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DAV/DAVA June 2017 NEWSLETTER



DAV Commander's Corner:

I want to thank all of you for re-electing me the Department Commander for 2017-2018. You also elected some fine Officers to serve this Department. The goals are plain and simple this year... we need to make sure Chapters have current and updated constitution & by-laws and up to date 990's with the IRS. We need to help increase Chapter attendance and finally, we need to help get Chapters be more engaged to attend Mid-Year and Department Conventions. You are probably wondering how all this is going happen,. The answer is all the Officers of the Department at some point will be attending Chapter meetings lending support and knowledge to the needs of all of you. That's our promise to all of you, support in areas you may need help, encourage and cheerleader you to success. All Vice-Commanders have been assigned Chapters and have asked each to call the Chapter Commanders every month. If you do not hear from them, let me know, because this is their charge for your success. To the Chapters: you can call them or me anytime. You should never wait for a call to have your needs addressed. I give you my promise that we are here to support each of our Chapters in any way we can. I would ask you to not wait for a problem to become a bigger, when in fact most of them can be solved in a short time. I plan on making out my schedule for visitations and I will ask again if you could accommodate me for weekend meetings as I am still working full time. I look forward to working with all of you again this year, seeing and hearing the good things you do for your community. God Bless each one of you for your dedication to the DAV because it's you - the member - that is the DAV.

Kevin J Owens Commander

Department OfficersSenior Vice Commander

Junior Vice: This past year was a great learning experience. I really enjoyed meeting with members of the 5 chapters I was assigned to visit. Also, I had a great time getting to know new faces at our state convention in Bend. I look forward to meeting with the new chapters I have been asked to visit. Let's make this a great year and continue the mission of the DAV: provide lifetime support for veterans and their families.

Adjutant -

Historian

June 16, 1775 - Continental Congress appoints George Washington commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

June 3, 1861 - The Union and Confederate armies engage in their first skirmish in western Virginia.

June 1, 1918 - The Battle of Belleau Wood. This battle against the Germans is key to lore in the history of the United States Marine Corps.

June 6, 1944 - The Allied of Normandy in Operation Overload during World War II. It was the largest seaborne invasion in history.

June 25, 1950 - The Korean began with the Battle of Uijeonbgu where the North invaded the South.

June 8, 1965 - Army and Marine ground forces engage the Viet Cong for the first time in 'search and destroy' missions.

June 7, 2006 - American armed forces kill al-Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq.

June 14, 1775 - United States Army birthday.

June 20, 1924 - Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated soldiers in American history is born.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 0900-1600

Department Chaplain

Director Of Services

As our DAV transportation Program continues to grow we have to meet the demands and in the process not place to much on any one individual. So to help prevent this I asked for an 8 hr a week position to be added at the Department Convention the finance Committee approved the request and sent it to the body, where it was approved..

Our New 8 hr per week person will be Joyce Judge who will start July 7, 2017. In the meantime she is getting trained by our staff at the Portland VA office every Friday until then. No worries she will still be at the DAV NSO office Monday through Thursday.

Other changes to our program are; that we are in the process of Hiring a new HSC supervisor in our Office in Portland.

National Service Office

So far, we have received one request for the MSO in 2017. We still have 14 slots to fill. If you want the MSO to visit your area in 2017, let our office know ASAP. With your request, you should provide an approved location for the MSO which help things go smoother during the scheduling process. Dates will be determined by the National Service Director and made available when received. Please make your request in writing or email to dav.vbaport@va.gov. Don't forget you can request an information Seminar as well as the MSO.

PORTLAND NSO OFFICE

National Service Officers

Tal Clark, Supervisor
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Convention Chair:

Department Conventions (held in May each year):

2018 - Running Y, Klamath Falls, May 18-20, hosted by Dewey Powell Chapter #12

2019 - North Bend, OR (venue to be chosen), hosted by Coos County Chapter #38

2020- Lebanon Veterans Home

2021- Portland, OR

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

2017 - Coos County Chapter #38, North Bend, OR

2018 - Springfield Chapter #42, Springfield OR

2019 - Portland, OR (Chapter 1)



2020- Lincoln City, OR (Yamhill #5)





Department News:

Pictures of the Department Convention 2017

New Officers For 2017-2017

Back Row (L-R)

Wanda Janus (Treasurer), Larry Bingman (Inspector), Dick Lovegren (Sr. Vice), Tal Clark (Finance Committee), Kevin Owes (Commander), Brigitte Marker (Director of Services), Thomas Cusino (Jr. Vice), Robert Alegrete (Finance Committee), Rex Nofizger (chaplain)

Front Row (L-R)



Bob Cusick (Finance Committee), David Wentz (Jr. Vice), Isaac Martinez (Finance Committee), Robert Gwozdz (Judge Advocate), Bruce Young (Adjutant)



The Women Veterans that are moms receiving flowers for Mother's day.



Alice Thomsen Receiving the Veteran of the Year Award



Brigitte Marker, Stephen Whitehead (National 2nd Jr. Vice), Wanda Janus

A DAY ON THE WATER

River Cruise North Bend-Coos Bay

Chapter 38 is holding a cruise on the river in Coos Bay to all DAV members this trip is being sponsored by the Miss Linda Research Vessel. The trip will be in July and we want to see how many people would be interested in coming. Trip is free, food will be provided accommodations are up to you and the goal is to get Veterans out of the house and enjoy the weather, the view and most important the bonding we have as Veterans. Please contact Kevin Owens at 541-756-2390 for information

Treasurer/Fund-raising:

Current Account Balances (as of 1 June)

 General:
 \$ 90,940.29

 HSC Operations (payroll and taxes):
 \$ 74,519.69

 Van Fund:
 \$ 27,336.50

 National Campaign:
 \$ 2,756.79

 FEMA:
 \$ 65,725.92

When you start planning your event, let Brigitte know as she may be able to get a van parked for display at your event so people can see what they are supporting. You may also have some local van riders who would be willing to come out and tell their stories to potential donors so the community can see how important this service is.

Remember, all fund-raising must be coordinated thru the Department IN ADVANCE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Friday evening. Please arrive on time and be ready to work. In addition to the proposed budget for next FY, we have much to discuss. There is a new Agenda coming out soon. Please check it for meeting time and location.

On-going fund-raiser:

Collect aluminum pull-tabs for Fisher House – my garage is overflowing with pull tabs and it is time make room for other things. We are close to having 1,000 lbs of aluminum pull tabs. When we reach that goal, we'll turn them in. So if you have some that you haven't turned in yet, get them to me ASAP.

Thanks for your continued support of this project.

/Wanda Janus, Treasurer

LVAP Program:

LVAP hours reported for March are as follows:

Chapter #1 – 92 total hours, 3 members

Chapter #12 – 389 total hours, 11 members

Chapter 17 – 57 total hours, 1 member

Remember, the best way to submit your LVAP reports is by sending them via e-mail to 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 to arrive BEFORE the 3rd of the month. Reports are closed by National on the 4th, 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.

I strongly encourage you to send your LVAP hours via e-mail to: OregonLVAP@gmail.com. You can download a fillable e-form from the Department web page.

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 or calling me at 503-695-6459.

/Wanda Janus, LVAP Coordinator

HSC Supervisor:

HSC VA Phone Numbers:

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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.

Monthly Report April 2017

Hospital	Hours Donated	Miles Driven	Veterans Transported
Portland	1544	29744	797
Roseburg	847	15778	340
White City	319	6614	152

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

DAV HSC OFFICES

PORTLAND

We are in desperate need of Volunteer Drivers in: Albany, The Dalles, Astoria, Tillamook and Bend.

We are also in need of a driver coordinator for Salem. This person works with the volunteer drivers to schedule drivers for each day. We REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS to help in the office. If you can help us for a few hours a week it would be great.

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: no input

ODVA NEWs: no input

UGVO Report: The next UVGO meeting takes place on July 8th, 2017 at 12:30pm in Salem.

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- No input

Chapter 4 – No input

Chapter 5 - No Input

Chapter 6 - No Input

Chapter 7 - Hillsboro Chapter 7 will remain active this summer with our standard meetings on the 2nd. Wednesday of the month with potluck at 1730 and meeting at 1800.

Steve Sinclair, Adjutant

Chapter 8 - Jackson County DAV #8 - May 2017

Sr Vice Cdr James White, Jr. Vice Cdr Susan Smith and Cdr Alice Thomsen attended The Oregon DAV Convention held in Bend, Oregon. They also attended the new Advance training and Certification for Service Officers.

State Cdr Kevin Owens presented to Cdr. Alice Thomsen the Veteran of the Year Award at the banquet.

The Chapter continues to work on the update of the By-Laws and Constitution and plans to submit in June.

Members of the Chapter plan to conduct Forget-Me-Not drive the weekend of Memorial Day.

Many plans are in the works starting in June for memberships, veteran seminars, Southern Oregon Women's Conference at SORCC, White City, and upcoming parades. A new campaign effort is being kicked off in June for more exposure of this DAV Chapter through publicity, public relations events, etc.

Cdr. Thomsen spoke Memorial Day Weekend at the Robbie DeCosta Concert held at Roxy Ann Winery. She honored all the veterans attending and remembering our troops in Harm's Way. Following she was approached by 5 veterans seeking assistance in their benefit issues.

DAV Chp #8 assisted with one night hotel arrangements for homeless veteran. Veteran had to be admitted to hospital to complication of surgery, and now with DAV's help is in placement for Homeless Transition Program at White City SORCC.

Plans continue to advance for the new formation of an Auxilliary for Chap. #8.

Chapter 11 - No Input

Chapter 12 – No input

Chapter 14 – No input

Chapter 17 – No input

Chapter 18 - No Input

Chapter 20 - No Input

Chapter 23 - No Input

Chapter 25 - No input

Chapter 38 - No input

Chapter 39 - No Input

Chapter 42 - No Input

News from NATIONAL:

EVENTS



2017 National Convention

July 29 - August 1, 2017

Hilton New Orleans, Riverside 2 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130

Telephone: 1.800.Hiltons or 1.504.561.0500 Group Name: Disabled American Veterans

\$130 Single/Double

2017 DAV NATIONAL CONVENTION

TENTATIVE AGENDA (02-02-17)

Thursday- 07/27/2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration 5:30 pm Auxiliary NEC Meeting 6:30 pm Auxiliary NFC Meeting

Friday- 07/28/2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

9:15 am - 10:00 am DAV Board of Directors Meeting (Immediately following BOD) DAV NEC Meeting

9:00 am -10:15 am
10:45 - noon
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
District Meetings - Auxiliary (even numbers)
District Meetings - DAV (even numbers)
District Meetings - DAV (odd numbers)

3:30 pm Memorial Service Rehearsal (DAV & DAVA NEC)

Saturday - 07/29/2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

8:30 am – noon
12:30 pm- 1:15 pm
1:30 pm- 3:30 pm
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

DAV/ Auxiliary Joint Opening Session
Seminar- DAV Benefit Protection Team
Seminar- DAV Service & Legislation
Auxiliary First Business Session

3:45 pm & 6:00 pm DAV Convention Committee Meetings (various)

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm National Commander's Reception

Sunday - 07/30/2017

7:00 am Memorial Service 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

8:00 am - noon DAV First Business Session

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Auxiliary Convention Committee Meetings

10:30 am - 4:45 pm Seminars/Workshops

3:00 pm DAV Convention Committee Meetings (remaining)

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm Fun Night

Monday - 07/31/2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Seminars/Workshops

9:00 am – noon Auxiliary Second Business Session

2:00 pm National Service Foundation Meeting (NSF)

(Immediately following NSF) Charitable Service Trust Meeting (CST)

(Immediately following CST) Disabled for Life Memorial Foundation Meeting (DVLMF)

6:00 pm- 10:00 pm Department Receptions (various)

Tuesday - 08/1/2017

8:30 am - noon DAV Second Business Session

9:00 am – noon Auxiliary Final Business Session (Nomin. & Election of Officers)

(Immed. following Aux. Bus. Ses.) Auxiliary NEC Meeting (Immed. following Aux. NEC) Auxiliary NFC Meeting

1:30 pm DAV Final Business Session (Nomin. & Election of Officers)

(Immed. following Bus. Session) DAV NEC Meeting (Immed. following DAV NEC) DAV Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm Introduction of National Officers and Dinner

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 -

WOW, I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for their support as I proudly take on this new challenge as State Auxiliary Commander. I am looking forward to working as a team with Dept. Commander Kevin Owens on building membership and communication. We have a lot of ground to cover and I welcome your input from both the units and the chapters.



I feel we had a great convention this year. Our National reps were awesome and had a lot of good input. I look forward to seeing them at our national convention in July/Aug.

Vickie Partridge DAV Auxiliary State Commander

DAVA Adjutant

What a great state convention we had!! Congratulations to our new State Commander Vickie Partridge! A huge thank-you to our National Rep., National Judge Advocate Donna Adams! She helped us and taught us, she is an inspiration to us all!

We gave out awards for the reports. It was wonderful to see the hard work our Units are putting forth in service to our veterans! Keep it up!!

My challenge to everyone this year is to bring into the Unit someone to replace you. At some point, each one of us is going to want to sit back and just participate instead of funning the group or setting up the events or fundraisers. We need to start

teaching and mentoring other for just that purpose. We can do it! Let's start looking around our communities – we have more Veterans and their families that could be brought into the organization and be just the right person to take some responsibility.

I can't wait to see what Oregon is going to do in the 2017-2018 year!!!

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

DAVA Senior Vice Commander – No input **DAVA UNITS Reports** –

Unit #1 -

We had a great time at state convention! We learned some new things and are looking forward to putting them to use in the new year. We presented National Judge Advocate Donna Adams with a blanket. Thank-you to everyone who shared information at the convention!



I hope you enjoyed our department newsletter. If you have any suggestions or contribution to the newsletter please contact Brigitte Marker at $\underline{Markermb@gmail.com}$. For anything you want added to the next newsletter please have the information to me by the 30th of each month.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						CHPT 6- 1000 CHPT 23 - 1400

7	8	9 CHPT 8 – 1200 CHPT 17- 1300 CHPT 39- 1400 CHPT 42- 1900	10 CHPT 12-1800 CHPT 7 – 1800 CHPT 18- 1800 CHPT 5 – 1900 Unit 5 -1830	11	12	13 CHPT 11 – 1300 Unit 11- 1200 CHPT 38- 1400
14	15	16	17	18 CHPT 14 – 1830 Unit 14 -1830	19	20
21	22	23	24 CHPT 1 - 1900 Unit 1-1900	25	26	27 CHPT 20- 1000 CHPT 25- 1100 CHPT 4 - 1400 Unit 25-1430
28	22 9	30				

Chapter Meeting INFO:

Chapter 1 DAV Bingo Hall	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland , OR 97220	4 th Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 4- Gladstone Community Club	255 E Exter Street, Gladstone, OR 97027	4 th Saturday	10am
Chapter 5-	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 97128	2 nd Wednesday	7pm
Chapter 6- Salem Center 50+	2615 Portland RD NE, Salem, OR 97303	1 st Saturday	10am
Chapter 7- American Legion Post #6	285 W. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123	2 nd Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 8-	100 E Jackson, Medford, OR 97504	2 nd Tuesday	12pm
Chapter 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 nd Saturday	1pm
Chapter 12- DAV Hall	2809 Avalon Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603	2 nd Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 th Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 rd Thursday	630pm
Chapter 17-	1469 Timber St SE, Albany, OR 97322	2 nd Tuesday	1pm
Chapter 18	254 West 8 th Street, Ontario, OR 97914	2 nd Wednesday	6pm
Chapter 20- Brookings Public Library	405 Alder Street, Brookings, OR 97415	4 th Saturday	10am
Chapter 23-	1715 21 st Street, Florence, OR 97439	1 st Saturday	2pm
Chapter 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 th Saturday	11am
Chapter 38	1402 Airport Way, North Bend, OR 97459	2 nd Saturday	1pm
Chapter 39- American Legion Hall	424 NE 8 th Ave, Milton Freewater, OR	2 nd Tuesday	2pm
Chapter 42	344 8 th Street, Springfield, OR 97477	2 nd Tuesday	7pm

Auxiliary Unit Meeting Information

Unit 1- DAV HALL	8725 NE Sandy BLVD, Portland, OR 97220	4 th Wednesday	7pm
Unit 5	126 Atlantic NE, McMinnville, OR 971282 nd	Wednesday	7pm
Unit 11- Fruitdale Grange #39	1440 Parkdale Dr, Grants Pass, OR	2 nd Saturday	12pm
Unit 14- VFW Hall	1503 NE 4 th Street, Bend, OR 97701	3 rd Thursday	630pm
Unit 25- Elise J. Stuhr Senior Center	5550 SW Hall BLVD, Beaverton, OR 97005	4 th Saturday	230pm