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Chapter Service Officers: Faye Patin, Robert Duprey, Leslie Eglinger, at the Chapter House. Monday, and Friday, from 1000-1400 hours, and Tuesday from 0930-1330 hours. **Tuesday at VA Clinic Southpoint 6900 Southpoint Dr. N. Room 319, Hours 1400 – 1600.**

Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1300.

Florida residents when renewing your driver's license remember to DONATE a dollar to the Disabled American Veterans at the same time.
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Commander's Message

The October meeting of October 25th has been moved to November 1st at 1:00P.M.
We have really been busy at the Chapter, we are gearing up for our Golden Corral Fundraiser, which will begin on Nov. 7th and run thru Nov. 17th. We will need a lot of help in this fundraiser, please volunteer at least a couple hours each day. When you volunteer please show up as the chairman of each store will be counting on you. The **Fall Festival** at Lake City VA Hospital will be held on **October 18th at 12:00**. If you need a **Ride**, we leave the Chapter house at 10:30 A.M. Our **Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held on Nov. 22nd at 12:00, if asked to bring a dish please do so, hope to see a lot of members there. The ladies Aux. will be holding a **Forget-Me-Not** fundraiser **Sept. 30th thru Oct. 3rd**, please contact the Aux. to volunteer. All volunteers are needed. Our **Christmas Dinner** will be held on Dec. 20th, hope to see you all there. We are in the process of filling bags for our veterans in the local nursing homes, this takes a lot of time, and a lot help is needed. Before signing off I must congratulate Buddy Rickman for being elected to the high Office of Sr. Vice Commander of the State of Florida DAV. My wife Tish and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season.

Yours in service to our veterans

Robert W. (Bob) Young Commander

We are trying to serve our members in a more state of the times newsletter. We would like you to give us Your E-MAIL Address by either Mailman or by E-Mail. Those of you who don't have a computer will still receive your newsletter by the mailman. Please send your e-mail address to me at.

rvvncb@msc.comcast.net This new system will be slowly adopted over the next few months. This e-mail system will help curb the cost of mailing, so we could possibly make our newsletter monthly instead of quarterly as it is now. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Saturday July 26, 2014 at 1:00p.m., lunch will be served at 12 noon.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

War often brings to mind the images of battlefields, heavy ammunitions, tanks, grenades, and warriors outfitted in full battle array. Brave men and women go to war in our country daily in foreign lands, but far from the devastation of gunfire and bombs another war quietly rages, camouflaged, under everyday life it happens. We drive cars to go shopping, work, play, eat, and sleep, it isn't a war for more land or political power it is a war for our souls. Rest in peace and trust in our creator. Keep looking up.

Thurman Dubberly, Chaplin

SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

233 hours, 146 clients, 111 claims, 148 counseling's were accrued during 90 days of availability. **Since the office is only open on Mon., Thurs., & Fri., from 1000-1400, Tuesday from 0930-1330. Tuesday at VA Clinic Southpoint 6900 Southpoint Dr. N. Hours 1400-1600. The Service Officers are not available on some days; please call before you come in. If you receive a letter from the Department of VA concerning a claim[s], or a pending Appeal, please let the Service Officer review and advise you.

While you are waiting in the VA clinic to be seen, engage with other vets and reach out if they need help to apply for earned compensation for disabilities. Help them by referring these Vets to our office.

**Robert Duprey
Sr. Service Officer**

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following into the membership of our Chapter. John Junior Bennett, John G. Bishop, Bernard M. Clark, Norman O. Cummins, Mark D. Farr, Patricio J. Fernandez, Reinhold C. Ferster, Wayne F. Gore, Terry R. Harris, Donald Jones, Joseph D. Jones, William Lane, Ronald Jay McKinney, Blease J. Odom, Israel Perez, Tiras Rogers, Robert Shellenberger, Robert Young, Also welcome Benjamin Figueroa, Melvin Jackson, Joseph E. Panganiban, Larry M. Spence, Thaddeus A. Witucki, who transferred into our Chapter. As I have written in the past, membership is the backbone of any organization. The **congress counts our numbers before they vote on bills effecting veterans, the more the numbers, the more likely** they will vote the way we ask so please sign up a new member. Our condolences go out to the following families for the following deceased members; Fred G. Blackburn, James F. Ellisor, Edward W. Johnson, Douglas Opdyke, Michael W. Stoinoff, may their souls rest in peace.

**Thomas Ayala
Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman**

Auxiliary Commanders Message

The Auxiliary is gearing up for a very busy fall and winter season, and all members need to pitch in and help to let our Veterans know that we truly appreciate them. The Annual "Forget Me Not" donation drive will be held at Mayport Navy Exchange and Commissary on September 30th thru October 3rd, if you can help on any date **Please Call Me**. The annual Fall Festival at the Lake City V.A. Hospital, is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th. Please come join us, as we and other Veteran Organizations put on a Carnival and provide prize gifts to the Veterans in the Nursing Home Wing of the Hospital. Good news and a huge Thank You to all of you who helped to make it possible for Unit #1 to receive the 1st place Award for VAVS, 2nd place for Hospital Non VA (Vets in Nursing Homes) and 3rd place for Community Service, at the State Convention in June. We especially want to recognize and thank all our volunteers at the St. Augustine V.A. Outpatient Clinic, who donate all their hours and service to our Unit, helping us to receive these Awards. Our **Food Bank** is **Empty**, we need **Donations of Non Perishable food items**, for Our Needy Veterans and families throughout the **Holidays**.

Jean Christian
Auxiliary Commander

Individual Donations:

Benjamin Medina, Leslie Eglinger, Buddy Rickman, Robert Duprey, Richard Arceneaux, Warren Bidwell, Larry Eddy, Thomas Ayala.

Community Donations:

Golden Corral

Upcoming Events:

Forget-Me-Not AUX. Fundraiser Sept. 30th thru Oct. 3rd

Oct. 18th Lake City VA Fall Festival

Golden Corral DAV Fundraiser Nov. 7th thru Nov. 17th

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 22nd 12:00

Christmas Dinner Dec. 20th 12:00

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

No October Meetings

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| Nov. 1st | NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. |
| Nov. 1st | DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m. |
| Nov. 22nd | Thanksgiving Dinner @ 12:00 |
| Dec. 20th | Christmas Dinner @ 12:00 |
| Jan. 24th | NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. |
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