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UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Jan. 5 – 8	Service Officer's School
Jan. 8 – 9	State Mid- Winter Conference Lake Mary, FL.
Jan. 17 – 20	NOTR Mid-Winter Rendezvous Las Vegas, NV.
Jan. 23rd	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m.
Jan 23 rd	DAV / DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.
Feb 21 – 24	National Mid-Winter Washington, D. C.
Feb 27 th	NOTR Meeting @11:00a.m.
Feb 27 th	DAV / DAVA Meeting @ 1:00p.m.
Mar 12 th	Lake City Bingo VA. Hospital
Mar 26 th	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00a.m. (Nominations for Officers)
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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. **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

Hello Comrades

Thank you for your continuous support throughout this year. We are still short on volunteers for our events. Please come out and help with one or two hours. I understand you have other commitments, but any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

In October, we had a great time at Lake City Fall Festival. In November, we had our Golden Corral Fundraiser from Friday November 6th thru Veteran's Day. We had another successful event and raised almost \$16,000 between July and November. We also had our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and had plenty of leftovers which was donated to Five Star Veterans Center. In December we had Bingo at Lake City on December 12th and our annual Christmas Dinner on December 19th. I would like to thank all of our members for your support throughout this year. I would also like to thank Michael Taylor from Mobility Works Jacksonville and his staff for the donation of six turkeys and four hams for both of our annual dinners.

Nominations will be March 26th and April 23rd. Please contact John Markiewicz if you wish to run for a position on the Chapter Line.

As we embark on another year, my family and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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, Jan. 23rd 2016 at 1:00p.m., lunch will be served at 12 noon.

CHAPLAIN's CORNER

In the past 100 years, we have increased our average life expectancy by more than 25 years. Americans are living well into their 70's and 80's these days and based on the volume of ads and infomercials on TV. Companies are lined up to sell you products or programs to help you increase that lifespan even more. Life just doesn't go on indefinitely - or does it? We can have life that goes on forever. Only we and God are in control.

Thurman Dubberly
Chaplain

SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

244 hours, 159 clients, 79 claims, 126 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. **Closed Jan. 4th - 8th, 2016, for Service Officer School.**

Robert Duprey
Sr. Service Officer

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following into the membership of our Chapter, George Anderson, Brandon DeCrescenzo, Jimmy Eiland, LeRoy F. Fitzke, William M. George, Michael Goff, Roosevelt Jones, Robert Kirland, Hipolito Medina, Kenneth B. Pullen, Jimmie C. Taylor, Brandon Alexande Quinquinio, Sandra Jean Willis, Also welcome, Gregory V. Allen, Billy Taylor, Mark R. Sever, 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, David W. Campbell, Willie J. Carpenter, Patrick F. McLaughlin, Louise N. Weeks, Billy F. Williams, may their souls rest in peace.

Robert Duprey
Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman

Auxiliary Commanders Message

The close of the year is fast approaching with a time for reflection on what we have accomplished and what needs to be accomplished. In September Jean and I Traveled to Louisville, Ky., for the Fall Conference where it actually snowed one morning. Thanks to the ladies who helped the DAV with their Golden Corral Fundraiser. Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a big success. A huge change has been passed down from National that the Units cannot no longer Mail, E-Mail, Or USE SOCIAL, OR NEWS MEDIA for any type of a request for donations to its members, public or businesses. Now more than ever we need your help with our fundraisers. Please continue to contact your Local, State, and Congress Representatives for current bills to help the veterans and their families.

Elaine Rickman
Auxiliary Commander

Individual Donations:

Benjamin Medina, Richard Raleigh, Raiford J. Powell

Community Donations:

Golden Corral, Truist Comprehensive Distribution, Mobility Works Jacksonville

Van Fund:

William Green, Jack Vance, Tony Dennis

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DUGOUT 510

Greetings! I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and spirit. Since the last letter, the Dugout has been busy. The Dugout Bench Rat and committee has finalized the revised and update of the Dugouts Constitution and By-Laws. In accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure's the Dugout is required to notify all members that a reading and voting by the membership be conducted two times to accept the revisions. The first of the two readings will be held at the January 23rd meeting in 2016 and the second reading and final vote to be on the February 27th, 2016 meeting.

I encourage and heartily invite all members to attend these two meetings. I wish all the very happiest of time and holiday cheer.

Our next regular Dugout meeting will be held Jan. 23rd at the chapter house. Till then I wish all good health.

Lawrence (Jake) Jacobs
"Golden Rodent"