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CHAPTER 10 WEBSITE

The Chapter 10 Arlington-Fairfax, VA website has plenty of information for members and non-members alike.

There are links to the National Headquarters, Department of Virginia, and other chapters' websites. The site also contains information on news and events of interest. Visit www.dav10.org.

VETERANS FUNDING INCREASE PRAISED

WASHINGTON, May 24-Draft legislation to boost funding for veterans programs to \$87.7 billion next year is being hailed as a major victory by organizations representing millions of America's former defenders.

The \$109.2 billion bill crafted by the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee provides \$43.29 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). "This represents a significant, much-needed investment in health care and the benefits delivery system for our nation's sick and disabled veterans," according to AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The four veterans' service organizations said the bill provides a \$6 billion increase in VA health care funding, exceeding their own recommendation by \$294 million. "This is the first time that lawmakers have surpassed our recommendations in the 21 years that we have been publishing The Independent Budget," the groups noted. The bill also funds the VA biomedical research program at \$480 million, as recommended in The Independent Budget, an increase of \$68 million over the 2007 funding level.

CHANGE BENEFITS NEW COMBAT VETERANS, OLDER VETS

WASHINGTON -- In order to provide more health care for more veterans, especially mental health services, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson has directed the 153 medical centers of the VA to keep their doors open longer.

"Illness doesn't follow a 9-to-5 schedule," Nicholson said. "I'm directing our medical centers to provide extended hours to ensure we're there for the veterans who have earned our care."

VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the country and the nation's largest mental health program. About 5.5 million veterans are expected to seek health care from VA's nationwide system this year, accounting for about 800,000 hospitalizations and 60 million outpatient visits.

BEWARE OF FRAUD

WASHINGTON - Continuing a long-standing campaign to identify and prosecute those who defraud veterans of their rightful benefits, the VA recently highlighted several successes by its Inspector General in investigating people who mishandle the finances of veterans and family members unable to manage their own affairs.

To report suspected fraud involving veterans benefits, other crimes, fraud, waste or mismanagement in the VA, please contact the Office of Inspector General Hotline at 1-800-488-8244 or email at vaig.hotline@forum.va.gov.

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CHAPTER 10 COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank the members of Chapter 10 for electing me Commander. It is truly an honor to serve my fellow disabled veterans. For the past many years, I have watched as members from WWII and Korea and their spouses guided Chapter 10. They have worked hard to raise funds to support Veterans' Services. Some have given many hours of their time in support of the Washington, D.C. Veterans Hospital. They have also provided outings for hospitalized veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day and supported ceremonies at Quantico National Cemetery. Their efforts have made Chapter 10 one of the most admired Chapters in the country.

Those who have guided the Executive Committee for so many years — Ken Booker, Jesse Bendehan, John Capriotti, John Maki, Arnold Sells, and June Springer — are due a "Special Thanks" from the members of Chapter 10.

We, as disabled veterans, find ourselves at a time when our support and services are needed more than they have been in a long time. The demand for National Service Officers to support the filing of claims and appeals is a serious problem. There is a need to raise funds to support the DAV's Veterans Services, as well as, the DAV's Legislative efforts. There are those in Congress who would like to reduce your benefits.

It is time for greater involvement by Vietnam and later disabled veterans to take care of those who are currently returning home disabled, as well as the long-suffering. Chapter 10 currently has more than 3,500 members. The investment of a few hours each month can make a significant difference and they say it is healthy.

Sincerely,
James Hopkins
Commander

**Please Remember the Redskin's Football Tickets
Need More? Call 703-824-9288**

SICKNESS OR DISTRESS

The following members have passed away: Col. Peter Yaskin, Peachtree City GA; Robert B. Ennis, Alexandria, VA; Lloyd J. Inman, Sterling, VA; Glenn E. Tripp, Springfield, VA. We pray for them and their families.

John Capriotti, John Maki, Mary Reed, and Arnold and Ruth Sells; all need your prayers and yet they continue to work hard for Chapter 10.

Please notify the Chaplain or any officer of any sickness or distressed members or their families.


Please remember in your hearts and prayers all those in "harms way," especially those we have lost. Also pray for all the new disabled veterans. ★

COME TO A CHAPTER MEETING

The next Chapter 10 meeting will be Tuesday, September 11. We meet at American legion Post #176, 6520 Amherst Ave. Springfield, VA. (the Post is just off Backlick Rd., South of Old Keen Mill Rd.) Our NSO Heather Mcivor will be there to advise and help with claims.

Please bring another DAV or potential member. Bring your wife and friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 7** The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at East Coast Harley-Davidson/Buell, 17975 Maine Street, Dumfries, VA from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The DAV NSOs will be answering questions and helping with claims.
- July 22** Annual Chapter 10 picnic at the Davidson Army Air Field picnic area from noon until 3 p.m. This is truly a first class location. Follow the map below to the white X. There is plenty of parking. Bring yourself, another veteran, family and friends. If you choose, a dish of your choice. Patients from the Hospital will also be attending. Take Fairfax County Parkway (7100) to Ehlers Road and follow the signs to the picnic area. The picnic is in the park off 7100 Fairfax County Parkway between Telegraph Road and John J. Kingman Road. Remember, we'll have signs out.
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- Aug 2** Bingo at Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center Nursing Home. Contact John Capriotti if you can help with this volunteer activity.
- Aug. 11-14** DAV National Convention at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.
- Aug. 16-18** Arlington County Fair. Help is needed with the Chapter booth. Contact the Commander if you would like to participate.
- Aug. 22** Annual drawing of Redskins Football fundraiser at 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post #176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA
- Sept. 11** Regular business meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post #176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield, VA. ★

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE (Washington, D.C.): 202-530-9260
DAV. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE (Roanoke, VA): 1-540-857-2373
VA MEDICAL CENTER: 202-745-8000
VA CENTER FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER: 1-802-296-5132
WOMEN'S COORDINATOR (DC VA MED CTR): Fran Johnson: 202-745-8469
COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC, (near Ft. Belvoir): 703-360-1442
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME - WASHINGTON, D.C.: 800-422-9988
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME - GULFPORT, MS: 800-322-3527
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: 703-607-8585
QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY: 703-221-2183

METRO AND PHONE CARDS

John Capriotti is still collecting cards for hospitalized and adjusting veterans at the DCVAMC. If you have extra cards you can donate please send them c/o DAV Chapter 10 or bring them to a meeting. ★

DAV VAN DRIVERS

We have 3 VANS but only one driver. If you could spare a day or two during the month, maybe you could help by taking ambulatory patients to the DCVAMC. Call the VA Hospital at 202-745-8320 to volunteer. ★

SPECIAL KUDO

For Fiona Greenwood and Heather Mcivor for their outstanding support of the DAV's National Commander at the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. They worked hard and their performance was outstanding. ★

SPECIAL THANKS

To all those who helped with stuffing 3,500 plus envelopes with letters and football tickets — Ken Booker, Ingrid Capriotti, John Capriotti, John Murray, Steve Deines, and Jim Hopkins and two individuals who are not even members of the DAV — Bill Ludeman, Ed Martin.★

MEMORIAL DAY QUANTICO

There was a good showing by officers and members of Chapter 10 at this years ceremonies at the Quantico National Cemetery. We had a bus load of patients from DCVAMC. After the ceremonies they were taken to American Legion Post #290 where they were fed a big meal before returning to DCVAMC. ★

NEWSLETTER

To receive your Chapter 10 newsletter by e-mail as a pdf file, send an e-mail to: webmaster@DAV10.org. This will save us the postage. Past copies, as well as additional information are also available on our website at www.dav10.org. THANKS! ★

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT) SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MI	SUFFIX	TITLE
STREET ADDRESS				SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE			SEX	M F
BIRTH DATE	DATE ENLISTED	BRANCH	DATE DISCHARGED	RANK	V.A. CLAIM NO.	
I RECEIVE DISABILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> VA COMP	<input type="checkbox"/> VA PENSION	<input type="checkbox"/> PURPLE HEART	<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE RETIREMENT		
	<input type="checkbox"/> AMPUTEE	<input type="checkbox"/> BLIND	<input type="checkbox"/> HEARING IMPAIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				PERCENT (%) OF DISABILITY		
				%		
MEMBER CODE NO. _____		CHAPTER PREFERENCE ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX CHAPTER 10				
SPONSOR'S NAME			SPONSOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER ()			
SPONSOR'S ADDRESS				SPONSOR'S MEMBERSHIP CODE NO.		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE				

_____ () _____
 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE TELEPHONE NO.

The full cost of Life Membership is based on the applicant's age: 80 and over is free; 71-79 is \$140.00; 61-70 is \$180.00; 41-60 is \$230.00; and 40 or younger is \$250.00. A Life Membership can be paid for on a quarterly basis with a \$40.00 initial payment.

Mail completed application form to: Arlington-Fairfax Chapter 10, P.O. Box 4001, Arlington, VA 22204-4001

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE DAV?

Any man or woman, who was wounded, gassed, injured or disabled in the line of duty during time of war, while in the service of either the military or naval forces of the United States of America, and who has not been dishonorably discharged or separated from such service, or who may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States of America is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans. Others who are disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of any nations associated with the United States of America as allies during any of its war periods, who are American citizens and who are honorably discharged, are also eligible.

Dates of active duty service that are considered during "time of war": World War I - 04/06/1917-07/02/1921; World War II and Korea - 09/16/1940-01/31/1955; Vietnam and other engagements - 01/31/1955-10/14/1976; Iranian Crisis, Lebanon Crisis, Invasion of Panama and other engagements - 11/04/1979-01/31/1990; Persian Gulf Crisis and other engagements 08/02/1990 - present.



**TIME DATED MATERIAL
 MEMBERSHIP GROWTH = STRENGTH
 CURRENTLY, CHAPT. 10 HAS 3,500 MEMBERS**



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