



July 14, 2012

DAV, Chapter 11, Newsletter F.D. Roosevelt, Florence, SC

Upcoming DAV Events

Jul 28 - Noon

DAV SEC Meeting - 
West Columbia, SC

Aug 4-7

DAV National Convention -
Las Vegas, NV

Aug 11 - 11:00 am

Chaptr 11 Meeting
DAV Hall

Other Events

Jul 19 - 10:00 am

PeeDee Vets Advisory
Committee - Florence Library

Jul 28 - 7:00 am

Veterans Gang - Golden Corral

Aug 7 - 11:30 am

Widows and Widowers of
Veterans - Golden Corral

Oct 3-6

PD Area Stand Down
Grounds of American Legion
(see pg 2)

PRAYER LIST



- Gary Nesbitt - son's health
- Curtis Graham - health
- Wayne Johnson - health
- John Tedder - sister's health and granddaughter in accident
- Fred Ayers - family health

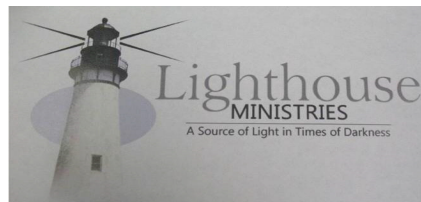
SEC MEETING JULY 28

The DAV/DAVA State Department holds an SEC (State Executive Committee) meeting each quarter. This meeting is generally attended by officers and/or the SEC's of the individual chapter's around the state. However, ALL DAV/DAVA MEMBERS are welcome to attend. The next one is just a couple weeks away on July 28th at 12:00 pm and usually adjourns around 2 pm.

These meetings provide valuable information for all the Chapters in South Carolina, including information on current legislation, changes to by-laws, upcoming events, and answers to any DAV questions you might have.

While the meeting itself starts at noon, there is a fellowship time starting at 11 am and refreshments are served. Refreshments are provided by most who attend. Although it's not a requirement, if you can, bring a dish you can share. The meeting

Location is: DAV SC Department HQ
511 Violet St., West Columbia, SC
Phone # 803-791-4422



Lighthouse Ministries is offering free clinics for the homeless. The next one is **August 3rd** and will run from **9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** They are held on the first Friday of every month, so please spread the word to our veterans.

At these clinics, anyone who is homeless, including our veterans, can get food,

clothing vouchers and hygienic supplies. They can also get help with VA claims, get assessments for alcohol or drug problems, help finding work, help with Social Security Disability claims and help with food stamps. And this is just some of what they offer at the clinics.

Lighthouse Ministries could also use help during the clinics. If you're able to offer your time for a few hours a month, please contact the coordinator for this event: Gail Fowler 843-665-8021

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.



VETERAN RESOURCES



Military.com is an excellent resource for veterans and their families. It has information on everything from joining the military, to serving, to getting back to civilian life and also a great section just for spouses.

finding your old military buddies by using the Buddy Finder at the top of the site.

You'll find branch specific news so you can catch up on what's happening in the branch or branches you served in.

The site has links to benefits, jobs, and education. One of the links that veterans really enjoy is the DEALS section. It lists all kinds of places that give discounts to active military and veterans. These discounts can be anything from shopping to dining to vacations.

You can use most of the features of the site without signing up but to see the deals, you need to be a Military.com member. It's free to sign up. Just go to www.military.com and look for the "**Join now for FREE**" in the upper right corner of the site.

It's also a great resource for



"Death Smiles At Everyone ... Marines Smile Back"



Locations in Florence, Hartsville and Lake City.
Call 843-665-4325

Supporting those that support the DAV

There are many ways businesses can support veterans and the DAV. It could be through monetary donations, discounts, donating items, or donating services. And sometimes it could be just offering their time; a valuable commodity we all seem to have in short supply these days.

When a business does support the DAV, we'll do our best to try and thank them in our newsletters by way of advertising. It's important to help support the businesses that support our veterans. However, this does not mean the DAV endorses any business. As with any advertising, it's up to you, the consumer, to know what you're buying.

Both Harris Pest Control and Bucky Godbold have donated their services to help local veterans this month. You'll find contact info for Harris above. Bucky doesn't have a logo but his business is Fire Ant control. He can be reached at 843-669-2850.

PD Area Stand Down 2012

The PD Area Stand Down for this year is scheduled for October 3-6. Although this is not an American Legion specific event, it is being held on their grounds in Florence again this year.

For those who have not heard of this event, it's to help the homeless veterans in the PeeDee area. It's a time for them to get rest, shelter, showers and food. There will also be people from the VA and other veteran organizations to help them,

Our chapter helped last year by donating funds. This year, besides a donation, I'd like to see our chapter get more involved and actually volunteer to help with this event. Our homeless vets need to know they're not alone. Besides the bare necessities that this event provides, these vets need someone to talk to, to share life experiences with. That's something we ALL need. We'll talk more about this event in the coming months. Please consider helping in some way and ask questions when you have them.

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