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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events</u>	<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events Continued</u>
November 11/03 DAV Chapter & Unit 1 Meeting 11/04 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back) 11/06 Election Day 11/08 Veterans Stand Down VAMC Lake City 11/09 Veterans Day Ceremony VAMC Lake City 11/10 Marine Corps Birthday 11/11 Veterans Day Holiday 11/12 Veterans Day Parade City of Jacksonville 11/12 Golden Corral Veterans Appreciation Dinner 11/13 DAV Thanksgiving Dinner for CLC3 Residents/Families At VAMC Lake City 11/15 VAVC Quarterly Meeting at VAVC Lake City 11/17 DAV Chapter & Unit 1 Thanksgiving Dinner at Chapter House 11/22 Thanksgiving Day Holiday	January 01/01 New Year's Day Holiday 01/08-01/11 DAV Florida Annual Service Officer Certification 01/10-01/13 DAV Florida Mid-Term Conference/Convention 01/21 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday 01/26 DAV Chapter & Unit 1 Meetings
December 12/02 Hanukkah 12/06 Community Hospice Veterans Partnership Meeting 12/07 Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance 12/08 DAV Chapter & Unit 1 Christmas Party Bingo at VAMC Lake City 12/18 DAV Christmas Dinner for CLC3 Residents/Families at VAMC Lake City 12/15 DAV Chapter & Unit 1 Christmas Dinner at Chapter House 12/25 Christmas Day Holiday	<u>Announcements From Our Adjutant</u> The Golden Corral Fundraising dates will be determined at the 11/03/18 Chapter meeting. The Nursing Home gift bag delivery dates will be determined at the 11/03/18 Chapter meeting.
<i>VAMC is Veterans Administration Medical Center</i>	<u>Chapter 1 Has Wheel Chairs Available</u> Chapter 1 has wheel chairs available for Veterans who need one. Contact the Chapter by email at davchap1@att.net or by phone at (904) 720-0244 Provided by the Editor

Announcements from the Auxiliary Commander

Results of the election of Officers

Commander: Kathy Haines
Sr. Vice: Billie Jean Christian
Jr. Vice: Rosa Buchanan
Treasurer: Diane Locke
State Executive Committee: Billie Jean Christian
Alternate SEC: Kathy Haines

Appointed Officers

Chaplain: Marilyn Miller
Adjutant: Diane Locke
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Any auxiliary members who are available are welcome to help the chapter at the fundraising at the Golden Corral November 1 -12, 2018. Please contact Commander Paul Markiewicz (davchap1@att.net) for details. They always help us with our fundraising, so let's support them.

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Remember our Veterans on Veterans Day November 11, 2018.



From <https://bbteam.com/2015/11/23/thanksgiving-a-time-to-reflect/veterans-day-cartoon2/>

Ten Reasons to Be Thankful for Our Veterans: We have every reason to thank them!

1. They willingly chose to serve.

These men and women felt a calling that few choose to accept. A calling to serve their country in the most direct way possible. A calling to dedicate their life to something bigger than themselves.

2. They leave home behind.

Veterans are fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, children, wives, and husbands. They had homes, other jobs, hobbies, and other duties in life when they chose to serve. They put these other aspects in life on hold in order to serve our country.

3. Their families make sacrifices, too.

Veterans chose to leave family members behind in order to keep them safe, no matter how young or old. Families have to live without one or both parents, brothers, and sisters, and children. The families of these veterans understand the true meaning of sacrifice.

4. They are the old and the young.

Veterans are not “just some old entitled guys.” We do have our older veterans, some of whom are still living served back in WWII. But we also have our younger veterans who have served in different countries all over the world, the most common places being in Iraq and Afghanistan. Veterans of all ages have greatly contributed to this country and its future.

5. They go through rigorous training.

Being in the military requires a change in lifestyle. The training to develop the skills and mindset it takes to be in the military is beyond what many of us would be able to handle. Veterans pushed themselves physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to be able to serve.

6. We will never understand what they went through in combat.

We didn't go where they go; we didn't walk the path they walked. Veterans had to deal with people and situations in combat that many of us could not live through. Many that make it back home struggle with these memories for years.

7. They serve no matter the cost.

Leaving home and family, having no control over where they're sent, living in unideal conditions. Veterans chose to endure it all in efforts to contribute to this country's freedom.

8. Their bodies may become broken, but never their spirit.

Many veterans come home with permanent scars. Some scars are minor and will fade with time; other “scars” include losing a limb or more. Some veterans became scarred mentally and emotionally. But no matter what scars may occur, veterans are proud to have served their country the way they did; and many would do it again if necessary.

9. Some of them never made it home.

There are veterans that left home knowing they were making a sacrifice when they chose to serve, and these individuals ended up making the ultimate sacrifice in their line of duty. They gave their life to defend this land that we live in, and their families will always remember that.

10. They represent this country, and we should honor them.

Our men and women that put on their uniforms each day to serve are the ultimate representation of the American spirit. They had a love for their country so great that they were willing to lay their life down in order to ensure that their family and friends could continue to comfortably live the lives we do. They make the absolute greatest sacrifice as an American, and they deserve our utmost respect for doing so.

From <https://www.theodysseyonline.com/10-reasons-to-be-thankful-for-our-veterans>

“Thanks for the Memory” | By John J. Donnangelo

In June of 1969 I joined the U.S. Air Force’s 56th Combat Support Group at the Nakhon Phanom (NKP) Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. Our mission was to provide air support for the U.S. ground troops in Vietnam, some 300 miles to the east. It was an “unaccompanied” tour for one year, meaning that the only family we had there was each other. Our theme song of 1969 was “I’ll be home for Christmas, 1970.”

In mid-December the word rapidly spread that The Bob Hope Christmas Show would be at NKP on Dec.27, 1969 as part of Bob’s “Around the World with the USO” tour. This was the most ambitious of his 57 tours for the USO between 1941 and 1991. For this tour he performed in Germany, Turkey, Thailand, South Korea, and Vietnam.

Bob Hope never stopped being a vaudevillian. Throughout this tour he appeared on stage with a golf club, the symbol of his life-long love for golf. He used it the way a vaudeville song-and-dance man would use a cane. In addition to Bob Hope’s antics and jokes, we got to see and hear Connie Stevens, Theresa Graves, Raquel Welch, Elaine Dunn, Phil Crosby, Barbara McNair, Madeleine Hartog Bell (Miss World,) and Neil Armstrong, who just a few months before had become the first man on the moon.

As if there would be no tomorrow, we cheered and whistled the whole hour and a half. Some ambitious Airmen scaled power poles to get a better view, but whether we were in the front row or the last row, it simply didn’t matter. Bob Hope had left his home for Christmas to entertain active duty American military personnel for their Christmas away from home. But tomorrow did come, when Bob sang his signature song, “Thanks for the Memory.”

Those of us in aircraft maintenance had access to the restricted area of the flight line. When the word got out the next morning that Bob Hope was sitting outside the Control Tower waiting for the airplane to take him to his next show, we all grabbed our cameras and gathered there.

There he was – nonchalant and relaxed, with his arms draped over his golf club. None of us even thought to ask him for an autograph; we simply cherished the opportunity to take a close-up picture. For me, that memory still persists.



“Thanks for the Memory,” Bob.

Picture from my 35mm color slide.
Background information from:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Hope



Happy Holidays to all my comrades in the Marines, the Air Force, the Navy, the Army, the Coast Guard, and most of all, my comrades in DAV Chapter 1, Jacksonville.

John...