



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
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CHAPTER BI-MONTHLY BULLETIN**
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**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED**

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2017

2% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR DISABLED VETERANS



THE US MILITARY VETS MOTORCYCLE CLUB PRESENTS A GIFT
The US Military Vets Motorcycle Club presents Commander Dan Francis with a check for \$1,000.00 for the DAV Department Transportation Fund. The DAV would like to send a VERY BIG THANK YOU to the US Military Vets Motorcycle Club.



“A BIG THANK YOU TO THE 727TH TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE”
The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of South Dakota would like to say a “BIG THANK YOU” to the 727th Transportation Committee for hosting the outstanding 13th Annual Charity Poker Run which provided a donation of \$40,000.00 to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network which provides FREE rides for Veterans to the VA Health Care Systems and VA Clinics. This year’s donation of \$40,000.00, a record amount for this event, brings the total donation to a \$183,000.00 in thirteen years from the Annual Poker Run.

**VETERANS DAY EVENTS
Saturday, November 11th**

All Veterans, volunteers, and families are invited to the following Veterans Day Events.

**10:30 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony
at Washington High School (501 N Sycamore Ave)**

General Myrna Williamson (retired) will be the keynote speaker, Singing Legionnaires will perform, and the presentation of Outstanding Achievement Awards (winners are Otto Logan-DAV; Richard Rieck-MOPH; Steve Ruechhoff-MARINE CORPS LEAGUE; and Michael Olsen-PVA).

CONGRATULATIONS OTTO!

**12:00 p.m. DAV Volunteers Awards Luncheon
at DAV Chapter Home**

The DAV will be hosting the “DAV VOLUNTEER AWARD LUNCHEON” for the volunteers who assist at the VA Medical Center, Volunteer Drivers, and members who assist at the Chapter Headquarters. The DAV will provide a free lunch and gift for all of our volunteers. We commend the volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our veterans and their families. The DAV appreciates your invaluable service and for hours of selfless assistance over the past year.

We request the volunteers and members to make reservations at DAV Headquarters at 332-6866 or e-mail: davsd@midconetwork.com.

OTHER VETERANS DAY EVENTS

- 12:00 p.m. American Legion Stew Feed at Post 15 (1701 W. Legion Drive)
- 1:30 p.m. VA Service of Remembrance Memorial at VA Medical Center (2501 W. 22nd Street)
- 5:30 p.m. VFW Veterans Day Banquet at VFW Post Home (3601 S. Minnesota Avenue)

**DO NOT MISS OUT!
DAV 1ST ANNUAL HARLEY DAVIDSON
RAFFLE PROGRAM**

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of South Dakota and J & L Harley-Davidson of Sioux Falls are holding the DAV 1st Annual Harley-Davidson Raffle with proceeds being used to fund the DAV’s Hospital Transportation Network. Only 2,000 Tickets will be sold. Do not miss out buy your ticket today before all the tickets are gone.

Prizes include:

- Grand Prize - 2017 Harley-Davidson FLSTC Heritage Soft Tail Classic
- 2nd Prize - \$1,000 Cash
- 3rd Prize - \$ 500 Cash

**DAV THANK YOU FOR HELPING!
Donation of \$25 per ticket, or 5 tickets for \$100
Date of Drawing: Nov. 11, 2017**

Winners need not be present to win.
The DAV would like to “THANK CHAPTERS and MEMBERS” for selling motorcycle tickets.

**DAV 1ST ANNUAL
HARLEY-DAVIDSON RAFFLE PROGRAM**

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DONATIONS: \$25.00 Per Ticket or
5 Tickets for \$100.00

**MAIL TO: DAY HEADQUARTERS
1519 W. 51ST STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105**

BE A WINNER!

THANK YOU!

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

By Commander Dan Francis

GOOD NEWS – Disabled Veterans will receive a 2.0 percent (2%) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) starting January 1, 2018, for social security recipients, Veterans who receive service-connected compensation, and DIC benefits.

As your Commander, I really want to **THANK** all our volunteers who helped with the DAV Forget-Me-Not Campaign, Homeless Veterans Stand Down, DAV/727th – 13th Annual Poker Run, and DAV Booth at the South Dakota State Fair. You make the DAV look "OUTSTANDING."

November 11th – Veterans Day is once again upon us and thus we are afforded the opportunity to proudly recognize the hardships and sacrifices demanded from and faithfully accepted by the millions of men and women who have defended our land in war and peace.

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held Saturday, November 11th at Washington High School at 10:30 a.m. We invite all members and their families to these Veterans Day Events that are posted in the bulletin. The DAV would like to "CONGRATULATE OTTO LOGAN" who will receive the "Outstanding Veteran of the Year" award from the Sioux Falls Veterans Council for his outstanding volunteering at the VA Health Care System.

The Chapter hosted a successful DAV and Auxiliary Fall Conference at DAV Headquarters on October 14th. Many members of the DAV and Auxiliary from throughout South Dakota attended the conference. Seminars included Membership, Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP), Voluntary Service Program (VAVS), Benefit Protection Team Leaders, Legislation, and Chapter Officers Information. Plus, Auxiliary auction to raise funds for their scholarship program, and business meetings for the DAV and Auxiliary. The real big thing was the 727th Transportation Committee, who hosted the DAV/727th – 13th Annual Poker Run on September 2nd, presented a check of **\$40,000.00** for the DAV Hospital Transportation Network. **A BIG THANK YOU TO THE 727TH!**

We would like to thank all membership recruiters, NSO Owen Richards, and NSO Secretary Penny Gabel for helping the Chapter reach 100% of life member goal of 1,717 fully paid life members, plus we just mailed in eight (8) more life members. Our total membership is 1,743 and our membership year ends on June 30, 2018, which means we all have time to recruit a member. Remember to JUST ASK that Veteran.

The DAV really appreciate you volunteering for the many DAV Programs and Services we provide to our Veterans and their families. The DAV and I would like to extend a "**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** and a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**" to you and your family.

DAV DAYS AT GRAND FALLS CASINO FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER DONATIONS GO TO DAV & VETERANS DAY DAV INFORMATION BOOTH

The Grand Falls Casino will host the DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter for the month of November with donations going to the DAV. Simply donate \$10 at the Resort Club to benefit the DAV and receive \$10 in Free slot play. The DAV will provide an information Booth on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

SIoux FALLS VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

SIoux FALLS VA FLU SHOTS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, November 15- 8 AM-4 PM
Wednesday, November 30 - 8 AM-4 PM
Thursday, December 14 - 8 AM-12 PM

Flu shot Clinic located in Primary Care on second floor

A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP DAV FORGET-ME-NOT DAYS

The DAV Chapter and Chairperson Helen Parr would like to say a "BIG THANK YOU" to the 17 DAV Members who made our DAV Forget-Me-Not Campaign a huge success this year with donations of \$18,138.27. All of those funds will be used for our Hospitalized Veterans Programs, Homeless Veterans Programs, and DAV Hospital Transportation Network. Also, we would "THANK" the members who donated and the businesses that purchased Forget-Me-Not Posters:

GOLD MEDAL SUPPORTERS:

- Chad Lewison, DDS – Canton
- Frisbee Plumbing & Heating
- Great Western Bank
- Vern Eide Motorcars
- HyVee Stores

SILVER MEDAL SUPPORTERS:

BRONZE MEDAL SUPPORTERS:

- Kar-Parts, Inc. – Sioux Falls
- Mrs. Murphy's Irish Gifts – Sioux Falls

A "SPECIAL THANKS" TO ALL DAV MEMBERS & BUSINESSES WHO DONATED TO THIS SUPER PROGRAM.

CHAPTER NEWS

"SALUTE ALL VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY!"

On Veterans Day we honor all who served and those who are still serving. We say "**THANK YOU!**"

We stand up for the men and women who fought for us and returned home with the scars and wounds of war. We invite you and your family to the **VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES.**

We thank all members for donating to the Chapter Programs and Services. Our members are "**SUPER!**"

The Chapter provides funds in September and October for DAV Programs and Services:

DAV Disaster Relief – Hurricane Fund.....	\$ 2,000.00
DAV Hospital Transportation Network	\$ 699.06
DAV Older Veterans Assistance Program.....	\$ 3,137.81
DAV Homeless Veterans Stand Down	\$ 2,769.18
POW/MIA Luncheon	\$ 300.00
Veterans Relief Program	\$ 140.00

Please review our website at SD.dav.org/01 for upcoming events.

We invite YOU and your SPOUSE to the monthly DAV Dinner and meeting on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. for dinner (\$5.00) at 332-6866.

SEE YOU AT THE DAV CLUB HOUSE!

VETERANS AND LEGISLATORS ROUND TABLES

The South Dakota Veterans Council (American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order Of The Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America) will be hosting "Veterans and Legislators Round Tables" in November.

- Wednesday, November 15th, Sioux Falls, 12:00 p.m.
DAV HEADQUARTERS, 1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105
- Thursday, November 16th, Watertown, 12:00 p.m.
AMERICAN LEGION POST HOME, 1412 9th Ave. SW, Watertown, SD 57201
- Saturday, November 18th, Rapid City, 10:00 a.m.
VFW POST 1273 HOME, 420 Main Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

We would like to invite all veterans to these events. Invitations will be sent to the members of the State of South Dakota House of Representatives and Senators. Please encourage your State District House and Senate members to attend these Round Tables to be educated on the issues affecting veterans and their families.



**DAV
WASHINGTON
UPDATE**

**COLA = 2 PERCENT (2%) COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENT**

Veterans Compensation and Social Security recipients will get a two percent (2%) increase in benefits beginning January 1, 2018. You will see a \$20 increase for every \$1000 of retired pay received.

The DAV is asking members to consider a donation to the DAV Department Service and Legislative Programs of your first month's COLA increase. All the donated funds will be used for assisting the Service For Veterans and Legislative Support for our Disabled Veterans.

**S. 833, THE SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS
EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT ACT OF 2017**

DAV supports S. 833, the Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act of 2017, in accordance with DAV resolution No. 042, which calls for improvement to the process for determining service connection for conditions related to military sexual trauma (MST). Enacting this legislation would expand MST counseling and treatment and ease some of the evidentiary requirements for veterans filing claims for service-connection for conditions related to the after-effects of a MST.

S. 833 would relax the standard of proof for MST-related claims using mental health professionals to verify a mental health diagnosis and opine about the likelihood of MST occurring given the veteran's circumstances and conditions. Furthermore, the bill would require VA to resolve every reasonable doubt in favor of the veteran with the reasons for granting or denying service-connection recorded in full.

Use the link listed below to log in and send your message:
<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/bFimWL8tiExmwHX-MvTOdJg>

S. 1153, the Veterans ACCESS Act

Senator Tammy Baldwin (WI) introduced S. 1153, the Veterans Acquiring Community Care Expect Safe Services (ACCESS) Act. This bill would give VA the authority to deny, revoke, or suspend the eligibility for certain community health care providers from treating veterans based on having a medical licensure violation or when a private provider has entered into a settlement agreement for a disciplinary charge related to the practice of medicine.

Use the link listed below to log in and send your message:
<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/cUI-U8Cvvp-mOF-FRzN-j6g>

Thank you for your support of the DAV Commander's Action Network.

WE URGE CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZED COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES TO FAMILY CAREGIVERS OF SEVERELY ILL AND INJURED VETERANS OF ALL ERAS

S.591/H.R.1472, MILITARY AND VETERANS CAREGIVER SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2017

H.R. 1802, CARE FOR ALL VETERANS ACT



TAPS: May their souls rest in peace

Les Carlson, LeRoy "Bud" Donahoe, Gayle W. Iverson, Kenneth R. Munce, Richard R. O'Daniels, Troy R. Sorensen, and Norman R. Stahl.

**SHIUX FALLS VA HEALTH CARE
SYSTEM UPDATE**

By Shirley Redmond, Director Public Affairs

As part of our Veterans Month activities in November, the medical center hosted an open house November 2. We were proud to show Veterans, their families and area residents around and talk about the newly renovated and recently constructed areas to improve access and the environment for Veterans. Folks had a chance to visit the new acute medical/surgical units and surgical suites, physical and occupational therapy, and Integrative Health. In addition, other departments had booths throughout the medical center to help inform everyone about what goes on at VA. Some of these were telehealth, women's health, Million Veteran Program and other research, Low Vision and adaptive sports, prosthetics, our award-winning prediabetic/diabetic system redesign, home based primary care, suicide prevention, Post-9/11, the homeless program, and suicide prevention. In addition, Human Resources staff visited with individuals seeking employment with the VA, and we had the two winners of the 2016 National Creative Arts competition here. Flu shots for enrolled Veterans were available, too.

To keep everyone in the loop, progress continues on the oncology/infusion service on the north side of the front of the building and a specialty care building on the 2nd floor adjacent to the new primary care addition.

Future projects are also being planned: a new building for outpatient mental health, Emergency Dept. renovation, new space for Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, and a new Sterile Processing Service plus renovation of the chapel and fifth floor for minor surgery.

The Million Veteran Program is new to the Sioux Falls VA, and we are the only site in the Midwest where Veterans can enroll to help researchers better understand how genes affect health. The information MVP gathers is confidential and used for research only. You'll find their office on ground floor near radiology. We encourage Veterans to stop by and sign up.

Thanks to the many DAV volunteers, who share their talents on behalf of Veterans and our staff in many unique ways. We are grateful for you!

**CHRISTMAS MORNING AT
THE SHIUX FALLS VA MEDICAL CENTER**



The DAV, Military Order Of The Purple Heart, and Vietnam Veterans Of America Chapters, will host the Annual VA Patients Christmas Party at the VA Health Care System at 8:30 a.m. on Christmas morning, December 25th. Members are invited to assist by providing gifts of fresh fruit, candy bars, socks, baseball caps, DAV

mugs and other items. Please join us at the front entrance of the VA Medical Center.

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**I WANT YOU
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THE DAV
PROGRAMS
IN 2017**

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DAV COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2017

- 2nd - ThursdaySioux Falls VA Open House to Honor Veterans - 4-6 p.m.
- 5th - SundaySalute To Veterans - Washington Pavilion - 3 p.m.
- 7th - Tuesday**ELECTION DAY - VOTE**
DAV Executive Committee Meeting - 5 p.m.
- 8th - WednesdaySD Veterans Council Meeting - PVA Sioux Falls - 10 a.m.
- 9th - ThursdayMilitary Order Of The Purple Heart Meeting at DAV - 7 p.m.
- 10th - FridayU.S. Marine Corps Birthday & Established - 1775
U.S. Marine Corps 242nd Birthday Ball - VFW Post Home, Sioux Falls
4:30 p.m. Social; 6 p.m. Ceremony; 7 p.m. Dinner
- 10th - 11th.....PVA Pheasant Hunt - Platte
- 11th - Saturday**VETERANS DAY -** WWI Ends - 1918
Veterans Day Ceremony - Washington High School - 10:30 a.m.
DAV Volunteer Awards Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.
VA Service of Remembrance - VAMC - 1:30 p.m.
DAV 1st Annual Harley Davidson Raffle Drawing
SDSU Military Appreciation Day - SDSU vs Illinois State - Free Tickets
- 13th - MondayGolden Corral Military Appreciation Night
- 14th - Tuesday**DAV Dinner/Membership Meeting - 5:30 p.m.**
- 15th - WednesdayVeterans & Legislators Round Table - Sioux Falls - DAV Home - 12 p.m.
- 16th - ThursdaySioux Falls Veterans Council Meeting at VFW Post - 7 p.m.
- 21st - TuesdayVietnam Veterans Membership Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 23rd - Thursday**"HAPPY THANKSGIVING"** - Office Closed
- 27th - MondayBattle of Chosin Reservoir Began - 1950
- 28th - Tuesday.....Giving Tuesday

DECEMBER 2017

- 5th - TuesdayGovernor's Budget Address - 1 p.m.
DAV Executive Committee Meeting - 5 p.m.
- 7th - ThursdayPearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8th - FridayU.S. Declares War on Japan - 1941
- 9th - SaturdayNational Wreaths Across America Day
- 12th - Tuesday**DAV Dinner/Membership Meeting - 5:30 p.m.**
- 13th - WednesdayU.S. National Guard Birthday & Established - 1636
- 14th - ThursdayPVA Christmas Party - 11:30 a.m.
Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting at DAV - 7 p.m.
All Organizations Holiday party for Patients at VAMC - CLC 2 & 3 - 2 p.m.
- 21st - ThursdaySioux Falls Veterans Council Meeting at VFW Post - 7 p.m.
- 24th - SundayChristmas Eve
- 25th - Monday**"MERRY CHRISTMAS"**
DAV Christmas Morning For VA Patients - VA Health Care System - 8:30 a.m.
- 31st - Sunday**NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Official End of WWII - 1946

**CHAPTER HOME OPEN 8:00 a.m. TO 4:30 p.m. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY WITH COFFEE, ROLLS, AND DONUTS.
POOL TABLES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT**

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