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UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

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| Oct. 17 th | Lake City Fall Festival @ 11:00a.m. |
| Oct. 31 st | NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. |
| Oct. 31 st | DAV/DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m. |
| Nov. 21 st | NOTR <u>No Meeting</u> @ 12:00 Noon <u>Thanksgiving Luncheon</u> |
| Nov. 21 st | DAV / DAVA <u>No Meeting</u> @ 12:00 Noon <u>Thanksgiving Luncheon</u> |
| Dec. 12 th | Lake City Bingo V.A. Hospital Christmas Bags |
| Dec. 19 th | NOTR <u>No Meeting</u> 12:00 Noon <u>Christmas Luncheon</u> |
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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

Comrades

I want to thank everyone for your constant support as I continue to learn my role as Commander of the best chapter in the Department of Florida. As Commander, I am constantly reminded of the many things so many of you do to insure that veterans and their families receive the benefits promised them. I cannot thank each of you enough for your volunteer efforts dedicated to improving the lives of veterans and their families.

Since I mentioned volunteering, we have two events coming up in October and November. On Oct. 17th is Fall Festival in Lake City, which Chapter 1 has a booth with goodies for the veterans. In November, we have our Golden Corral Fundraiser. I encourage each member of the chapter to take advantage of the fundraising opportunity. Fundraiser provides us an opportunity to acquire funds for service to veterans and their families and to talk with them. This year our Golden Corral Fundraiser will be November 6th – 11th, with Veteran's Dinner on November 11th. We need volunteers at all sites and look forward to seeing new faces.

We had a great National Convention on August 8th – 11th, and it was good that I was able to attend meetings with some of my comrades from Chapter 1, especially with Department Commander Leroy "Buddy" Rickman, Past NEC John Markiewicz and Chapter 1 Sr. Vice Commander Robert Duprey. They did a wonderful job representing our state.

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 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 Oct. 24th, 2015 at 1:00p.m., lunch will be served at 12 noon.

CHAPLAIN's CORNER

Truth is forever and there is no greater truth that man must be free. As long as we Americans have fought to keep us free and have liberty to every generation too see these long years of being free and making our own choices. We are free given the action of our good service personnel, we will remain free. No society is stronger than the effort of individual citizen. The ones that stayed home did their jobs too. So as long as we continue to live and defend America.

Thurman Dubberly
Chaplain

SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

360 hours, 221 clients, 97 claims, 200 counsels, 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. Antonio T. Agustin, Waldemar Cedeno, Ernest Lindsay Chambers, Tony Kelley, Phillip J. Rouviere, Abner C. Sistare, Jimmy D. Tizo, Patrick John Tomes, Paul M. White, Peter J. Wurtz, Also welcome, Jose Ferrera, Armand Riendeau, 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, Kevin F. Delaney, Jack Dittman, Stewart O. Keen, Russell Lambros, may their souls rest in peace.

Robert Duprey
Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman

Auxiliary Commanders Message

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who helped make our Forget-Me-Not fundraiser at Mayport Naval Exchange/Commissary a success, without these funds we cannot help our veterans. A reminder about the Fall Festival in Lake City on October 17th please plan to go. With the holidays coming up, we need to fill our food pantry for needy veterans and their families. Our quilt donation drive is in full force and the quilt is beautiful. If you wish to have tickets, please contact Jean Christian or me. Please start planning to go to our Mid-Winter Conference in January at Lake Mary, Florida, you will have fun and learn a lot. Our Unit needs you to invite friends, families and veteran's families to our meetings or to help volunteer.

Elaine Rickman
Auxiliary Commander

Individual Donations:

Benjamin Medina,

Community Donations:

Golden Corral, Truist Comprehensive Distribution,

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DUGOUT 510

Greetings! Since the last letter, the Dugout Bench Rat and his committee has been working to revise and update our Constitution and ByLaws. By our September meeting, the Dugout membership hopes to see the completed version and approve the final draft. This new Constitution and ByLaws will give our Dugout the correct ideals, propriety and standards to conduct our business.

The new changes require "2" readings and final approval vote of 2/3 of those members present at 2nd reading, 1st reading 31 Oct. & 2nd reading Jan. 23rd, 2016.

We have an important event upcoming. This is the Trench Rat's fall rendezvous for the "Sector of Florida." It is to be held at Cocoa Beach on Oct. 22nd thru 24th. Our Dugout hopes again to bring a few "SCAVIES" for initiation into the National Order of Trench Rats. We expect good fellowship and tons of fun. Hope to see all in Cocoa Beach.

Our next regular Dugout meeting will be held Oct. 31st at the chapter house. Till then I wish all good health.

Lawrence (Jake) Jacobs
"Golden Rodent"