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**DAV/DAVA November 2017  
NEWSLETTER**



**TOGETHER AS ONE**

**DAV Commander's Corner:**

I want to thank everyone that attended the Mid-Year Conference in North Bend. As a Department, we are trying to provide needed information and training to help make the jobs everyone does in their Chapter easier. Of course, we would like feedback of the things you liked and the things we can do better. Failure is often a negative to some people, but to others it is an opportunity to improve. Not one person knows everything and I will be the first to say I still have a lot to learn about the DAV. I will continue to share what I learn. I am proud to be around our fine Department Officers and I am proud of the great Chapter members that I have met during my travels to your meetings. I am down to a few Chapters left to visit and I am available if you need something. With the holidays fast approaching, the time has come to reflect on our accomplishments and how we can be better. Please remember the members you don't see at meetings as they may need assistance or just need to hear a happy voice from a fellow Veteran. Every day I am thankful to live in the greatest Nation in the world. Things may not be as I think they should be, but the Freedoms we have is what sets us apart from the rest of the world. Thank you all for what you do each day to help each other: The VETERAN.

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 someone feel wanted.

**Department Officers**

**Senior Vice Commander** – no input

**Junior Vice** – no input

**Adjutant** -

## **Historian**

November 11 - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veteran's Day, formally called Armistice Day, with parades and military memorial ceremonies.

November 15, 1777 - The Articles of Confederation was created. It was an agreement among the 13 original colonies of the United States that served as its first constitution.

November 4, 1813 - Great Britain offers the United States a peace treaty.

November 19, 1863 - At the dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg President Lincoln delivers a two-minute speech. Immediately following the speech he calls it a "flat failure." The speech is known today as the Gettysburg Address.

November 11, 1918 - The Armistice of 11 November 1918 was an agreement during the First World War between the Allies and Germany that ended the fighting on the Western Front. It went into effect at the 11a.m. Paris Time on 11 November 1918.

November 28, 1943 - US President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin meet in Tehran, Iran to discuss strategy concerning a planned June 1944 invasion of Europe, code named, Operation: Overlord.

November 24, 1950 - U.S. Douglas MacArthur ordered the Eighth Army to launch the home by Christmas campaign. The Chinese launched a counter offensive two days later and pushed the UN forces back. This was known as the Battle of Wawon.

November 14, 1965 - The Battle of La Drang was the first major engagement of the Vietnam War between the United States Army and the North Vietnamese Army. This battle was immortalized in the movie, We Are Soldiers.

November 7, 2004 - The second Battle of Fallujah begins.

**Department Chaplain:** No input

## **Director Of Services**

We have a new driver coordinator in Albany. His name is Jerry Patton and once we get all the paperwork completed he will be helping to coordinate the Albany van. Thank you Jerry Patton and Welcome Aboard!

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **National Service Office**

No input

### **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

#### **ADDRESS**

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VA Regional Office

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Thursday: 0900-1200.

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### **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 1 November)

General:	\$121,859.25
HSC Operations (payroll and taxes):	\$ 43,805.30
Van Fund:	\$ 38,032.56
National Campaign:	\$ 2,756.79
FEMA:	\$ 65,728.20

**Remember, all fund-raising must be coordinated thru the Department IN ADVANCE of the event.** Make sure you follow the directives in the National Constitution and By Laws Section 15.3 for all your fund-raising events.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The Finance Committee is narrowing the search for investment options. If you have information on a low risk option, get it to committee Chairman Tal Clark at [Tal.Clark@va.gov](mailto:Tal.Clark@va.gov).

Finance Committee members are reminded that they are to send their reports as tasked during the last meeting (at mid-year) to Tal. They were due during the first week of November.

/Wanda Janus, Treasurer

**LVAP Program:**

LVAP hours reported for November are as follows:

Chapter #1 – 136 total hours, 4 members

Chapter #11 – 103 total hours, 1 member

Chapter #12 – 403 total hours, 12 members

Department total: 642 total hours, 17 members

We discussed LVAP at length during the Mid-Year Conference. I think everyone who was present appreciates how important it is for all our members, and others who support us, to report LVAP hours and how much LVAP work everyone is doing. It is my hope that all who attended take the message back to their Chapters and help get those LVAP hours reported. I expect to see a lot of new registrations and a

big jump in the hours we are reporting. I am also available to come to speak at your local Chapter. Just let me know if I can help you get the word out, and please, give me as much notice as possible.

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

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:**

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Roseburg HSC- Andrea Bernhardt (541) 440-1293  
Portland HSC – Flo Riley (503) 220-8262 Ext 57804  
Assistant Portland HSC- Kelly Montgomery (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.

**Monthly Report: September- 2017**

Hospital	Hours Donated	Miles Driven	Veterans Transported
Portland	Pending		
Roseburg	695	12469	240
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-** While Chapter #1 may have a large number of members in our Chapter, and we continue to be forced to rely on a small group of our members to take care of business. So, even though we are a big chapter, we still need new members. We are also very dedicated to the success of the DAV VTN. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have a table at a breakfast for Veterans and First Responders at a large local church here in Portland. The table will be manned by knowledgeable DAV and DAVA members and will have informational and recruiting materials available as well as VTN info. We hope to recruit new members for both Chapter and Unit as well as generate interest for potential drivers for the VTN. I'll let you know how it goes in next month's newsletter.

**Chapter 4 –** Oregon City Chapter 4 - continues to have monthly meetings and have signed up a new member (female - Air Force Vet) just today signed up another member (male - Navy Vietnam) who really wants to get involved with the DAV and has had meeting about his claim with Tal Clark our NSO officer. Attempting to get a date for our December Meeting Dinner. Which we should know in the next few weeks. Our Chapter Commander, Frank Chapman fell again and has 14 staples in his head, but doing well, little light headed at times. Prayer for Frank.

- Robert Haltiner, Adjutant

**Chapter 5 -** No Input

**Chapter 6 -** No Input

**Chapter 7 –** No input

**Chapter 8 –** No input

**Chapter 11 -** No Input

**Chapter 12 -** Chapter 12 had the privilege of having Department Commander Kevin Owens at our October Meeting. We continue to serve our weekly breakfast where we serve 60-65 veterans & their families. Our Service officer has been very busy this past month. We are preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday food box give out. We are also looking forward to our CHOCOLATE WALK on November 25, 2017. Find attached to this newsletter our flyer for the event.

**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 -**

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. What a great way to serve Veterans in need. On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter is holding its annual Forget-Me-Not drive at Walmart. We hope the weather will hold out and the time is right with Veterans Day to help increase the awareness of our disabled Veterans and our Chapter. We want to thank everyone who came to North Bend for the Mid-Year Conference. We enjoyed sharing our fine City with you and hope the weather met with your approval. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving in the Department.

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** – No input

**DAVA Adjutant** - Hello everyone! We had a fantastic training day in Coos Bay! I'm sorry that most of you missed it. We went into the day to learn some new things. I think we accomplished that goal along with opening some new lines of communication. There will be full

minutes coming out soon. We want to share all that good information with everyone! My goals remain the same, recruit and train, so that Oregon can be an even greater state in service to our veterans. I believe the first step is open communication. Don't be afraid to ask questions - there are no dumb questions. Let's find a way to learn something new and then share it! If everyone knows and understands where we, as a DAV Auxiliary, are going; how can they not want to join us and make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families! As always, I am just a phone call, text message, or email away if you have any questions or concerns!!

Jenny Clark  
Adjutant  
DAV Auxilliary  
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Jenny.clark68@comcast.net.

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

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

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