

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER 1, INC.
1439 PARENTAL HOME ROAD
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32216-3007



2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Apr. 10 th	Work Day Golden Corral Mandarin
Apr. 12 th -16 th	Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall Metropolitan Park
Apr. 20 th -23 rd	N.O.T.R Rendezvous
Apr. 29 th	N.O.T.R. Meeting 11:00 and elections
Apr. 29 th	DAV/DAVA Meeting 13:00 and elections
May. 6 th	Memorial Dedication Mandarin Golden Corral
May. 13 th	Memorial Dedication Merrill Road
May. 17 th	USS. STARK (FFG31) Memorial N.S. Mayport
May. 27 th	N.O.T.R. Meeting 11:00
May. 27 th	DAV/DAVA Meeting 13:00
June 10 th	Bingo Lake City
June 24 th	N.O.T.R. Meeting 11:00
June 24 th	DAV/DAVA Meeting 13:00

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Chapter Service Officers: Larry Eddy, Leslie Eglinger and Greg Loubier 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,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Chapter Commander for the past two years. Together, we accomplished many goals. In January, we had our Service Officer Level 1 training and State Mid-Winter Conference in Lake Mary Fl. During the month of February, both Chapter Adjutant John Markiewicz and myself attended the National Mid-Winter Conference I Washington D.C. During the month of March, we have replaced the kitchen stove at the chapter and sponsored bingo at the Lake City Medical Center. In April, we will have two events. The first event will be the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall, which will be held at the Metropolitan Park April 12-16. We need volunteers for this event. The second event is our annual election for Chapter Officers. That meeting will be held April 29th. If you have never attended a meeting, this would be a good time to do so. In May, the chapter will have a Flag Dedication Ceremony at the Mandarin Golden Corral on May 6th and a ceremony at the Golden Corral Merrill Rd. May 13th. The chapter will also attend the Memorial Day Event at the Wall located at Everbank Field on May 29th. In June, our State Convention will be at Lake Mary Marriott June 14th-18th. New State Officers will be elected and if you have never been to a State Convention, I recommend you attend.

I would like to thank all the Chapter Officers for a great success during my tenure as Commander. Thank you to all the past chapter Commanders for your wisdom and guidance. A special thank you to our Auxiliary for all you do for our veterans and their families and to John Donnangelo for keeping our website running smoothly.

Thomas Ayala, Commander

Chaplain's CORNER

The Chapter has not lost any members since our last newsletter, we still have a few members still recouping at home. They are as follows; please keep these members in your prayers Thurman Dubberly, Max Dubberly, George Idle, Don Bolena, and Robert Duprey. If you know of any one that is sick, please let the chapter know so we can visit them or at least send them a card. This will be my last message as your Chaplain. Our elections will be held at our April 29th meetings and I will be running for a different office. You will have a new Chaplain next year. Please pray for our country leaders, that they will make the right decisions to keep our country together, our troops that are keeping our country free, our police officers that are keeping our streets safe. and our firefighters and rescue workers for keeping our homes safe.

Robert Young
Chaplin DAV #1

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following into the membership of our chapter: Jorge Demadura, Felicia Griffin, Robert Lau, Brian Dimapan, Steven Vereen, Ryan Bunch, Keola Kosuga, Raquel Santos, Terry Franzen, Albert Gomez, Michael Iwaniusz, Robert Hogan, Daniel Allen, Chad Childers, Michael Holt, Vaughn Neuroh, and Sara Pack. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend one of our meetings and meet your fellow members, share a great free lunch prior to the meeting (provided at noon by our auxiliary) and hopefully become an active member in our chapter. We meet on the 4th Saturday of the month(with the exception of November and December

Paul Markiewicz
Sr. VICE COMMANDER/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

SERVICE OFFICE

SERVICE OFFICE FOR MARCH 2017

FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

CHAPTER	SOUTHPOINT
HOURS 77	6
CLIENTS 49	3
CLAIMS 27	0
CONSULTATIONS 55	3

SERVICE OFFICE FOR 1ST QUARTER 2017

CHAPTER	SOUTHPOINT
HOURS 298	28
CLIENTS 204	12
CLAIMS 166	1
CONSULTATIONS 121	12

Larry Eddy, Sr. Service Officer

AUXILIARY COMMANDERS MESSAGE

The month of March has been a very busy time for the auxiliary members. The Chapter and Unit held a Bingo party for patients at the Lake City VA Hospital on Saturday March 11th and the unit hosted a children's play day at the chapter house March 18th for our Junior members. If you have children and/or grandchildren, we encourage you to come to our meetings and bring your children. They will have fun and we need your participation.

Unit officers were nominated at our last meeting and our elections will be held at our meeting April 29th 2017. Please plan to attend our meeting and have a voice in the election of officers for the coming year.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the Chapter members who helped the auxiliary collect donations at the Golden Corral's last month. Those funds will enable the auxiliary to continue helping Veterans in the VA hospitals, nursing homes, homeless Veterans and Veterans and their families in so many ways. The auxiliary also helps to support the Service Officers Foundation which is the disabled Veteran who gives his/her time and energy to training to become a service officer who helps Veterans to file claims and do all their paperwork. There is NEVER a charge when the DAV helps a Veteran. The auxiliary is proud to support their chapter and department service officers.

A reminder to all chairmen: reports are due and must be mailed to the State no later than May 1st. A financial audit must be completed before our election April 29th.

On a sad note, the auxiliary representative at the Lake City VA hospital, Betty Newsome, passed away the 16th of March. Betty was a member of Unit 1 Jacksonville and had been the hospital rep for a number of years. Betty will be replaced by Marilyn Miller who is also a member of Unit 1. Come have lunch with us at 12 noon on meeting days!

**Jean Christian
Sr. Vice Commander
Jacksonville Unit 1 auxiliary**

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It has been my pleasure to serve you, thank you for your service remember the elections April 29th.

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

"Keep in Touch"

It's easy to keep in touch with our Chapter, especially if you have access to the internet. The best place to start is with our Chapter's website at fl.dav.org/1. There you will find our Chapter House phone number (904-720-0244) and email address (davchap1@att.net). If you call and get no answer, leave a message and a Service Officer will return your call the next time one is in the Office. (The website gives the days and hours someone is in.)

Of course our website is available 24/7, with all kinds of contact information, along with the latest news and information of interest to veterans. Watch the scrolling text in the upper right corner of the Home page for the latest urgent news. At the bottom of the "Announcements" section, don't miss the "More announcements" link to see all announcements.

Our Chapter Benefits Protection Team keeps us abreast of legislation affecting us as veterans. I've set up a separate website to present the often in-depth input, plus any other benefits information I might come across. There is a link to the separate website under the scrolling text. If you'd rather go directly to the website, it's at sites.google.com/site/davbenefits.

Since we no longer "snail-mail" our Newsletter, the website gives you an easy option to read and/or download the latest edition, as well as previous editions. You'll also find instructions as to how get the Newsletter emailed to you, or "snail-mailed" if you prefer.

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John J. Donnangelo, Webmaster