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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.

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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**

**Comrades**

I am honored and humbled to serve as your Chapter Commander for 2015-2016. It will be tough to fill Robert Young's shoes, but I'll do my best to continue to lead our Chapter forward while remaining true to our historic roots. After all times may change, but not our mission.

Under Robert's guidance, our Chapter membership has grown tremendously, but unfortunately the volunteers needed to properly operate the Lake City Bingo and fundraisers has been deficient. Deeply rooted in DAV history is the concept of veterans helping veterans, which takes many forms. I ask all members to participate in our fundraising at Golden Corral and help with bingo at Lake City when you can. I don't think it's too much to ask for 1-2 hours a day towards helping raise funds for our veterans in the community or to spend an afternoon in the company of hospitalized veterans. The compassion our volunteers demonstrate in so many ways is a DAV tradition and an inspiration for all of us to continue serving our local veterans.

Our legacy is our strength. Together we will continue to build an even stronger Chapter thus ensuring that our veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them. We will continue to bring awareness to the needs of veterans and the great sacrifices we have made. We all will continue on with our mission which is to empower veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity.

I would like to say congratulations to our newly elected Department Commander Leroy "Buddy" Rickman, Department Judge Advocate Guy Diffenbaugh, and DAVA Department Senior Vice Commander Elaine Rickman.

**Thomas Ayala**  
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](mailto: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**

In a world filled with hatred and peer pressure, there is a need for people to be promoters of love and good works. It seems like people who are promoting bad choices are getting more popular and those who promote good are seen as boring and out of touch with reality. Being a promoter of love and good works may not be the most popular thing to do but it is always the best thing to do. Make sure you find yourself promoting love and not popularity. Use your social media networks to promote love and good works this week. Post good works and love online to encourage others.

**Thurman Dubberly**  
Chaplain

### **SERVICE OFFICE REPORT**

377 hours, 285 clients, 140 claims, 118 counsels 193, 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. Juan M. Alipio, George F. Avinger, William Barrow, Michele Andrea Conner, Bruce Farnsworth, Robert G. Goggin, Theodore R. Hall, Bradley Norris Jimerson, Taber M. Manning, Darlene M. Nowlin, Roy Vance Prestwood, Ricardo Delos-Reyes, Ralph W. Sevelius, Gary C. Stroud, Frank D. Thomas, Richard L. Turner, Michael David Wadhams, Also welcome, Daniel R. Benavides, Jose De Quiroz Carreon, Ada Long-Croom, John J. Neiman, James Rigney, 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, Don A. Bruno, Glenis L. Harrell, Lee J.

Harvey, Ralph J. Head, Chester B. McCoid, Harris Wm. Phelps, Thomas D. Reighard, Francis V. Walker, may their souls rest in peace.

**Robert Duprey**  
**Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman**

**Auxiliary Commanders Message**

Unit #1 elected a new slate of officers at the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting, and we are already working on several projects to provide support for our disabled veterans. With the help of all our members, and support from our volunteer workers at the St. Augustine V.A.O.P. Clinic, we will have a very successful year. I encourage our Chapter Members to invite your family and friends to visit our Auxiliary. We need more people in Our Unit to keep it active and strong.

I attended the DAV-DAVA State Convention, along with other Unit and Chapter Members, and as the newly elected State Sr. Vice Commander I expect to have a very busy year ahead.

Our next Lake City V.A. Hospital visit will be Saturday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, Fall Festival / Carnival. Please make that short trip and visit with the Veterans it is a very rewarding experience.

It was an honor to have received your vote of trust and support in electing me as your Unit Commander. With your help and participation we will have a good and prosperous year.

**Elaine Rickman**  
**Auxiliary Commander**

**Individual Donations:**

Benjamin Medina, Raiford J. & Polly R. Powell, Chris Burton & Family, Raiford Powell.

**Community Donations:**

Golden Corral, Truist Comprehensive Distribution,

**N.O.T.R.**

**DUGOUT 510**

Greetings! As this is my first time for the newsletter, please bear with me. Dugout 510 has had a busy spring this year. Trench Rat's spring rendezvous for the "Sector of Florida" was held at Cocoa Beach on April 16-19. Elections for the Sector of Florida officers for 2015-2016, were held and our own Brother Rat Buddy Rickman was elected as the "GOLDEN RODENT". Congratulations to Buddy and all other Brother Rats who also were elected to the line of officer's.

Also in April, Dugout 510 held election's and installed new officers for 2015-2016. Congratulations to all.

Our next big upcoming event is the D.A.V.'s. mid-year fundraiser drive at Golden Corral's. It is to be held on July 3rd. 4<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. We need all hands help, so volunteer some hour's please.

As Always I wish everyone good health and happiness. Our next meeting will be on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a..

**Lawrence (Jake) Jacobs**  
**"Golden Rodent"**

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

July 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	Golden Corral Mid-Year Fundraiser Drive
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.
Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
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Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	NOTR Meeting @ 11.00a.m.
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