



Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado

YOUR VOICE FROM HEADQUARTERS

June 2016

Commander's Report Bob Addyman

Thank you to all the members for the opportunity to serve as your Department Commander. It is an honor, and I pledge to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my abilities.

Service to veterans is the cornerstone of our organization. We are dedicated to a single purpose; to empower veterans, and their families, to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity. This is my pledge to the veterans of Colorado.

Our Department Officers have visited the conventions for Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. I attended a fundraising event at Chapter #41 in Fort Morgan and had a wonderful time. Soon I will be attending the C & A Conference in Kentucky, and shortly after that I will be representing Colorado, as your Commander, at the DAV National Convention.

Thank you to all the Colorado DAV and Auxiliary members for making our 2016 State Convention a huge success, and for making Department of Colorado the BEST in the West! It is our volunteers and staff that make us more than just another Department, "We are DAV" Department of Colorado!

Adjutant's Report Paul W. Jackson

I would like to thank the membership for a successful 96th Annual State Convention!

Congratulations to the DAV, Department of Colorado's newly elected officers: Commander Bob Addyman, Sr. Vice Commander Stephen Miller, Jr. Vice Commander David Jiron, and Judge Advocate/Inspector Andy Grieb.

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Adjutant's Report Cont'd.

Congratulations to the DAVA State of Colorado's newly elected officers: Commander Cheryl Edwards, Sr. Vice Commander Leslie Sandoval, Jr. Vice Commander Jay Alexander, Treasurer Shirley Walker, Chaplain Rick Chapman, and Judge Advocate Marilyn Hogue.

Thank you Clyde Seiler Chapter #21 for your hard work and all the wonderful food that you provided to our members and guests in the Hospitality Room and the dinner in honor of the National Representatives that attended our State Convention. It was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Michael Shievelbein and Richard Hogue for your help in purchasing and delivering all the beverages, and for their help manning the bar.

Since this is my last report, as I will be resigning as Department Adjutant, effective July 18, 2016, I want all to know it was an honor and privilege to serve as your Adjutant. I appreciate all the support given by the DAV and Auxiliary members of Colorado.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all the members and volunteers who serve Colorado's veterans throughout the state, donating your time at the hospitals, clinics, driving the vans, and serving the disabled veterans and their families in your community. We could not do all we do without you!

Auxiliary Commander's Report Cheryl Edwards

I want to thank everyone for all the support you have given me as I have gone up the chairs for our state. I am excited to continue all the work and travel this position entails.

I have started out my year on the run, having gone to both New Mexico and Utah for their conventions. I have enjoyed seeing faces I know from our conventions and meeting new people in each state. It is also interesting to see how other state conventions differ from our own.

Next is National Convention in Georgia at the end of July. I heard from National Commander Moses McIntosh while in Utah that there are issues with reservations due to double booking. If you are having issues, please be patient and keep trying. I had to keep calling myself until my reservation was correct and complete.

This year I feel we need to try and find ways to boost our membership. There are people out there, we just need to let them know we are here and what we do. Pulling in our juniors and keeping them involved is important as well. They are our future members and we need to keep them active so they want to be senior members when the time comes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help. If I don't have the answers, I will get them for you.

See you in Georgia!!!!

Auxiliary Adjutant's Report
Susan Miller

I want to congratulate Leslie and all the officers and chairmen. You had a great convention. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. I look forward to working with all of you.

I want to thank the Department of Colorado DAV and office staff for all of your help, not only at convention time but throughout the year. You are always there when I need you.

Thank you to Commander Cheryl Edwards for appointing me as the State Adjutant. I look forward to another successful year.

I am here for all of you. If I can be of assistance to you, call me at 719.469.1538 or email me at smillerdava@gmail.com.

Again, thank you and congratulations to all.



Announcement

We have numerous wheelchairs here at Department Headquarters, to give to our disabled veterans who might be in need. If you know of a disabled veteran in need of a wheelchair please contact Headquarters at (303) 922 – 3631 or davcohq@gmail.com to set up a time and date to come by Headquarters for pick up. Please let us know how the wheelchairs that you help to distribute have impacted the veterans and submit it to the Department of Colorado email at davcohq@gmail.com. We are compiling this information for the folks who donate these wheelchairs to us. Thank you in advance.

Chapter Adjutants, please share all this information with your chapter members at your next chapter meeting.

Please make sure you have copies of this newsletter available for members.

Visit our Website at:
www.davmembersportal.org/co

The next issue of *Your Voice From Headquarters* will be mailed in late September 2016.

If you have an article or an announcement to put in the September newsletter, please e-mail to: davcohq@gmail.com

or fax (303) 922-3820 to arrive no later than the 16th of September.

Thank you!

☞ DATES TO REMEMBER ☛

2016 National Convention

July 31 – August 3, 2016
Hyatt Regency Atlanta Peachtree Street
265 Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
Telephone: 1.888.421.1442 or
1.404.577.1234
\$125 Single/Double

Summerfest at Homelake

September 10, 2016
Colorado State Veterans Center
Homelake, Colorado

47th Annual All Activities Day

September 17, 2016
Pueblo VA Community Living Center

