 17-	1469 Timber St SE, Albany, OR 97322	2 nd Tuesday	1pm
Chapter 18	254 West 8 th Street, Ontario, OR 97914	2 nd Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 20- Brookings Public Library	405 Alder Street, Brookings, OR 97415	4 th Saturday	10am
Chapter 23-	1715 21 st Street, Florence, OR 97439	1 st Saturday	2pm
Chapter 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 th Saturday	11am
Chapter 38	1402 Airport Way, North Bend, OR 97459	2 nd Saturday	1pm
Chapter 39- American Legion Hall	424 NE 8 th Ave, Milton Freewater, OR	2 nd Tuesday	2pm
Chapter 42	344 8 th Street, Springfield, OR 97477	2 nd Tuesday	7pm

Auxiliary Unit Meeting Information

Unit 1- DAV HALL	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland, OR 97220	4 th Wednesday	7pm
Unit 5--	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 nd Wednesday	7pm
Unit 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 nd Saturday	12pm
Unit 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 nd Saturday	12pm
Unit 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 th Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 rd Thursday	630pm
Unit 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 th Saturday	230pm