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Chapter Service Officers: Larry Eddy, Robert Duprey, Leslie Eglinger, at the Chapter House. Monday, and Thursday, from 1000-1400 hours, Friday from 0930 -1630 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

By the time you get this the Holidays will be over. I want to wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR,2015. We have had a very busy season, delivering Christmas bags to our veterans in six different nursing homes in the Jacksonville Area. Thanks to all those volunteers that stuffed and delivered the bags. The fundraiser at the Golden Corrals was the biggest success ever, it took a lot of volunteers to accomplish this. I want to thank all those volunteers. We visited the Lake City Hospital to do a bingo/Christmas party for those hospitalized veterans, they really enjoyed there packages and the money that they won at bingo. With the new year we will be thinking of electing new officers for the Chapter, nominations will be held at our March meeting. If you would like to hold an office in the Chapter be at this meeting and let it be known to the membership. We are still asking for donations to replace our van at the Jacksonville V.A Clinic, please make Checks payable to DAV Chapter #1 van fund, We still need about \$17,000.00 to purchase a new van, and we will keep the van fund going so when it comes time to replace another van when they take it out of service.

Until next time,

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. leglinger@windstream.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

We have heard sticks and stones will break our bones. We know words will destroy our life mentally, in so many ways. Check what China just did to many people's lives. Facebook puts people on it that hurts peoples personal business. Words have caused many families to break up. On the other hand words have praised people and built homes, cities. Peace also can be a powerful force for good and inspire to speak the truth in love. It involves one another here even when it hurts. Communications are sometimes uncomfortable, so when we say it in true love. Just look the person in the face you can read it, also unity will carry on through hard times.

Thurman Dubberly, Chaplin

SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

264 hours, 201 clients, 111 claims, 89 counsels 180, 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. Robert L. Alder, Robert L. Allrid, Garey C. Barnhill, Joseph James Camp, Ruby L. Cole, Raymond L. Coleman, Charles B. Everly, Frank J. Fullmer, Warren S. Gillum, Charles H. Jacobs, Carlton J. Jakubec, Waymond L. Nichols, Joseph Paul Suggs, Charles E. Tobler, Joseph Paul Vallee, Jeffrey O. Williams, Steven A. Wilson, Also welcome, John Harold DeVries, Winston H. Figueroa, Charles T. Fouts, Angel L. Matos, Walter L. McNeill, Robert Joyce Sumner, Robert M. Tohn, 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; Ralph W. Boney, Clifton L. Henning, Thomas W. Pelle, William A. Pitt, Raymond C. Siso, Victor Spirko, Bernice Gause, may their souls rest in peace.

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

Auxiliary Commanders Message

As we bid farewell to the year of 2014. I want to express my gratitude to all of you who helped to make 2014 a great year. To those who worked so many long hours in our fund raising drives, to those who made donations to the Unit, to Chapter Members who supported us in all our efforts, and helped in the fund-raising drives. I especially want to thank Norma Browning, a longtime Member who has made hundreds of ditty bags for the Unit to distribute to Veterans in the V.A. Hospitals and Nursing Homes. I realize that many of you are unable to be active in the Unit, but your support of donations to the Unit, make it possible for the active members to purchase and provide comfort items, lap robes, ditty bags, and wheelchair bags, food and clothing for Veterans and their families. Our Unit provides services too numerous to list in this letter. Myself and other Unit Members will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference in Lake Mary Jan. 8th-10th. By the middle of January we will be working on our Veterans projects for 2015. Members will receive their "NO BAKE SALE" donation request by February 1st. This is the **KICK-OFF** for our fund raising in 2015. **Happy New Year!!**

Jean Christian
Auxiliary Commander

Individual Donations:

Benjamin Medina, Warren M. Bidwell, Mrs. Thomas W. Pelle, Thomas Creetmore, David Taylor, Pat Thompson, Rober Young.

Community Donations:

Golden Corral

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 8th-10th Mid-Winter Conference Lake Mary,FL.

April 25th,2015 NOTR, DAV, DAVA **Elections**

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER # 1
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY JACKSONVILLE UNIT # 1

An election for new Unit Officers, S.E.C. Alternate S.E.C. and State and National Conventiou Delegates will be held:

1:00P.M. Saturday afternoon, April 25th, 2015 at the Auxiliary meeting room at 1439 Parental Home Road, Jacksonville,FL.32216.

Your dues must be current and you must have previously received membership initiation to vote. There will be no initiations given the day of the election. You must have your membership card with you on the election day.

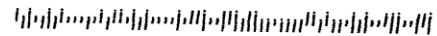
NOTICE POSTED BY ADJUTANTS OF CHAPTER 1 AND UNIT 1
JOHN MARKIEWICZ AND DIANE LOCKE

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nominations & Elections

Jan. 8th-10th	Mid-Winter Conference Lake Mary,FL.
Jan. 25th	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
Jan. 25th	DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.
Feb. 28th	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
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