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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events</u>	<u>Upcoming Meetings and Events</u>
February 10 th - 16 th : VA National Salute to Veterans Week 12 th - Lincoln's Birthday 14 th - Valentine's Day/ VAVS Quarterly Meeting, VAMC Lake City, FL 18 th - Washington's Birthday/President's Day 21 st - Re-Creation performs at VAMC Lake City 23 rd - Chapter 1 & Unit 1 monthly meeting 24 th - 27 th : DAV National Mid-Winter Conference Arlington, VA <i>VAMC is Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lake City, FL</i>	March 6 th - Ash Wednesday 9 th - Chapter & Unit1 Bingo VAMC Lake City 10 th - Daylight Saving Time (Spring Ahead) 12 th - Community Hospice Veterans Partnership Meeting 17 th - St Patrick's Day 20 th - First Day of Spring 23 rd - Chapter 1 & Unit 1 monthly meeting

Upcoming Chapter Elections

With elections for Chapter Officers scheduled for the April business meeting, we are now accepting nominations. If you'd like to run for a position, contact Tom Ayala, who is chairing the Nominating Committee. If you need help contacting Tom, email the Webmaster at DAVJax1@hushmail.com and I'll ask him contact you.

From Mary Ann Keckler, Department Commander

"Happy New Year to all. 2018 has now come and gone and what a year it has been. Initially, thank you for electing me as your Department Commander in 2018.

Following our Department Convention, I had the opportunity to meet many of you during my travels around our State. I was particularly impressed with the number of World War II Veterans I met during my visits to chapters and related functions. ...

I had the pleasure of attending [the] Chapter 1 Christmas Party for lunch and then drove to Orlando and attended their Christmas Party that evening."

Editorial

At the July 28, 2018 meeting I proposed that if any members of our Chapter and Auxiliary submitted input to me *by the Wednesday before our monthly meeting* - without me having to ask for it - I would put it into a Newsletter and post it to our website at fl.dav.org/1. I also offered to do it monthly, aiming to publish it by our monthly meeting. If anyone has something of interest, please send it to me.

/S/ John J. Donnangelo

From the Auxiliary Commander

We were very busy in the closing months of last year. We were in Lake City for the Christmas party where we handed out Comfort backpacks and a set of sweatshirts and pants. We also distributed the same to local nursing homes.

We assisted the chapter in their fundraising at the Golden Corral during the week preceding and including Veterans Day.

We attended Mid-Winter Conference in Lake Mary. The programs were enlightening as well as the news brought forth from National. The NEC program spoke of The Caretakers program and asked each of us to speak of our experiences. It was interesting to hear what we have all gone through and that we are not alone. There is help there for us, we just need to ask. The Hawaiian Nite for the Commanders Testimonial was fun.

It's now a new year and there is much work to be done for our Disabled American Veterans. We have an upcoming fundraiser planned and we need your help to make it successful. We need your attendance at the meetings. We want you to be there. Let's make this unit strong. Let's band together for the betterment of the organization and the Veteran.

Many Blessings,
Kathy Haines, Commander

USMC Silent Drill Platoon

In keeping with a tradition that dates back to the 1950's, the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon and The Commandant's Own' U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps visited Fort Henry, Kingston Ontario, Canada in August 2015 to perform two outstanding and essentially flawless military performances with the Fort Henry Guards.

Thanks to our Commander, Paul Markiewicz, (A Marine) you can see a YouTube video of this performance. I (A Marine) ask that you give it a look. The video runs for 14:36 but I urge you to watch at least the first six minutes. To me this part epitomizes the definition of teamwork; a true team can communicate in silence.

See the video at youtu.be/mqONRHVuZNA.

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