



INSTALLATION SPEECH

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Past Commander Deines, elected Chapter officers, Chapter members, unit 10 members and guests:

First, I would like to thank my comrades in Chapter 10 for selecting me to lead the chapter this year. Although I have much to learn, with your guidance and continued support I shall do my very best to follow the path of our past Commanders and lead us into the future.

Second, I must ask each and every one of you to assist our chapter as we seek out and assist those disabled veterans living in our community by renewing our commitment to the DAV's stated purpose of "Building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families."

Some of our short and long terms goals for the future of our chapter are:

- Increase our membership by reaching out to veterans of past conflicts as well as veterans of the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan - and increase the number of active members participating in chapter activities.
- Move away from the meetings every month, and begin activities that assist disabled veterans in our community in new and innovative ways.
- Fully integrate the virtual chapter project and begin live Internet broadcasts of Chapter 10 meetings and other functions.
- Become the chapter within the Department of Virginia that leads the way into the future of this organization on both the social media and outreach projects fronts.

I encourage all members of this chapter to bring forth ideas, projects and ways to assist our fellow disabled veterans - no idea is too small, nor is any project too big. By working in concert with each other we can move mountains and start a legacy of service we can all be proud of.

Some think that what we do on the national stage is small. I do not agree. We are all part of a team, each doing his or her part to accomplish our mission.

I am reminded of a story that best illustrates this:

Two stonecutters were asked what they were doing. The first said "I'm cutting this stone into blocks." The second replied, "I'm on a team that's building a cathedral."

With your ideas, assistance and dedication, we can build our Chapter's future together.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commander - and please, every day, remember our departed comrades as well as those in our armed forces serving in harm's way.

Jim Procnier
Commander