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**DAV/DAVA December 2017  
NEWSLETTER**



**TOGETHER AS ONE**

**DAV Commander's Corner:**

As we move to the last five months of my term as Commander, I would like to see each Chapter continue to make every effort to increase its membership numbers and find ways to increase your public awareness because they go hand in hand. I have enjoyed visiting all of you the last three months. Your dedication is unwavering to the DAV. One issue I would like to address are the changes that have been made in our Portland Transportation Office. Changes are sometimes hard to take or understand, but I can assure you that they were needed and were not easy decisions. This organization is bigger than one or two people and we cannot allow anyone to attempt to change our values and the commitment we made when we joined the DAV. They may be unpopular changes to some and I am truly sorry that you may not understand or have the true picture. But one thought that I leave to you is this: there is always two sides to every story and we should never make snap judgements when only one side has been heard.

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah to the wonderful members to our Department.

Kevin J Owens  
Commander

\*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\*

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Through my travels I have noticed that Chapter members are doing wonderful things, but at the end of the year they are not being rewarded for their efforts. I would like to see seventeen members being put in for Chapter Member of the Year, Commander of the Year and Adjutant of the Year. Also, if you have someone that is doing good things I would be honored to give out Certificates from the Department for their achievements. Just send me their names and we will get it done. Let's put in a little effort to make our members feel valued.

## **Department Officers**

**Senior Vice:** No Input due to illness

**Junior Vice:** I want to thank you all for all the love and support I've received from my chapter, department, and auxiliary line officers. In fact, I want to thank the entire DAV/DAVA itself. I've come to realize when you need support from DAV/DAVA and I've got a lot of it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless.

Tom Cousino  
1st Jr Vice Commander

## **Adjutant –**

The Holidays Are Upon Us! This is a good thing for most of us, particularly those of us with children or grandchildren to spoil! But it is also a time of increased stress, and for our comrades who may already be suffering from underlying physiological or mental issues, or find themselves alone as those around them are celebrating, the added stress can lead to depression or worse. So, we need to touch base with all the veterans we interact with regularly, and make sure they are doing well. Invite a single comrade over for Christmas dinner. Hold a holiday party for a struggling young veteran's family. You get the idea! Try and make sure it's a happy holiday season for all!

**Mentoring-** We brought this subject up at the Mid-Year Conference, but it bears repeating:

National puts a great emphasis on recruiting new members, which is critical: it's good for the Chapter, and it's good for the disabled veteran. But what are you doing with your new members once you have them?

We learned an important rule in the military: "No one can afford to be irreplaceable." This rule is just as true in the DAV. Mentoring of new members is critical: we have lost entire chapters because key officers were incapacitated or died! The chain of results were almost always the same: no remaining members knew how to do the job, and no one wanted to take it over "cold." When things stopped getting done, Chapter members stopped meeting, so elections weren't held, Officer Reports were not submitted, and National pulled the chapter's charter!

To avoid this fate, replacements must be ready: they must *want* to do the job, and must be properly trained. They are more likely to take over a position if they are trained to do so! They are even more likely to take over a position if you're still around to guide them when they do!

Of course, Chapter members need to buy in — after all, they need to vote in your replacement! — and they will be more accepting if they know you trained your replacement, and you think he or she is ready to do the job! There is a lot more that can be said about this subject. In fact, I built a presentation that does just that! Every chapter needs to take mentoring of new members seriously, and start training up their replacements!

Bruce Young  
Department Adjutant

## **Historian-** Thomas Cousino

December 26, 1776 - The Battle of Trenton was a small but pivotal battle during the American Revolutionary War, in which General George Washington crossed the Delaware River to attack and capture most of the Hessian army under British garrison in Trenton, New Jersey.

December 24, 1814 - The Treaty of Peace and Amity between the British and the United States of America is signed by representatives at Ghent, Belgium end the War of 1812.

December 21, 1861 - President Lincoln signs a bill creating the Navy's version of the Medal Of Honor. It is to be presented to sailors or marines who distinguish themselves by their gallantry in battle.

December 7, 1917 - United States declares war on Austria-Hungary empire.

December 7, 1941 - Empire of Japan attacks Pearl Harbor on the island of Hawaii. The United States declares war of Japan the following day.

December 30, 1950 - General MacArthur warns the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs the Chinese Communist forces could drive the UN forces out of Korea if they so desired.

December 27, 1968 - The United States mounts a large-scale assault on Viet Cong positions in the Mekong Delta using Napalm and tons of bombs.

December 6, 1990 - Iraq releases hostages from Kuwait and Iraq.

December 13, 2003 - Saddam Hussein is captured by American forces in a spider hole in Tikrit, Iraq.

### **Department Chaplain:**

Christmastime will soon be upon us. All the hustle and bustle of the joyous season fills our lives with great excitement. As the year will soon end and a new one will begin, let us pause and reflect on those things we hold dear. Let us always remember the reason for the season and blessings we enjoy. We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Healthy New Year.

Rex & Carol Nofziger  
DAV & DAVA State Chaplains

### **Director Of Services**

There are some changes in the NSO Office. These changes are being put in place so that the NSO Office can provide better service to our veterans that they are working for.

The phones will be turned off on the following days: Thursday from 11:00 – Close for Mandated Training

If you need to have the Office call you please send an email to the following Email with your request:  
[dav.vbaport@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbaport@va.gov)

It is also recommended that you give the information that you are requesting and a contact phone number.

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **National Service Office**

## DAV INFORMATION SEMINARS

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Information Seminars are held to educate veterans and their families on specific veterans' benefits and services. These free seminars are run by DAVs highly trained National Service Officers (NSOs) and are held around the country. NSOs are experts on Veterans benefits and are able to provide the best counseling and claims filing assistance that you and your family can get. These services are free of charge, and veterans do not need to be a DAV member to take advantage of this service.

We require at a minimum 8 weeks advanced notice prior to the date you want the seminar in order to send out letters and order materials. In addition to the seminar we can hold a claims clinic afterwards if your chapter desires one. Per the National Service Director, we cannot hold these seminars on a weekend unless it is in conjunction with a special event.

# MOBILE SERVICE OFFICE

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The Portland DAV office will have the MSO in July and August of 2018. If you want the MSO at your Chapter please send your request to the Portland DAV office (phone, email, fax, snail mail) to the attention of NSO Charles Pugh. The dates will be determined as requests are received. Per the National Service Director, the MSO cannot visit your Chapter on a weekend unless it is in conjunction with a special event. We have a limited number of slots for the MSO so please make your request ASAP. We will not accept any request for the MSO after May 1, 2018.

## **PORTLAND NSO OFFICE**

### **National Service Officers**

Tal Clark, Supervisor  
Amber Niemi, Assistant Supervisor  
Charles Pugh, Senior Associate National Service Officer  
Matthew Paige, National Service Officer  
Joyce Judge, Lead Secretary  
Nicholas Hale, Secretary

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Thursday: 0900-1200.

## **DSO**

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## **Convention Chair:**

### **Department Conventions (held in May each year):**

2018 - Running Y, Klamath Falls, May 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, hosted by Dewey Powell Chapter #12  
(Service Officer Training Level 1 on May 10, 2018, & Level II on May 11, 2018). Keep an eye of the Department Web Site for registration forms and up to date information about this event.  
2019 - North Bend, OR (venue to be chosen), hosted by Coos County Chapter #38  
2020 - Lebanon Veterans Home  
2021 - Portland, OR  
2022- TBD

### **Mid-Year Conferences (held in October each year):**

2018 – Springfield Chapter #42, Springfield OR  
2019 – Portland, OR (Chapter 1)  
2020- Lincoln City, OR (Yamhill #5)  
2021- TBD

## **TREASURER/FUND-RAISING**

Current Account Balances (as of 3 December)

General:	\$128,475.28
HSC Operations (payroll and taxes):	\$ 29,664.67
Van Fund:	\$ 38,833.19
National Campaign:	\$ 2,756.79
FEMA:	\$ 65,729.34

**I was told that at least one Chapter is doing fund-raising without getting permission from the Department.** I was told the Chapter believes the Department will demand half the funds raised by any Chapter. **This is NOT TRUE!** The only reason the Department must be notified of any fund-raising event in advance of the event, is to prevent conflicting activities and to ensure compliance with directives in the National Constitution and By Laws Section 15.3. The Department will only disapprove your event if it does not comply with the Constitution and ByLaws of the Department or National organization. If multiple Chapters in close proximity to each other request the same date(s) for fund-raising, the Chapters may be asked to coordinate with each other (change dates or combine) so that both Chapters have maximum potential for event success. The only way the Department gets any funds from Chapter fund-raising events is if your membership votes to donate to the Department.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Finance Committee members are working on options to re-invest the Della Shrock funds. They plan to make recommendations to the membership at the Convention in May. If you have any suggestions, contact Committee Chair Tal Clark.

/Wanda Janus, Treasurer

#### **LVAP Program:**

LVAP hours reported for November are as follows:

Chapter #1 – 77 total hours, 3 members	Unit #1 – 72 total hours, 8 members
Chapter #11 – 103 total hours, 1 member	Unit #5 – 29 total hours, 1 member
Chapter #12 – 402 total hours, 10 members	Unit #11 – 240 total hours, 1 member
Chapter #25 – 88 total hours, 2 members	Unit # 25 – 179 total hours, 6 members
Chapter #38 – 78 total hours, 1 member	
Dept total: 748 total hours, 17 members	State total: 520 total hours, 16 members
<b>Combined total: 1,268 hours, 33 members</b>	

These numbers show a GREAT IMPROVEMENT in reporting, but I know there are a lot of you NOT reporting. Keep up the awesome work and keep pushing your members to report their hours.

You can download the necessary forms from the Department Web site...<http://www.davmembersportal.org/or/default.aspx>.

**NOTE: there is a new reporting form. Please download and use the new form.**

DAVA Units, send your hours to Jenny Clark.

DAV Chapters: Remember, the best way to submit your LVAP reports is by sending them via e-mail to [OregonLVAP@gmail.com](mailto:OregonLVAP@gmail.com) . If you mail them, please mail them directly to the LVAP coordinator Wanda Janus, 37615 SE Gordon Creek Rd, Corbett, OR 97019. Send them on the first of each month for the preceding month so that I can get them posted in time to meet DAV Headquarters requirements. Reports are closed by National on the 4<sup>th</sup>, so if I don't get them before that, our numbers will not be accepted. DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT.

**Remember, before reporting your hours, you must be registered in the LVAP system. You need to complete the registration form only once.** A fillable e-form can be downloaded from the Department website.

If any Chapter needs help with this, let me know by sending an email to [OregonLVAP@gmail.com](mailto:OregonLVAP@gmail.com) or calling me at 503-695-6459.

/Wanda Janus, LVAP Coordinator

#### **HSC Supervisor:**

##### **HSC VA Phone Numbers:**

White City HSC- Jason Holland (541) 830- 7529  
Roseburg HSC- Andrea Bernhardt (541) 440-1293  
Portland HSC – Flo Riley (503) 220-8262 Ext 57804  
Assistant Portland HSC- Jenny Clark (503) 220-8262 Ext 57804

One thing we really need: Volunteers in the Portland DAV Transportation Office. Volunteering for a few hours a week would be tremendously rewarding as you have a direct impact of the quality of life for those you help. It also benefits the office tremendously by

allowing the HSC's to focus their efforts on answering Veteran calls and scheduling. While our biggest need is in Portland. We are in need of Volunteer Drivers throughout the state and office help in White City and Roseburg, as well.

**Welcome Aboard:** Jenny Clark as our new Assistant HSC in our DAV transportation Office in Portland.

**Monthly Report: October- 2017**

Hospital	Hours Donated	Miles Driven	Veterans Transported
Portland	1329	27902	610
Roseburg	449	8555	255
White City	304	5843	148

Thank-you to all the great volunteers, WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.....

**DAV HSC OFFICES**

**PORTLAND**

We are in desperate need of Volunteer Drivers in: Albany, Portland, Salem, The Dalles, Tillamook and Longview.

Need a Volunteer dispatcher at the Salem Clinic

**ROSEBURG**

We are in need of volunteer drivers in Eugene, Local, Florence and Crescent City. Please call Andrea in Roseburg for more information.

Need Volunteer Dispatcher at Eugene Clinic

Need Volunteer Local drivers in the Eugene/Springfield area to transport to the Eugene Clinic

**WHITE CITY**

We are in need of local and AM drivers. Please call Jason at White City for more information.

**VA News:**

**Take Command: Changes to TRICARE Disenrollment Coming in 2018**

Oct. 26, 2017

As part of the changes coming to TRICARE on Jan. 1, 2018, there will be new rules affecting disenrollment. Beginning in 2018, if you're eligible for TRICARE and enrolled in a health plan, there are three ways you can be disenrolled.

Read the [full article here](#).

Sign up for TRICARE email updates at [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions).

**ODVA NEWS:** no input

**UGVO Report:** no input

**CHAPTERS:** Chapters can report any upcoming events or information concerning your chapter. IF you would like it in the newsletter, it will need to be to Brigitte Marker by the 1st of each month.

**Chapter 1-**

**Chapter 4 –** No input

**Chapter 5 -** No Input

**Chapter 6 -** No Input

**Chapter 7 –** No input



**Chapter 8** – July, Cdr. Alice Thomsen and husband, Tom Thomsen (the new Auxiliary Adjutant) attended the Non-Commissioned Officer's Association (NCOA) National Convention. The Convention was held at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, NV. Cdr. Thomsen had been asked to speak at the Convention regarding how well the Memorandum of Understanding (MOD) works. Years past a MOD was utilized between the two organizations. The \MSO was for the DAV Certified Service Officers to assist in providing Veteran Service Representation to the NCOA members. DAV #8 member Terry Haines was in attendance. Commander Thomsen reported that it was a very beneficial trip and an excellent learning experience. She had the opportunity to hear from and speak to the Command Sergeant Majors of all 5 branches of the service. DAV member Terry Haines, who is the Commander of the local Rogue Chapter 1260 NCOA received an award due to the excellent work for veterans in the Southern Oregon area and specific to the hard endeavors he has made for the local NCOA Chapter. Members had a successful Fourth of July For-Get-Me-Not Drive. The average number of veterans being assisted by Chapter #8 CSO's at VA SORCC has increased to 140. Presently we have 4 CSO's and they are handling the Service Office. Hours are Wednesday's from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday's and Thursday's primarily by appointment. August saw Commander Thomsen and husband, Tom Thomsen (Auxiliary Adjutant) attending the DAV & DAVA National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Fun times were had as well as several DAV and DAVA members took the Night Dinner Jazz Cruise on the Mississippi, and all had a good time.

August 12, Chapter 8 Hosted Oregon State DAV Commander and Staff, Oregon DAV Auxiliary Commander and Staff, and the members of Chapter #11 DAV/DAVA from Grants Pass. A potluck lunch was provided followed by a combined meeting. After introductions of all the visitors, the gavel was turned over to Oregon DAV Auxiliary Commander Vickie Patridge who conducted the swearing in of the new DAV #8 Auxiliary. A New gavel was then passed to the new DAVA #8 Commander Patricia White, along with the presentation of the new DAVA #8 Charter. Pictures were taken afterward. This was the first Official Meeting of DAV/DAVA #8 on their new meeting day, second Saturday of the month at 12 pm. Following the meeting CDR Thomsen left to join her husband in Walla Walla, WA. It is with sad regret that on 20 August they saw the passing of DAVA #8 Adjutant Tom Thomsen's 103 yr. old WW II Navy Veteran and loving father, Robert "Doc Bob" Thomsen. In days since they have had travels to Las Vegas, Tucson and Walla Walla for Memorials in honor of the veteran, "a life-time teacher, and former coach at Three Colleges/Universities. The DAV and DAVA #8 plan to had 3 cars in the Medford Veteran's Day Parade. DAV Chaplain Richard Backes' drove his 2 ½ ton MASH 4077 in the parade another year. Past Commander Nicki Snyder has been released from the ICU at Providence Hospital following a surgical emergency. We pray that he continues to improve. It is our understanding he will have a lengthy recovery. A donation of \$200.00 from DAV and \$40.00 from the DAVA was made to the Fireman's Fund at the Rogue Credit Union. The Rogue Credit Union matched the funds we donated. We will be providing to the VA 250 tote bags for the Veterans Christmas Party. DAVA Adjutant Tom Thomsen recommended to the Auxiliary a project. CDR Pat White, Sr. Vice Kathy Wayne accomplished this project. They created Red, White, and Blue Wreaths. They then presented them to each City Mayor's Office. They made the local Channel 10 news and local newspaper due to this worthy project. Keep up the good work!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all

**Chapter 11** - No Input

**Chapter 12** –



**Getting ready for the Veterans Day Parade**

L-R- Jim Welder (member), Larry Peterman (Commander), Brigitte Marker (Treasurer/Adjutant), Troy Trivitt (Grandson of Larry Peterman)

**We have a local High School Senior doing his Capstone project on helping Veterans.** Zach Cook did a food drive to help us fill our Thanksgiving Food Boxes: Each box comes complete with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner, Turkey included)



Our Pantry after Zach's Food Drive



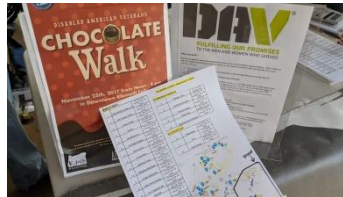
Zach (on Right) with his dad help carry out food Boxes



Some of the Veterans that received Food Boxes (we handed out 29 Thanksgiving Food Boxes)

There was enough food left over to help with our Christmas Food Boxes. We will be helping 30 Families for Christmas. Thank you Zach for all your hard Work!

**We held our first Inaugural Chocolate Walk on Nov 25, 2017**



Our Registration Booth



Brigitte Marker, Terry White – Registering Walkers



Ray Ramirez, Brigitte Marker, Terry White



Walkers waiting to register

We had 27 businesses and 264 Chocolate Walkers participate which raised over \$2,100 for our Chapter. If any chapter wants information on this event and how to have your own, please let me know. I'll be happy to share.

Our chapter members put in well over 500 hours for LVAP this month. We continue to hold our monthly business meeting.



**Chapter 14** – For Chapter 14, we participated in the 2018 Veterans Day Parade (See photos below.)



Additionally, there was a small luncheon after the parade for veterans and friends to meet. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped put this on for everyone.



On November 16<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Drivers Appreciation dinner. This takes the place of our regular monthly meeting and is enjoyed by all. We really thank our drivers for the wonderful work they do by taking our disabled veterans to their medical appointments in Portland and here in Bend to the CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic). Also, thank you to those who prepared the dinner. They are truly a blessing to us.



Don Surrett

Adjutant, Chapter 14

Bend, OR

#### **Chapter 17 –**

Chapter 17 continues with monthly meetings - although the attendance is low. On the plus side, those that do attend are the ones that participate in activities and step up to the plate when help is needed. We were happy to host Department Commander Owens and he had the opportunity to see the chapter in action at a public event. I do hope Kevin came away impressed with what our chapter is doing.

Our service officer and employment members are busy helping Veterans in need and that will continue. We participated in the largest Veterans Day observance in the country as we honored our Veterans on November 11th. In addition, we will be offering financial assistance to the upcoming Veterans Stand Down in Newport.

With that, we do hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and look forward to a Merry Christmas and please remember those that have yet to return home from previous wars and extend our best support to our Veterans serving today. Remember: 22 push for 22 days.

Louie White, Sr. Vice

Willamette Chapter 17

541-401-1063

**Chapter 18** - No Input

**Chapter 20** - No Input

**Chapter 23** - No Input

**Chapter 25** - No input

**Chapter 38** -

We continue to hold monthly meetings. Chapter 38 continues to make donations to the American Legion Auxiliary Bay Area Unit #34 for the coffee service that is provided at the North Bend CBOC as well as our monthly donation to the DAV Transportation Fund of fifty dollars. The Chapter is moving forward with visiting Veterans in the local retirement homes that may not have anyone to visit with. The Chapter held its annual For-Get-Me-Not drive at Walmart. The generosity we received was overwhelming. The day was twofold, Veterans Day and a Day to promote a great organization the DAV. The Chapter wishes everyone a Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas.



**Josh St Ives, Kevin Owens & Larry Bingham**

**Veterans Day**

**Forget-Me-Not Drive 2017**

Kevin Owens  
Adjutant/Treasurer  
Chapter 38

**Chapter 39** - No Input

**Chapter 42** - No input

**News from NATIONAL:**

**EVENTS**

2018 Mid-Winter Conference

*February 25 – February 28, 2018 (Tentative, pending confirmation on Capitol Hill)*

Crystal Gateway Marriott  
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202  
Telephone: 1.800.266.9432 or 1.703.920.3230  
Group Name: Disabled American Veterans  
\$195 Single/Double

[Reserve Online](#)

2018 National Convention

Saturday, July 14 – Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino  
2500 East Second Street  
Reno, Nevada 89595  
1-800-648-5080  
Group Code: Disabled American Veterans (DAV)  
\$84 GSR Basic Room Single/ Double  
\$104 Summit Room Rate Single/ Double

**LEGISLATIVE:**

Commander's Action Network (CAN):

<https://www.dav.org/learn-more/legislation/join-action-network-take-action/>

This is the website to sign up to receive e-mail Alerts about pending legislation that DAV is working on. Timely communications with your representatives in DC is vital to making sure they know what you, their constituents, feel is important. Please visit the web site and sign up. With the CAN you can send messages to your representatives about pending Legislation that effect Veterans and their dependents.

**Auxiliary News**

**DAVA Commander**

First, I would like to say THANK YOU to Kevin Owens and all in chapter 38 for hosting our mid-year. We had lots of good information and great communication as well as conversations. Very big Thank you to Wanda Janus for all her insight on the LVAP program. We were also grateful to Brigitte for all the state convention information. It was also very nice to have Tal Clark speak to us about Death benefits and how to get prepared. If you need more info on this issue, please call Tal and set up a time for him to come to one of your unit meetings.

In November, my unit and I had the privilege of serving breakfast to over 150 Veterans and their families as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Responders in the Portland area at City Bible Church. We also had a vender table that we shared with the Chapter to bring more awareness to the DAV & Auxiliary. I was also given the opportunity to be a part of a Sunday morning Veterans Day service where one of Chapter #1 members and myself had the privilege of shared

information about the DAV & Auxiliary. I then followed up the day with a visit to a local assisted living facility where Auxiliary members and myself had handed out homemade thank you cards to about 25 veterans.

We have also filled all 3 ( Portland, Roseburg and White City) of our VAVS positions. We also have some at large members that are actively trying to form two new units, in Salem and Lebanon. I look forward to helping our members reach their goal. Last but not least, I would like to Thank Unit 25 for giving me the opportunity to be a part of handing out over 900 shirts to Veterans all over the State of Oregon.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

Vickie Partridge  
Commander

#### **DAVA Adjutant –**

I hope everyone enjoyed their family and friends for Thanksgiving. I am ever thankful to the American men and women who have fought for our freedoms! I will continue to serve those veterans in the best way I can!

Now, I need your help! This year at convention, we will be giving out awards for Commander of the Year, Adjutant of the Year, and Unit of the Year.

It is difficult for us to see everything that happens. I need your recommendations! I want to know who you want and what they have done to earn the title. Please send me information!! Let's nominate the ones that so deserve the recognition! I know they exist in the shadows somewhere.... let's bring them to the light!

I'm wishing you all the happiness of Christmas! May 2018 bring us peace, happiness, and love!

Jenny Clark  
Adjutant  
DAV Auxilliary  
615-339-00889  
Jenny.clark68@comcast.net.

**DAVA Senior Vice Commander – No input**

#### **DAVA UNITS Reports –**

Portland Unit 1 had a busy Veteran's Day. We served over 150 veterans and first responders breakfast. It was fun to get to talk to them. We heard some stories from WWII, Vietnam, Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. It was interesting to hear some familiarity in some of their stories along with some big differences as well. I could sit and listen all day. The veterans enjoyed having someone to listen to them talk and of course to eat a full breakfast! We celebrated all of them!!



from left Carol Copper Blue Star Moms,  
Unit # 1 Commander Vickie Partridge &



Portland Chapter 1 from left Wanda Janus  
and Unit 1 Jenny Clark



Portland unit 1 Treasurer,  
Melody Partridge



Retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander  
George Bickford



Juniors from Portland Unit 1,  
front- Abigail Partridge, behind-Alissa Dittmore  
Portland Unit 1 Commander Vickie Partridge



Sherri Richards being honored by local pastor and Unit 1 member  
Dixie Antle

**I hope you enjoyed our department newsletter. If you have any suggestions or contribution to the newsletter please contact Brigitte Marker at [Markermb@gmail.com](mailto:Markermb@gmail.com) . For anything you want added to the next newsletter please have the information to me by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



**Chapter Meetings: December 2017** Special Chapter Events will be in **RED** Unit will be in **Blue**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  CHPT 6- 1000 CHPT 23 - 1400
3	4	5	6	7	8	9  CHPT 11 – 1300 Unit 8 - 1200 Unit 11- 1200 CHPT 38- 1400
10	11	12  CHPT 8 – 1200 CHPT 17- 1300 CHPT 39- 1400 CHPT 42- 1900	13  CHPT 12-1800* CHPT 7 – 1800 CHPT 18- 1800 CHPT 5 – 1900 Unit 5 -1830	14	15	16
17	18	19	20  CHPT 1 - 1900 Unit 1-1900	21  CHPT 14 – 1830 Unit 14 -1830	22	23  CHPT 20- 1000 CHPT 25- 1100 CHPT 4 - 1400 Unit 25-1430
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Chapter Meeting INFO:

Chapter 1 --DAV Bingo Hall	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland , OR 97220	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 4- Gladstone Community Club	255 E Exter Street, Gladstone, OR 97027	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10am
Chapter 5-	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 6- WestCare Home for Heroes	2933-B Center St NE, Salem, OR 9730	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	10am
Chapter 7- American Legion Post #6	285 W. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	12pm
Chapter 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	1pm
Chapter 12- DAV Hall	2809 Avalon Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	630pm
Chapter 17-	1469 Timber St SE, Albany, OR 97322	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	1pm
Chapter 18	254 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ontario, OR 97914	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 20- Brookings Public Library	405 Alder Street, Brookings, OR 97415	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10am
Chapter 23-	1715 21 <sup>st</sup> Street, Florence, OR 97439	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	2pm
Chapter 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	11am
Chapter 38	1402 Airport Way, North Bend, OR 97459	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	1pm
Chapter 39- American Legion Hall	424 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Milton Freewater, OR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
Chapter 42	344 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, OR 97477	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7pm

## Auxiliary Unit Meeting Information

Unit 1- DAV HALL	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland, OR 97220	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Unit 5--	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7pm
Unit 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	12pm
Unit 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	12pm
Unit 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	630pm
Unit 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	230pm