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## CURRENT RESIDENT

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

APRIL 11 <sup>TH</sup>	FLAG DEDICATION GOLDEN CORRAL SOUTHSIDE STORE @ 09:30
APRIL 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	NOTR Sector of FL RENDOVOUS
APRIL 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NOTR Meeting Elections @ 11:00
APRIL 23 <sup>rd</sup>	DAV / DAVA Meeting /Elections @ 13:00
MAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00
MAY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	DAV / DAVA Meeting @ 13:00
JUNE 11 <sup>th</sup>	LAKE CITY Bingo
JUNE 16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	DAV Dept of FL Convention
JUNE 25 <sup>TH</sup>	NOTR Meeting @ 11:00
JUNE 25 <sup>TH</sup>	DAV / DAVA Meeting @ 13:00

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Chapter Service Officers: Larry Eddy, Robert Duprey, Leslie Eglinger, at the Chapter House.  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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.

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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.

Commander's message

Hello Comrades,

We have another successful three months in this great chapter. During the month of January, we had three service officers attend school. State midwinter was held from January 7-9, with some good training for our Chapter Officers. During the month of February, National Midwinter was held from February 21-24. Our National Commander Moses McIntosh reported to the members of the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, the US Senate and House of Representatives. He stressed the importance of the VA Health Care System for our veterans. He also told them how the Choice Program is becoming a burden our veterans. Commander McIntosh asks all DAV members to be ambassadors for the DAV organization. During the month of March, we had bingo at Lake City on March 12<sup>th</sup> and had a great turn out of patients.

**If you are interested in a CHAPTER OFFICER POSITION, PLEASE LET BOB YOUNG, GUY DIFFENBAUGH or MYSELF know ASAP. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Please be advised starting September 2016, we will no longer mail newsletters out. We will need you to update your email address with us so you can receive the newsletter. It is costing too much money; we can better use the money to serve veterans and their families.

On March 7, 2016, our State Commander and longtime Chapter member Buddy Rickman passed away. He dedicated his time to help veterans in and out of the state of Florida. Buddy was a great friend to all of us and will surely be missed. May he rest in peace and never be forgotten.



**Thomas Ayala**  
**Commander**

### **Chaplain's CORNER**

The weather warms up and pleasant temperatures drive us outside. Nature begins to turn green again and everything seems to bloom and become full of life, including us. Many of us experience renewed energy after a dreary winter. Shakespeare expressed it best. "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything". Unfortunately it doesn't last. Spring quickly passes and the rising heat of summer drains us. Then autumn chills to winter and all the springtime beauty fades into memory. The new life of spring dies. We're like that too. In spite of our best efforts to hold on to our vitality and life, we still fade and die, but GOD gives us a chance for eternal life.

Sincerely,

Thurman Dubberly  
Chaplin DAV #1

### **MEMBERSHIP**

I would like to welcome the following into the membership of our chapter. John Adoboli, Niana Adoboli, James M. Anderson, Edwin Aponte, Vincent Lee Boyer, Brady A. Brown, Adrian A. Garcia, Bernard Leo George, Graham Reed Guiler, Raymond D. James, Daniel L. Johnson, Kevin Blake Johnson, Mmie Jean McMillian, Robert E. Miller, Ray Lemar Park, John Michael Pecha, John Roberts, Andrew Smigaj, Adam Charles Smith, Michael M. Tessler, and Joseph Alan Wertz. Our condolences to the following families for the following deceased members, David W. Ellerbee, Joseph P. Marseilles, Leroy Rickman and William R. Wright.

**Robert Duprey**  
**Sr. VICE COMMANDER/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

## **SERVICE OFFICE**

The chapter service hours for the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr .are as follows. At the chapter house 177 hours were served, with 127 clients, 36 claims and 121 consultations. The Southpoint office 14 hours was served with 9 clients 1 claim and 8 consultations.

**LARRY EDDY**  
**Sr. SERVICE OFFICER**

## **AUXILIARY COMMANDERS MESSAGE**

Legislation is an important part of our organization. We want you to check the DAV website to find the bills that are important to us so we can help our veterans and their families (which includes you). Please write your Congressional representatives about these bills. Remember, vote at any election that is held in your community. Every vote counts. I ask you to attend our monthly meetings which are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. We need your voice in our decision making.

Now for happenings in the future. Elections of Unit Officers will be held at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Bingo for the veterans at the Lake City Hospital will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Florida convention will be held in Lake Mary, Fl June 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Marian Elaine Rickman, Commander**

## **N.O.T.R. DUGOUT 510**

Hello Brother Rat's. As this is the last newsletter to be published I wish all the best that life has to offer you. I am writing this letter with a heavy heart. Today we lost an extraordinary member and a powerful force for both the National Order of Trench Rats and the Disabled American Veterans. Leroy "Buddy" Rickman passed away on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We all will miss him very much. "MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND NEVER BE FORGOTTEN".

The members approved the Dugout's revised Constitution and Bylaws. Now they go to Sector of Florida and National for approval. I wish to thank the committee and the Bench Rat for their hard work and diligence.

The Dugout held nomination of officer's for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. The final nominations, election and installation of officers will be held at the next dugout meeting on April 23, 2016.

It has been a great year for me serving as the Dugout's Golden Rodent. I thank each and every one of you for making my time so great. I wish all of you the following phrase "**FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEA'S**" to all.

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

### **NOTICE of ELECTION**

Disabled American Veterans and Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Jacksonville Chapter 1 and Unit #1

On April 23, 2016 at 1 p.m. an election will be held at the meeting rooms of the Chapter and Auxiliary rooms located at 1439 Parental Home Rd. Jacksonville, Florida. 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 day of election.