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We're not alone

We are linking up with the many groups here in the Pee Dee area who would like to help Vets. This has been very educational & resourceful. We find that when we come together on common ground, our Veterans benefit.

I quote from Mr. Spock...

"The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one."

It doesn't matter if you're part of the DAV, VFW, Rolling Thunder, American Legion...we're all here to serve the American Veterans and their families. The organization itself is not as important as those we serve.

Our thanks to the Elk's

We sent the Florence Elk's Lodge a Thank You letter for their generous donation of \$300. We look forward to a rewarding relationship with them.



From your Commander -Bob Eldridge

Today we welcome Bill Hunt and Sharanda Eagle.

Bill comes to us as an Honor Guard & an expert on Veteran benefits after we pass. Though Bill wears many hats, he will guide us through this inevitable journey.

Sharanda will share with us the benefits our Homeless Vets are entitled to & how they can get help.

New Committees for our Chapter

We will be starting several new committees and we need members to volunteer to either head them up or be a committee member. Please consider joining at least one of these committees.

-Volunteer Committee: Determines the # of members needed at events, contacts members, creates schedules with time slots

-Veterans Missions Committee: finds ways to help the local Vets and reports back at meetings on needs to accomplish their goals.

-Sponsorship Committee: Contacts local businesses for assistance and/or donations

Our Chapter has over well over 200 members with only 30 or so who come to meetings and maybe 10 who regularly volunteer for our fundraisers and events. As a Chapter, we need to have more members attend meetings and more to volunteer their time. That's what this organization is about...Vets helping Vets. And the more people who volunteer, the less work for **ALL**.

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Potential New Meeting Place

For at least 6 years, the Florence DAV has met in 4 different places. The common denominators of all these places are they are too loud, too hot, too cramped and if another group needed it, we were pushed out.

For several months, our chapter's Past Comdr and now our new Comdr have been trying to find a more suitable, permanent home for us to meet. Prospects for the Leatherman Center have not panned out as well as a couple of other locations.



Today, you'll be hearing from Mike Boyce of West Florence Baptist Church & DAV member Tommy Spell, retired Florence Chief Constable. They will share with us a generous offer for a new permanent home for DAV Chapter 11.

You'll be hearing more about this at today's meeting where we will also discuss it and vote on it.

These pictures show the wonderful space and amenities.

The building has a large meeting room with tables and chairs as well as a podium, and some A/V equipment.

There is also a large kitchen to the side of it where we can bring finger foods for the meeting.

Although it has a covered walk-way to the church, the building is completely separate from the church and we would have our own key.



Give us your e-mail address and we'll e-mail the newsletter to you every month so you can always keep up with what's going on even if you miss a meeting.