

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER 1, INC.
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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32216-3007



CURRENT RESIDENT

2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Jan. 17-22	DAV MIDWINTER CONFERENCE/ CSO SCHOOL LAKE MARY FL.
JAN. 28	NOTR MEETING 11:00
JAN. 28	DAV/DAVA MEETING 13:00
FEB. 1-4	DAVA FUNDRAISER GOLDEN CORRAL'S
FEB. 25	NOTR MEETING 11:00
FEB. 25	DAV/DAVA MEETING 13:00
MAR 11	BINGO / LAKE CITY
MAR 25	NOTR MEETING 11:00
MAR 25	DAV/DAVA MEETING 13:00

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Chapter Service Officers: Larry Eddy, Leslie Eglinger, Greg Loubier and John Braach at the Chapter House. 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.

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,

As we come to the end of 2016, I want to thank the Chapter Officers, Service Officers, and all of you for a great year. We have traveled to Lake City VAMC for their annual fall festival and bingo. Thanks to Chapter1, Unit 1, Dugout 510 and NOTR Sector of Florida, we donated a Golf Cart to Lake City VAMC. This will be used to transport the veterans from the parking lot to the main entrance. In November, we had our Thanksgiving dinner and welcomed the following from our DAV Department of Florida. Brad Bouters Jr. Vice Commander, John Markiewicz, Judge Advocate and National Commander for USSVI, Harold Holloway Chapter 84 Commander and Maria Holloway Jr. Vice Commander DAVA Department of Florida. In December, we had our Christmas Dinner and welcomed John Markiewicz, DAV Department of Florida Judge Advocate who is also National Commander for USSVI. I also want to send a HUGE thank you to Michael Taylor from Mobility Works who again provided the turkeys and hams for our dinners. Lake City bingo will be held March 11th. We will meet at the chapter at 9:30 for those who need transportation to Lake City. April is elections for new chapter officers. If you are interested in running for an office, please let myself or Adjutant John Markiewicz know by our March meeting.

Thank you, Robert, Duprey for your commitment as a Chapter Service Officer. Good luck in your endeavors

Thomas Ayala
Commander

Chaplain's CORNER

By the time everyone gets this newsletter the holiday season for 2016 will be over. I hope everyone had a very happy Holiday Season. We have lost three members this last quarter, Robert French, Donald Johnson, and Edgar Gums. Please keep them in your prayers. George Idle fell and broke his left femur, he is home recuperating. Call him when you can to offer encouragement for his recovery. If any member becomes aware of any fellow member becoming ill or in an accident please call me. My number is listed in this newsletter. I hope everything goes well in this new year. Keep our men and women of our Armed Forces and our police and firefighters in your prayers also. If there is anything I can do for you, do not hesitate to call me. Have a GREAT NEW YEAR, and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Robert Young
Chaplin DAV #1

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following into the membership of our chapter: Kevin Huggins, Leo McMillan, Timothy Williams, Timothy Admire, David Bradley, Nina Farmer, Katherine Myers, Karl Schweinfurth, Gregory Crooms, Kevin Kavanagh, Daryl Magdid, Christopher Myer, Robert Kisner, Carlos Martinez-Rios, Edward Buck, Maurice Hines, John Privette, Raymond Runyan, and Donald Sulphin. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our meetings. We meet on the 4th Saturday of every month at 1 pm. (with the exception of November and December when we do not meet) at our Chapter House on Parental Home Road.

Paul Markiewicz
Sr. VICE COMMANDER/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

SERVICE OFFICE

The service office hours for the last quarter of 2016 are as follows: Chapter hours served 209, clients served 129, claims processed 61 and consultations 135. Service hours for the Southpoint office are as follows: hours 11, clients 2 claims 0, consultations 2

Larry Eddy
Sr. Service Officer

AUXILIARY COMMANDERS MESSAGE

As we prepare to embark on a new year, let me share with you some of the things our unit did for our disabled Veterans throughout 2016. We went to the Lake City VA Hospital in March, June and December to have Bingo parties for the patients. Most of the time we serve refreshments after the game. In October, we participated in the Fall Festival at the hospital providing drinks, fruit and trick or treat bags for the patients. At the December Bingo game, we gave the patients a Christmas gift bag filled with comfort items and other things they can use. The unit has provided food baskets for needy veterans and their families on numerous occasions, and we donate laundry soap, coffee, ice cream and drinks among many other items throughout the year to hospitals and nursing homes for the veterans. Christmas gift bags are furnished to Veterans in at least 3 local nursing homes and 1 in St Augustine. With our fund-raising efforts and the generosity of donors we were able to help the Chapter purchase a golf cart for patient transportation at Lake City VA hospital. In April, we will be installing a flag pole and a military statue at the Mandarin Golden Corral. Hopefully, some of you will attend the flag raising.

Thank you, THANK YOU! To all our Chapter members who work many hours helping the auxiliary in fund raising and "THANK YOU" also to the donors for their generosity.

Most of all THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

Jean Christian
Sr. Vice Commander
Jacksonville Unit 1 auxiliary

N.O.T.R. DUGOUT 510

Well where has the year gone? I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons were enjoyed by all in attendance. GOOD TIMES!!! I want to wish all a healthy and prosperous New Year for 2017. Now let's see what is coming up for the new year. Here is the following: Service officer training 1/17/2017, Midwinter conference 1/19/2017, NOTR Dugout 510 meetings are 1/28/2017, 2/25/2017 and 3/25 2017. With this year in full swing there are a few events that all Brother Rat's should be mindful of. In February 2017 a committee will be selected for the nomination and recommendations for Dugout 510's upcoming elections of new officers for 2017/2018. In April we will have both the election and installation of these officers. Rendezvous will be April 20-22 in Cocoa Beach. I hope all members can attend. As I close, I want to thank all who have helped me these past two years. It has been a pleasure serving you as GOLDEN RODENT, thank you for your support.

Lawrence (Jake) Jacobs
"Golden Rodent"

Comment:

I want to thank DAV Chapter 1, DAVA Unit 1 and N.O.T.R. Dugout 510 for their donations for the Golf Cart at VAMC Lake City, Fl. it was presented at the VAMC Veterans Day Ceremony. It is used every day transporting patients from the parking lots to the facility. Because of your generosity, the DAV/DAVA and NOTR are very appreciated and respected at VAMC Lake City.

John Markiewicz
DAV National VAVS REP VAMC LAKE CITY