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Disabled American Veteran's Pacesetter



Commanders Corner

Comrades,

Congratulations to our new service officers who have completed the necessary training and are now certified to provide services to veterans. Many thanks to our past service officers for their continued commitment to work to service our veterans.

The DAV State Convention has come and gone. This year's annual convention was very informative and beneficial for those attended. One of the State Commander initiatives is to head towards a paperless environment. As Commander, I will highly encourage Chapter 20 to support this initiative, by engaging in and learning more about technology in order to get on board with this vision.

As you know the DAV Chapter 20 is a non-profit organization. While we do receive donations, a lot of our funding comes from fund raising. Now is the time to gear up for our fundraiser season. We need all able bodies to participate and make this year successful.

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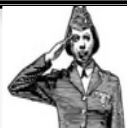
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Remember to follow the Unit Chain of Command should you have any questions or concerns.

The DAV National Convention is August 9-12 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Please remember our sick, shut-ins, their families and the less fortunate in your prayers.

The Senior Auxiliary has adjourned for the summer. The Junior Auxiliary will continue to be in session. You are invited to participate in their events. Have a wonderful summer and See You in September!

Shelly Cannady

Junior Jargon



The Juniors will be sponsoring a barbeque for the Spinal Cord Unit this summer. We will also be having a car wash. Please check your email for information. Remember, we are always happy to have more Juniors so please sign up!

Junior Commander

CALENDAR AND SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY/AUGUST 2014



XO MEETING/DAV SOCIAL -----	Saturday	12 Jul 14
CHAPTER MEETING-----	Tuesday	15 Jul 14
CLEAN UP AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL---	Wednesday	30 Jul 14
E-COMM MEETING-----	Saturday	9 Aug 14
XO MEETING/DAV SOCIAL-----	Saturday	16 Aug 14
CHAPTER MEETING-----	Tuesday	19 Aug 14
CLEAN UP AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL---	Wednesday	27 Aug 14

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL
JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES TO ALL
JULY/AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



TRANSPORTATION TO THE VA HOSPITALS IN HAMPTON AND RICHMOND

For transportation to the VA Hospital in Hampton or Richmond, you must first call the DAV Transportation Coordinator at the VA Hospital in Hampton at:

757-728-3148.

In order to take advantage of this transportation, you must have a scheduled appointment. The van drivers cannot schedule to pick you up, only the VA Transportation Desk at the VA Hospital can arrange that for you. Make sure to call two weeks prior to your appointment, to be on the safe side.



CLEAN-UP AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Clean-up at the Veterans Memorial on 29th Street in Virginia Beach will be held on 30 JULY 2014 and 27 AUGUST 2014.

This event will take place on the last Wednesday of every month.

We will meet at the Beach Pub at 0800. It is located across the Street from the Virginia Beach Pavilion and Conference Center.

For more information, please contact the Special Event Coordinators, Laurie Grassl, Haywood Cannady and Dewayne McBride.

BRICK MEMORIAL PAVERS

\$45.00 PER BRICK (4" x 8")
3 Lines—15 Characters Per Line
(includes spaces)



On back of card:

Put your name, address and phone number.

For more information or questions please contact:

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TAPS



FAREWELL TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES!!

SICK CALL

HOPE ALL
ARE FEELING BETTER!
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY
FOR OUR SICK AND EACH OTHER.





Happy Birthday America! Independence Day 4 July 2014

From the birth of the nation to the present day, from the Heights of Dorchester to the broad meadows of Virginia, from Bunker Hill to the batteries of Saratoga, from Bergen's Neck, where Wayne and Maylan's troops achieved such martial wonders, to Yorktown, where Britain's troops surrendered, Americans have heroically embraced the soldier's alternative of victory or the grave. American patriotism was shown at the Halls of Montezuma. It was shown with Meade at Gettysburg, with Sheridan at Winchester, with Phil Carney at Fair Oaks, with Longstreet in the Wilderness, and it was shown by the flower of the Virginia Army when Pickett charged at Gettysburg. It was shown by Captain Rowan, who plunged into the jungles of Cuba and delivered the famous message to Garcia, symbol now of tenacity and determination. It was shown by the Fifth and Sixth Marines at Belleau Wood, by the Yankee Division at Verdun, by Captain Leahy, whose last order as he lay dying was "The command is forward." And in recent years it was shown by those who stood at Bataan with Wainwright, by those who fought at Wake Island with Devereaux, who flew in the air with Don Gentile. It was shown by those who jumped with Gavin, by those who stormed the bloody beaches at Salerno with Commando Kelly; it was shown by the First Division at Omaha Beach, by the Second Ranger Battalion as it crossed the Purple Heart Valley, by the 101st as it stood at Bastogne; it was shown at the Bulge, at the Rhine, and at victory.

Wherever freedom has been in danger, Americans with a deep sense of patriotism have ever been willing to stand at Armageddon and strike a blow for liberty and the Lord.
John F. Kennedy

VA Releases Latest Nationwide Data on Access to Veterans Health Care

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan D. Gibson announced that VA has now contacted approximately 70,000 Veterans across the country to get them off of wait lists and into clinics for medical appointments. Gibson also announced the release of the latest updated, facility-level patient access data, which demonstrates that the number of appointments has increased by almost 200,000 from May 15 to June 1.

Last week, VA announced the following actions in response to the nationwide Access Audit findings and data:

Establishing New Patient Satisfaction Measurement Program- This program will be developed with input from Veterans Service Organizations, outside healthcare organizations, and other entities. This will ensure VA collects an additional set of data – directly from the Veteran's perspective – to understand how VA is doing throughout the system.

Holding Senior Leaders Accountable- Where audited sites identify concerns within the parent facility or its affiliated clinics, VA will trigger administrative procedures to ascertain the appropriate follow-on personnel actions for specific individuals.

Ordering an Immediate VHA Central Office and VISN Office Hiring Freeze- Gibson has ordered an immediate hiring freeze at the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) central office in Washington D.C. and the 21 VHA Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) regional offices, except for critical positions to be approved by the Secretary on a case-by-case basis. This action will begin to remove bureaucratic obstacles and establish responsive, forward leaning leadership.

Increasing Transparency by Posting Data Twice-Monthly- The VHA will post regular updates to the access data released today at the middle and end of each month at www.va.gov/health. Twice-monthly data updates will enhance transparency and provide the most immediate information to Veterans and the public on Veterans access to quality healthcare.

Initiating an Independent, External Audit of Scheduling Practices- Gibson has also directed that an independent, external audit of system-wide VHA scheduling practices be performed.

Utilizing High Performing Facilities to Help Those That Need Improvement- VA will formalize a process in which high performing facilities provide direct assistance and share best practices with facilities that require improvement on particular medical center quality and efficiency, also known as SAIL, performance measures.

Suspending Performance Awards- VA has suspended all VHA senior executive performance awards for FY2014.

For the complete article please go to the following web page:

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2561>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

RECEPTIONIST / ANSWER
PHONES AND LIGHT
COPYING FOR CHAPTER
MONDAY-THURSDAY
1000-1400

(CONTACT COMMANDER
BLANDING)

IF YOU HAVE CHANGES TO
YOUR ADDRESS, YOU MUST
CONTACT NATIONAL
DIRECTLY OR SEE THE
ADJUTANT FOR THE CHANGE
OF ADDRESS FORM.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR SENIOR VICE

Comrades,

Summer is here and September will be here before we can blink. This is the time to start thinking about and preparing your availability to assist with the Golden Corral, Neptune Festival, and Forget-Me-Not drives in September. We appreciate your comradeship during these activities.

Sr. Vice Commander Cannady



**DAV CHAPTER 20
PRESENTS
"A LITE LUNCH"
THIS MONTH'S SOCIAL WILL BE A LUNCH
12 JULY 2014
FROM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**JOIN US FUN FILLED AFTERNOON OF FUN.
THIS IS NOT A POT LUCK EVENT. FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.
ANY QUESTION PLEASE CONTACT JR. VICE EARLIE BLOUNT**



**DAV CHAPTER 20
PRESENTS
"COOK OUT "
A GOOD OLE FASHION BARBEQUE
AUGUST SOCIAL NIGHT
WILL BE A BARBEQUE!**

**SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 2014
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:00 PM
DINNER BEGINS AT 6.00 PM
JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING
THIS IS NOT A POTLUCK, FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED!**