



June 9, 2012

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

## Upcoming DAV Events

### Aug 4-7

DAV National Convention -  
Las Vegas, NV

## Other Events

### Jun 21 - 10:00 am

PeeDee Vets Advisory  
Committee - Florence Library

### Jun 30 - 7:00 am

Veterans Gang - Golden Corral

### July 3 - 11:30 am

Widows and Widowers of  
Veterans - Golden Corral

### July 3 - 7:00 pm

Army Band - Florence  
Veterans park

## PRAYER LIST



- Curtis Graham - health
- Wayne Johnson - health
- John Tedder - sister's health and granddaughter in accident
- Fred Ayers - family health
- Jane Spell - health
- Bob Eldridge - patience

From your Commander  
-Bob Eldridge



### NOTE FROM NATIONAL AND STATE COMMANDERS

We need to keep our membership in good standings. If you are a Lifetime member who is paying off your balance, please make sure your payments are up to date.

We also need to recruit more. Our past State Commander says we are #2 in the state. Let's push to be #1. Our State Commander is pushing hard for SC DAV to be #1 in the nation. We will support him!

Anyone interested in helping vets with C & P, please get in touch with our chapter's Service Officers (CSO's) & tag along. You won't be able to do the claim yourself but you can learn so you can become certified next year. John Tedder is at the VA Clinic every Monday from 8-11 and can always use some assistance.

I'm keeping track of our ELITE here in Chapter 11. By ELITE, I mean those who work hard, come to the events, donate their time, serve on committees, basically it's those who really get involved in this organization. While at the State Convention, I found that the state DAV has money for awards and less than 1/10 was used. While our number one goal is to serve veterans, we also need to honor and show our appreciation to those who serve them. So please get involved. I'll be putting in for several awards for you at next year's convention.

## Honoring Fallen DAV Members

Walter Lockhart



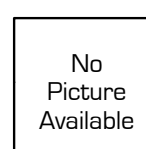
1-Jan-2012  
Navy - WWII

Willie McNeil



14-Mar-2012  
Marines - Vietnam

Ansel Wise



5-Feb-2012  
Army - WWII

James Young



26-Mar-2012  
Army - WWII

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.



## COMMUNICATION IS KEY!!!



On June 7th, there was a Veteran Job Fair in Hartsville and the DAV Mobile Service Office at the Golden Corral in Florence. The Job Fair gave those vets who are looking for work the opportunity to meet with potential employers or to get information on re-education for a new career. The Mobile Service office provided an opportunity for local vets to meet face to face with a National Service Officer for help with their claim(s).

down and call 280 members. Neither is a feasible option for our size group.

This is why it is so important that we have an e-mail address for you if you have one. A mass e-mail can be sent out very quickly and at no cost. So if you have an e-mail address, please be sure to put it in the sign in book before you leave today. You won't want to miss out on another opportunity. If you don't have email, perhaps there is a family member who will allow us to send to them to let you know. Both of these events should have had DAV support either by getting the word out to other vets or coming and showing that we care about our vets. Let's make sure we're a PRESENCE in the Pee Dee!



Randy Godbold is our local VA Officer.

He is a great man to turn to for the benefit of our Vets. He is located here in Florence at the City-County Complex on Irby. His phone number is 843-665-3045. And be sure to check out their new website.

[florencecountyveteranaffairs.com](http://florencecountyveteranaffairs.com)

We found out about these events about 2 weeks before the date. We would have LOVED to get the info out to everyone to spread the word or to help support the event. However, the only options were to do a mailing which is time-consuming and expensive or sit

## The DAV Auxiliary Is Back

As of June 2nd, the DAV Auxiliary for Chapter 11 has been re-installed. The DAV chapter and the DAV Auxiliary often work closely together on projects. This helps by adding different ideas into the mix and by adding extra hands to both organizations. It's a great working relationship and the veterans benefit.

The Auxiliary is not what it used to be. It used to be referred to as the Ladies Auxiliary. But now, with more and more women going into the military, more men are now joining the Auxiliary too. The Auxiliary members are the **families** of vets. Not just the spouse and not just the ladies. So, if you have any family members who would like to join the Auxiliary, please invite them to the

meetings with you. The Auxiliary meets in the side room here at the hall at the same time we do.

Here are the new Aux. Officers.  
(from left to right)

**Janet Nexbitt** -  
Adjutant/Treasurer

**Jane Spell** - Commander

**Margie Montgomery** - Sr.  
Vice Commander



Let's give them all our congratulations and support as they re-start this organization.

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