



October 2025



Top Left: Area 3 Officer's Meeting and CMS Training at Chapter 110
 Top right: Members attending Chapter 49 Meeting
 Bottom Left: Chapter 82 Commander David Grant talks with State Veterans Nursing Home resident at Ice Cream Social sponsored by Chapter & Unit 82
 Bottom Right: Area 4 Officer and CMS training held at Chapter 109. Largest turnout thus far even though 3 chapters did not attend.



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN CORNISH

Department of Florida Area Officer Training and Recent Activities Update

Second Annual Area Officer Training Overview

In September, the DAV Department of Florida launched its Second Annual Area Officer Training Schedule. The state is organized into seven districts, each comprising several chapters: 51 in total—grouped by area. Each area is led by a Committeeman and an alternate, ensuring strong representation across all regions. The leadership team—including the Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Adjutant, and Assistant Adjutant—gives presentations on topics related to their roles. In addition, CMS training is provided by NSO Supervisor Gerald Propst and his staff, while Past Department Commander Rose leads instruction on VAVS and LVAP initiatives.

Area 3 Training and 9/11 Remembrance

The first session of the training schedule began on September 2 in Sun City, hosted by Commander James Taylor and Chapter 110, with representatives from Chapters 57, 49, and 4 also attending. On September 10, the leadership team participated in the second annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Melbourne, FL. This event was hosted by Rodney Deflumeri and the J.L. Golightly Chapter 32 team and attended by distinguished guests such as Sheriff Wayne Ivy of Brevard County, Maj. James G. Cusic III, USAF (Ret.), Senator Debbie Mayfield (19th District), and the Eau Gallie High School Air Force JROTC "Commodores."

Area 4 and Area 7 Training Sessions

On September 22, Area 4 training was conducted in Titusville, FL, with Commander Robert Walter and Chapter 109 hosting, joined by Chapters 123, 32, and 16. Following this, on September 25, the team traveled to Bradenton, FL, for Area 7 training, hosted by Commander Joey Jones and Manatee County Chapter 18, along with Chapters 82, 94, 97, and 108. The leadership team attended Chapter 123's meeting to support Commander B.J. McGuire and Adjutant MCPO Stanley Kline, USN/Ret., with chapter resolutions.

NSO Supervisor Updates and CMS Training

NSO Supervisor Gerald Propst has expanded his team to include 13 National Service Officers (NSOs) and 4 support staff, of whom 7 are apprentices, to better address the training needs statewide. This larger team provides CMS training during all area sessions. In the past month, they also organized two outreach events and a DAV job fair. National headquarters now has a budget to enhance the existing CMS platform, and updates will be shared as they become available. NSO Whiteside's last day in West Palm Beach will be October 29, and no new NSO will be assigned to that location, which partially explains the staff increase elsewhere. The department will soon participate in a pilot program with the VA focused on a new claims submission system. These points conclude the updates from NSO Supervisor Gerald Propst.

Commitment to Training and Service

Throughout all Area training sessions, the Department of Florida remains dedicated to delivering outstanding training programs. Under the leadership of Past National Commander Andy Marshall, who brings half a century of devoted service to Disabled American Veterans, the department maintains a hands-on approach and upholds the Navy's motto, "A Job Well Done." The leadership team is dedicated to service, and Assistant Adjutant Thomas Ayala encourages members to ask questions.

Membership, Advocacy, and Volunteerism

All members, as well as their families and friends, are encouraged to join the Commanders Action Network (CAN), which is free and open to everyone. The department urges continued efforts in membership drives, fundraising, and volunteer activities through programs such as the monthly LVAP, VAVS, and by staying informed with the DAV Magazine.

Closing Reflection

In closing, the department draws inspiration from the words of United States Army Medal of Honor recipient Ken David: "A Veteran is a Veteran is a Veteran. I told myself, whatever I can do to fight to make it easier for the next person behind me, that's what I'm going to do."





DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER *JOHN DUNN*

As I look back on September, I had the honor of attending two chapter meetings (Chapters 1 and 129) as well as a 9/11 event at Chapter 32. In addition, I was privileged to take part in three Area training sessions across the state.

I always enjoy attending chapter meetings because they provide an opportunity to meet our dedicated chapter leadership and members. These visits allow me to share updates from both the department and national levels, while also learning from the knowledge, experience, and concerns of our members. Communication is vital to the health of our organization, and I look forward to visiting more chapters in the coming months.

This year has marked great progress with our chapter officer area training sessions and CMS training. As you know, we moved from five Areas to seven Areas this year, and we continued implementing local chapter officer training in each Area. So far, zones 3, 4, and 7 have been completed, with zones 1, 2, 5, and 6 scheduled for October.

The training program includes both chapter officer training and in-depth CMS training for CSOs. Chapter officer training begins at 8:00 a.m. and runs until lunchtime. While these sessions serve as a refresher for experienced officers, they are invaluable for new officers or anyone considering leadership in their chapter. I strongly encourage all members to attend.

The CMS training sessions, led by our NSOs, provide a hands-on learning experience. Participants gain practical knowledge on how to input new veterans into the system, upload forms and files, and avoid common pitfalls that could delay veteran claims. I have personally attended four of these sessions, and I learn something new every time. I highly recommend that every CSO attend. If you miss the

miss the session in your area, I encourage you to travel to a nearby session, so you don't miss this valuable training. The CMS training begins after lunch, around 12:30 p.m. Lunches has included Popeyes's Chicken and Mission BBQ.

Upcoming Training Sessions

- **Area 1:** Saturday, October 25 – VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, Lake City
- **Area 2:** Thursday, October 2 – Chapter 70, 1081 North Paul Drive, Inverness
- **Area 5:** Wednesday, October 29 – Chapter 113, 1150 SW California Blvd., Port St. Lucie
- **Area 6:** Saturday, October 4 – Chapter 57, 5296 Hare Street, Crestview

Don't forget about the upcoming Golden Corral event coming this month. Chapters should ensure they have a sufficient number of members stationed at their Golden Corral. In addition to collecting donations, this is a good way to distribute information about your chapter to potential members.

Some Golden Corrals allow the local DAV Chapter to solicit funds the entire weekend or longer. Please ask the store manager if your chapter can solicit at least the weekend before Veteran's DAV.

Please reach out to me if you have a chapter meeting or event scheduled. I would be very interested in attending.



DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER PAUL MCLEMORE



Hello to everyone as summer comes to a close! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good spirits and full of anticipation for the season ahead. This month has been filled with activity and events.

To start the month, I attended the Chapter 16 cookout. Sr Vice Dunn was there, and it was wonderful to see friends while making new ones. The atmosphere was welcoming, and I look forward to future visits and shared experiences. We felt incredibly welcomed, and it was awesome to see familiar faces bonding with new members. A special shout out to Sr. Vice Johnson for making everyone so welcome. Moments like this highlight how fortunate we are to belong to such an organization. There are more opportunities ahead to gather, connect with other veterans.

On September 10th, 2025, Chapter 32 (Melbourne) held a remarkable ceremony at the Eau Gallie Civic Center to honor those we lost on 9-11. The event brought our community together, expressing deep respect for emergency services and the sacrifices they have made. With guest speakers including Major James G. Cusic III and Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey, attendees reflected on the day's lasting significance. Special thanks go to Commander Deflumeri and his team for hosting this powerful tribute—an experience that truly changed lives and reinforced why remembering matters. Commander Cornish and Sr Vice Dunn attended, adding to the occasion's significance. May those we lost rest in peace and never be forgotten. Bravo Zulu, Chapter 32, for an outstanding event!

My first meeting was at Chapter 86 (Palm Coast). As usual, I felt at home and welcomed to be there. The members of Chapter 86 continue to provide a supportive environment for veterans in Flagler County, dedicating themselves to community outreach, transportation assistance, and benefits support. Their volunteer efforts, whether through helping veterans with VA claims or offering rides to medical appointments—make a real difference in our region. It's inspiring to see this chapter's enduring commitment to helping veterans lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. The visit was truly enjoyable. The members are dedicated, helping our brothers and sisters whenever needed. Commander Larry Rekart has stepped into his new role, and his leadership promises great things for the future. Past Commander Bill May was also present, ready to assist and help address any ongoing chapter matters. With Past Commander May, we hope to continue to see him involved with us! Gratitude goes to all for their devoted service to our fellow veterans. During the meeting, a guest speaker addressed the critical issue of homelessness in our county, explaining the services offered and successes achieved. These collaborations make it easier for Service Officers to provide support for our homeless veterans and are vital to our mission. Congratulations to the chapter for electing two new Line Officers: Mike Gaskill as Sr. Vice and Dan Lancinskis as Jr. Vice. Their dedication and commitment are sure to benefit the entire group—looking forward to working with you both! The chapter also announced an impressive 3,700 LVAP hours for the month, and it's inspiring to see these hours being tracked and reported.



DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REVEREND JIM TAYLOR

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1775: The Birth of the Navy

Although four (4) months after the US Army (June 1775), the origins of the Navy predate independence by almost a year. On 26 August 1775, the assembly of the colony of Rhode Island sent its delegates to the [Continental Congress](#) in [Philadelphia](#) to request that “a fleet of sufficient force for the protection of these colonies” be established. Previously both the Continental Navy August 1775 and the Continental Marines were established November 1775 by the Continental Congress.

In the ensuing weeks, the Congress passed a series of resolutions. One of those was to approve the set of rules and regulations, written by John Adams. These rules authorized the capture of all British vessels involved in the suppression of the colonies’ recent revolt. This action was taken between 13 October 1775, and the end of that year, these actions served to establish the first “American Navy.” The Continental Marines were dis-established in 1776, and the United States Marines re-established in July 1798.

Rules for the Regulation of the Navy of the United Colonies of North America 28 November 1775

penned by John Adams, for These rules were established for Preserving the colonies’ Rights and Defending their Liberties, and to encourage all those who feel for their Country, and desire to enter into its service in that way in which they can be most useful. There are 44 Article within the 1775 Rules for the Regulation of the Navy. These rules were this new “American Navy.” The following are the first three (3).

We find leadership, faith, and virtue to be the top three of 44 articles within the Rules for the Regulation of the Navy.

ART. 1. The Commanders of all ships and vessels belonging to the THIRTEEN UNITED COLONIES, are strictly required to shew in themselves a good example of honor and virtue to their officers and men, and to be very vigilant in inspecting the behavior of all such as are under them.

ART. 2. The Commanders of the ships of the Thirteen United Colonies are to take care that divine service be performed twice a day on board, and a sermon preached on Sundays.

ART. 3. If any shall be heard to swear, curse or blaspheme the name of God, the Captain is strictly enjoined to punish them for every offence.

Honor (same today): To adhere to what is right.

Virtue (Courage today): To behave showing high moral standards.

Vigilant (Commitment today): Keeping careful watch for possible dangers or difficulty.

Happy 250th Birthday to all three: Army, Navy, and Marines. May God keep them strong.



LVAP HOURS:

The timely and accurate reporting of LVAP hours will be one of my priority goals this fiscal year. Last year only 21 of our 52 chapters reported LVAP hours to the department monthly as required. It is my belief that every chapter is performing functions for which LVAP hours can be claimed – they simply are not reporting those hours. Consequently, we are significantly under-reporting the activity of the Department of Florida.

Reporting LVAP hours, by every chapter, is very important to the DAV organization. DAV is required to report volunteer hours to Congress, watchdog groups, members, and donors. Reporting 'ALL' of our volunteer hours can strengthen our lobbying capabilities in congress, elevate the favorable opinion of watchdog groups, and reinforce the trust of our members and donors.

The below chart will be updated and appear in this newsletter monthly going forward so that every chapter will know where they stand.

Chap #	Current Month	YTD	Chap #	Current Month	YTD	Chap #	Current Month	YTD	Chap #	Current Month	YTD
1		1,230	23	256	496	83		247	112		
4	347	1,129	29			84	1,145	2,274.9	113		1,379
5	408	408	30			85	1,757	2,532	123	11,073	30,652
6			32	4,079	11,448	86			125		
7		111	38	6,219	9,952	87		2,836	126	437	1,270
11		554.5	42			90		46	129		
12	447	447	49			94		133	133	1,094	1,094
13		915	57			97			144	367	367
16	2,570	10,991	63			98			148		
17			67	187	548	101			150	487	1,569
18	5,538	16,488	70	806	1,601	108	276	1,489	158		474
			73			109	10,338	30,521	159	430	430
22			82	1,522	4,482.1	110	177.5	329.5			

TOTALS 7/1/25-present (unofficial)

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE MICHAEL MICHELOTTI



Eight individuals from Georgia and Florida connected to the House of Prayer Christian Churches of America (HOPCC) in Hinesville, Georgia, were indicted for various fraud schemes and tax charges. According to the indictment, the group's leader posed as "Rony Denis," an identity he allegedly stole in 1983. Using that identity, he became a US citizen in 2002 and went on to establish HOPCC and its affiliate House of Prayer Bible Seminary. Denis and the other defendants are accused of exploiting military personnel by recruiting them into the church, directing them to enroll in the seminary, and then using their VA education benefits to funnel money into church-controlled accounts. The VA OIG, FBI, IRS, Federal Housing Finance Authority, Army's Criminal Investigation Division, US Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the US Postal Inspection Service are investigating this case.

Owner of New Horizons Computer Learning Center in Florida Resolves GI Bill Allegations

The New Horizons Computer Learning Center in Jacksonville, Florida, and its owner—Coastal Corporate Training, Inc.—have agreed to pay \$500,000 to resolve allegations that the school overcharged the VA. Between 2015 and 2020, Coastal Corporate Training, Inc. failed to deduct tuition waivers from the tuition billed to the VA for students receiving less than 100-percent assistance under the GI Bill; falsely certified compliance with Title 38 by paying commissions, bonuses, or other incentive payments to enrollment representatives; and falsely certified compliance with the "85/15" rule. The VA OIG investigated this case.

Government Contractor Agrees to Pay \$3.1 Million to Resolve Alleged Violations of the False Claims Act

Joseph Mandour, owner of Sanford Federal, Inc., agreed to pay \$3,100,000 to resolve allegations that he and his company violated the False Claims Act in the acquisition and performance of 49 government contracts. Allegedly, Mandour knowingly misrepresented the identities of individuals alleged to be employees, used unknown persons and fraudulent credentials to sweeten contract bids, and misrepresented Sanford's size to acquire set-aside contracts in violation of Small Business Administration rules. It also alleged that he acquired a service-disabled veteran-owned small business set-aside contract and then knowingly violated a limitation on subcontracting that required such contracts to be performed by service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The VA OIG, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Department of Commerce OIG, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and Army Criminal Investigation Division investigated this case.

Georgia Man Convicted for Threatening to Kill Federal Employees

Alexis Beatles, of Hinesville, Georgia, was convicted on charges of Interstate Communications with Threats to Injure Another. On December 18, 2024, Beatles called a VA hotline and made demands to the phone operator and threatened to kill federal employees and others if his demands were not met. He made numerous threats, including threatening to crash his car into the Savannah VA Clinic, to "destroy" US citizens, to rig his home with explosives to kill any police officers that came to his house, and to kill the children of any officers who attempted to arrest him.



Adjutant's Column

Expanding the DAV Scholarships Program

FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

I'm excited to share that DAV has expanded our youth scholarship program to award more student volunteers for their service to veterans. We're now offering 15 scholarships annually with \$140,000 in total awards. Individual scholarships will range from \$2,500 to \$30,000. This initiative is about more than financial support; it's about encouraging the next generation to engage with our mission of helping ill and injured veterans.

Many past recipients have described their volunteer experiences with DAV as life-changing, including this year's top scholarship winner, Nihar Kummetha. His 375+ volunteer hours at the VA medical center in Charlotte, North Carolina, inspired him to study biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania.

Eligible students must be 21 or younger and have at least 100 DAV-credited volunteer hours, whether through a VA medical facility, a DAV chapter, or a DAV Auxiliary unit. Scholarships may be used at any accredited college, trade school or technical program. As members and leaders within DAV, you play a critical role in supporting this program. Please help us spread the word and encourage young volunteers in your communities to apply before the Feb. 28, 2026, deadline. To learn more or share the application link, visit davscholarships.org.

Chapters should ensure that they notify local high schools about this program.

For resolutions received from Department of Florida below describes their final disposition, of which there are three possibilities:

Adopted, Rejected as duplicate, or Rejected

- Support enforcement of fair rental practices in HUD-VASH Housing. **Adopted**
- Support Establishing Presumptive Service Connection for Diseases Related to Toxic Exposure at Fort McClellan, AL. **Adopted.**
- Expand presumptions for Service Connection for Former POW's. **Rejected as duplicate or similar.**
- Support Legislation to Strengthen and Protect Service-Disabled Veteran Small Business. **Rejected as duplicate or similar.**
- Ensure DVA Staff who work to Rehabilitate and Visually Impaired Veterans Receive Training in Assistive Technology. **Rejected as duplicate or similar.**
- Support Legislation to Provide Fitness for Service Connection Physical and Mental Health. **Rejected as duplicate or similar.**
- Support Legislation for Studies and Presumptive Diseases related to PFAS Exposure. **Rejected as duplicate or similar.**
- Ensuring Veterans Are Made Whole for VA Compensation Underpayments and Waiving Overpayments Caused by VA Pact Act Errors. **Rejected**
- Advocate for Reinstatement and Strengthening of VHA Directive 1134 (2) Public Access to DBQ's Oppose restrictive provisions limiting their use by non-VA providers. **Rejected as duplicate or similar.**



Adjutant's Column Continued

- Support Affordable Rent Controlled Assisted Living. **Adopted.**
- Support Extension of VR&E Counselling and Placement Services Beyond 48 Months. **Adopted.**

This Office of Inspector General (OIG) Healthcare Facility Inspection program report describes the results of a focused evaluation of the care provided at the West Palm Beach VA Healthcare System in Florida.

This evaluation focused on five key content domains:

- Culture
- Environment of care
- Patient safety
- Primary care
- Veteran-centered safety net

The OIG issued no recommendations.

US Congress Senate Resolution 408

A resolution recognizing September 20, 2025, as "National LGBTQ+ Servicemembers and Veterans Day".

Action: 2025-09-18 - Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Military Child of the Year Recognition

Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of outstanding military children.

Each year, hundreds of military teens (ages 13-18) are nominate by a parent, teacher, mentor or guardian. Candidates for the award demonstrate resilience, strength of character and the ability to thrive in the face of the challenges of military life. Nominations are accepted September 3 to December 2, 2025.

Click the link to obtain more information about the awards.

[link](#)

Are you a GAMER? Any of your members GAMERS?

DAV has entered into a new partnership with REGIMENT, the nation's largest military veteran gaming community. This collaboration is designed to empower veterans through the therapeutic and community-building power of gaming and ensure they are aware of the resources and services that can help them reach their maximum potential. By combining DAV's century-long history of advocacy and benefits assistance with REGIMENT's authenticity and reach in the online gaming space, we're ensuring no veteran is left behind in the digital age. Together, we will create opportunities for camaraderie, purpose and support that extend into online communities where many veterans, particularly younger generations, already connect.

Through this partnership, veterans and their families will have access to holistic support. REGIMENT will continue fostering mental health and social connection through gaming, while DAV will provide benefits assistance, advocacy and a wide range of services. The initiative also highlights the growing body of evidence showing gaming can aid rehabilitation, improve cognitive and motor skills, and help reduce stress, anxiety and post-traumatic stress symptoms.

Further updates will be shared through our social media platforms and direct announcements. You can follow along at linktr.ee/socialdav and linktr.ee/RegimentGG and view key messaging about our partnership in the attachment.



Air Force License Plates Available for purchase

Did you know? Proceeds from the sale of the U.S. Air Force license plate go into a trust fund for the operation and maintenance of Florida's nine State Veterans' Homes. More than 28,000 Floridians have one. Help us break the 30,000 mark. Our residents and staff thank you for your patriotism and support. To learn more, visit: <http://bit.ly/4fatAyc>.

Area Officer & CMS Training

Officer & CMS Training will be conducted again this year. All Officer & CMS Training will begin at 8:00 am and conclude around 4:00 pm or earlier provided all training has been accomplished. Donuts & lunch will be provided by Department of Florida. Coffee and beverages will be furnished by the host chapter.

Please RSVP to Department Adjutant at andy@davfla.com with names of those chapter members who are attending.

Area 1 training will be held on 25 October for Area training. VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, Lake City.

Area 5 training will be held Wednesday, October 29 at Chapter 113 located at 1150 SW California Blvd. Port St. Lucie.

Area 2 training will be held on Thursday, October 2 at Chapter 70 located at VFW Post 2170 West Vet Lane Beverly Hills

Area 6 training will be held on Saturday, October 4 at Chapter 57 located at 5296 Hare Street Crestview.

Officer Training will begin at 8:00 am and conclude around 11:30 am. CMS Training will be conducted beginning around noon and conclude around 4:00 pm.

A reminder that all CSO's must be listed on the Service Officer Nomination Form and sent to the National Service Office only



When Lt. Col. Rhonda Martin was just 19, she accidentally stepped into a Marine Corps recruiting office on her way to apply for the Peace Corps. According to a service press release recently, that chance decision turned into a distinguished 42-year military career making her the longest-serving active-duty Marine. Lt. Col. Martin is set to retire at the end of September. She now serves as assistant chief of staff for Manpower at Quantico, Virginia. Her official retirement date is January 1, 2026. Lt. Col. Martin has asked instead of giving her gifts or flowers that donations be made to the Marine Corps Education Foundation "so service and their families have additional opportunities to pursue education goals, advancing their careers and elevating their lives."

National Commander Nee has appointed PDC Laymond Rose to the Interim POW/MIA Committee and PDC Maryann Keckler to the Interim VAVS Committee. Congratulations to both.



It's that time of year again to ensure we have coverage at Golden Corral to raise awareness for DAV and collect donations for your chapters. Some Golden Corral allow chapters to solicit funds at their stores during other days depending on the store.

Military Appreciation Night occurs on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 from 4 p.m. to close. No military ID or proof of military service is required to receive the free buffet and beverage. Golden Corral generously allows DAV to fundraise at their restaurants

Please advise Department Headquarters if your chapter will be participating in this fundraising project. No Fundraising request is needed, nor do we collect 10% of your funds raised.

DAV National Headquarters will provide a contribution bucket directly to Golden Corral restaurants to collect donations. The bucket can be displayed from Oct. 27 to Nov. 11; however, the bucket must be available to the public during DAV Military Appreciation Night.

Donation Process

Each night, Golden Corral general managers will provide a donation form to document the amount raised that evening. The assigned DAV representatives are expected to be present, collect the bucket and account for all contributions. Both the Golden Corral general manager and the DAV representative should sign off and agree on the amount raised. Please remember that the DAV representative must remain in possession of the funds at all times and two separate members should agree upon the total amount.

Important Notice

DAV National Headquarters has granted a one-time extension for chapters to file their Annual Financial Report. The Annual Financial Report is now due NLT October 30, 2025.

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Adjutant's Column Continued

Florida Senate Sessions

August 1, 2025, Deadline for filing claim bills (Senate Rule 4.81(2))

August 1, 2025, Deadline for filing claim bills (Senate Rule 4.81(2)) November 21, 2025, 5:00 p.m. — All requests for drafts of general bills, memorials, and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills must be submitted

January 9, 2026, 5:00 p.m. — All drafts of general bills, memorials, and joint resolutions, including drafts for companion bills, must be approved to file in final form

January 13, 2026 Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Senate Rule 3.7(1))

February 28, 2026, Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Senate Rule 6.4(4)) All bills are immediately certified (Senate Rule 6.8)

March 3, 2026, 50th day — Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Senate Rule 2.9(2))

March 13, 2026, 60th day — Last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)

US Congress Senate Resolution 408

A resolution recognizing September 20, 2025, as "National LGBTQ+ Servicemembers and Veterans Day"

Action: 2025-09-18 - Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

US Congress Senate Bill 2737

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to implement a pilot program to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to certain veterans through community care providers, and for other purposes.

Action: 2025-09-09 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Congratulations to Area Committeeperson and Chapter 67 Adjutant Freda Gardner and Chapter 32 Commander Rodney DeFlumeri for being named by National Commander Coleman Nee as two of his National Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

CSO Certification Training & Mid-Winter Conference

CSO's and chapter officers can now register for CSO Certification Training in January 2026. CSO Training begins on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 1:00 pm. Training concludes on Friday, January 9 following testing.

Judge Allen and Zack Stoltz have already accepted our invitation to again participate in our training. The Veterans Consortium has been invited this year to participate in our training to discuss their involvement in the program to upgrade military discharges. Awaiting their reply.

The National Service Office will provide training on Certification and CMS. **If you have a laptop or tablet, please bring to training.**

Contact the Lake Mary Marriott to make your reservation before the room block is full. Call (321) 341 0563 to make your reservation.

Awaiting reply from St. Petersburg VARO and VHA VISN Director to participate.

We have been informed by National Coleman Nee that he has requested to attend our training and Mid-Winter Conference.

The theme has been set for the Commander's Ball at which time we honor our DAV & DAVA Department Commanders. The theme is the movie Grease.



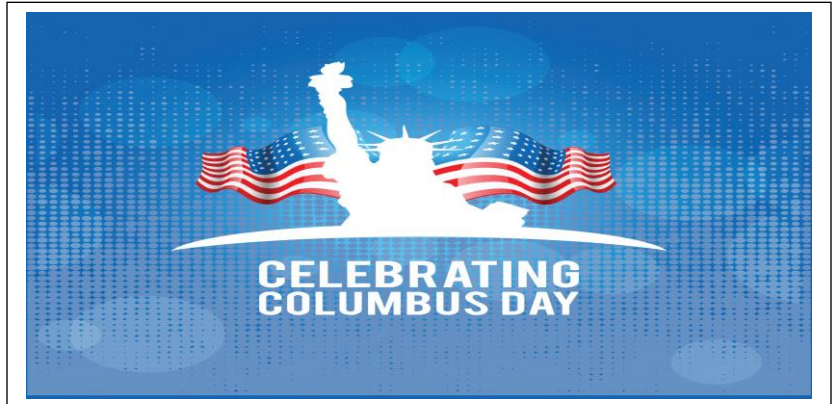
October 1 Yom Kippur Begins



October 2 Yom Kippur Ends



October 13 Colombus Day



October 31 Halloween

