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Chapter Service Officers: Larry Eddy, Robert Duprey, Leslie Eglinger, at the Chapter House.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 1000-1400 hours, Tuesday from 1000-1300 hours, and Tuesday.
Tuesday at VA Clinic Southpoint 6900 Southpoint Dr. N. Room 319, Hours 1300 – 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 Chapter has been busy these last couple of months. We had a very good turnout for the Mid Winter conference in Lake Mary and it was very informative. The Chapter won \$75.00 from the 50/50 drawing held by the DAVA. I would like to welcome Larry Eddy our newest Service Officer, this will be my last article for the bulletin as your Commander. I would like to thank all of my officers, and the membership for such a great two years, I would also like to thank DAVA unit Commander Jean Christian and her staff for all the help that they have given to the Chapter. We have accomplished much in the last two years and we will accomplish much in the years to come. We will be holding our elections at the April 25th meeting. If your willing to hold an office in the Chapter please Contact Buddy Rickman, John Markiewicz, or Joe Dorsey. Please those that you elect to office will need all of our support in their endeavors to make this Chapter to remain in first in the Dept. of Florida. For now I hope to see everyone at our next meetings, it has been a great two years. We still need donations for our van fund.

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 davchap1@att.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

Every few years a trial takes place that captures nationwide attention. The case may involve a celebrity or some sensational murder, it becomes the only thing the national media talks about. When the jury finally reaches a verdict, we hear a collective cry of surprise at the decision not guilty!

"How could they let that person go free when all the evidence and testimony pointed to their guilt? They got away with murder!"

We've all had those moments when we marveled at a blatant lack of justice. Even more injustices are committed that the media never covers abused.

The oppressed, unborn children whose lives are cut short. People who are unable to speak up for themselves. They all experience injustice, but who sees that justice is done for them?

God is a God of justice, he calls us to practice justice as well, we see clear cut direction on how we should practice justice and speak up for others. Rather than letting our blood boil in anger over injustice, we can step in and be Champions of justive.

Thurman Dubberly, Chaplin

SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

288 hours, 188 clients, 97 claims, 89 counsels 193, 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. Deogracias Belandra, Bruce A. Bodine, Kenneth C. Brown, Dwaine H. Clopper, Dwight T. Clopper, Alana Estore Conley, Richard D. Crosby, John Harold Devries, Paul Avlva Gosnell, Edward C. Hammons, Robert S. Irwin, Wanda Joyce Johnson, John Daniel Kohn, Sheri D. Lung, Honorio M. Martir, Antonio Mills, Waymond L. Nichols, Ernest Poe, Louis C. Rigdon, Jose A. Ruiz, Barbara B. Sanders, Chez R. Taylor, James R. Thompson, Todd M. Searcy, Victor D. Stauch, David Warren Tatro, Steven Tessler, John Antyony Vickers, Meredith M. Whitehead, James C. Williams, Also welcome, Leslie R. Carr, 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, Robert E. Bennett, John W Gheen, Raymond A. Moses, Mary W. Nelson, Charles L. Nist, Stewart O'Shell Jr., William A. Pitt, Noble D. Scroggins, William C. Steffens, Victor Spirko, Robert W. Toms, may their souls rest in peace.

Thomas Ayala
Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman

Auxiliary Commanders Message

_We are working on the Annual State reports which are due by May 1st. Building our membership is our main project this year, as we only have five – ten members who are active. Two Units merged with Unit 1, a few years ago, giving us a total of approximately 345 members. I urge you to invite your family and friends to come have lunch with us and attend our meeting. Our Unit must have just a few more Active Members. To provide the help to our Disabled Veterans that they deserve.

While I served as your Unit Commander for the past 10 years. You members have given me your trust and support, and became our Chapter has always worked hand in hand with the Auxiliary. Our Unit has provided not only financial and volunteer support to Veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, but also to the Service Officers Foundation, Scholarship Fund, Homeless Veterans and needy Veterans and their families, and many, more Veterans Programs.

I extend my humble and sincere gratitude to all Unit Officers and Members past and present, Chapter Commanders, John Markiewicz, Guy Diffenbaugh, Ray Paine, Buddy Rickman, Faye Pattin and Robert Young, for your trust and support throughout my tenure as Unit Commander. Always Remember – We Are Their Helping Hands.

Jean Christian
Auxiliary Commander

Individual Donations:

Benjamin Medina, Mike Mills, Dorothy Altmar, Sidney Herbert, Mike Aykers, Jack Hart, John Markiewicz

Community Donations:

Golden Corral

Upcoming Events:

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

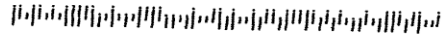
April 25th, 2015 NOTR, DAV, DAVA **Elections**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nominations & Elections

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| Apr. 3 rd | DAV (MSO) 9:00a.m. -5:00p.m. |
| Apr. 4 th | DAV 10:00a.m. Chapter House Spring Cleaning |
| Apr 25 th | NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. <u>Nominations & Elections</u> |
| Apr. 25 th | DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m. <u>Nominations & Elections</u> |
| May 23 rd | NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. |
| May 23 rd | DAV/DAVA Meeting @1:00p.m. |
| June 13 th | DAV/DAVA <u>BINGO</u> VMAC Lake City |
| June 27 th | NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. |
| June 27 th | DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m. |
| July 3 rd ,4 th ,5 th | Golden Corral Mid-Year Fundraiser Drive |