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# Disabled American Veteran's Pacesetter



## Commanders Corner

Comrades,

We have had a busy couple months and because your dedication and hard work, we continue to be successful. We've had several opportunities to showcase who we are and connect with our community.

Many of our members represented our chapter at the For-Get-Me-Not fundraiser as well as the Neptune Festival. These were great events that helped our chapter financially, while at the same time provided an opportunity to communicate who we are and explain our very important mission. The Golden Corral Drive is continuing until mid November. I encourage you to volunteer your time to help us continue to be successful.

The "Home Sweet Home" event was a huge success. This event was a direct connection with the community. A special thank you to those members who gave of their time and participated in all of these events. There was much to learn. We were able to help our Veterans and gained several comrades in return.

The holiday season is here and we have many enjoyable events scheduled. It would be a pleasure to see everyone at these events. We have worked hard this year and the results are invaluable.

**Happy Veteran Days and Thank You to all our veterans.**

*Happy Holidays*  
 Commander Blanding

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**DAVA**



The holidays are upon us once again! Remember those that are less fortunate. The "Toys for Tots" toy drive is under way. Please bring your unwrapped new toys to the chapter. Volunteer at your church, local nursing homes, shelters, and VA and non-VA hospitals. Below is the Senior Auxiliary schedule for the holiday season. All are welcome to assist. Let's make this a Happy Holiday Season for our veterans and their families.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade 8:00

Nov. 15 Chapter Dinner 5:00

Dec. 6 Beacon Shores Nursing Home Christmas Party 11:30

Dec. 7 Hampton VAMC Spinal Cord Unit Christmas Party 1:00

Dec. 13 River Point Nursing Home Christmas Party 11:30

Dec. 13 Chapter Dinner 5:00



Shelly Cannady

## Junior Jargon

Juniors,

We have a very busy schedule over the next two months.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade 8:00 Atlantic Ave.

Nov. 15 Thanksgiving Lunch provided for the veterans of the VAMC spinal cord unit. 11:00

Nov. 15 Chapter Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 Chapter Building

Dec. 6 Beacon Shores Nursing Home Christmas Party 11:30 - 340 Lynn Shores Dr. Virginia Beach

Dec. 7 Hampton VAMC Spinal Cord Unit Christmas Party 1:00 - 100 Emancipation Dr., Hampton, Virginia (VA Hospital)

Dec. 13 Wreath Laying at Albert G. Horton Cemetery 9:00 - 5310 Milners Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434 · (757) 255-7217

Dec. 13 River Point Nursing Home Christmas Party 11:30 - 4142 Bonney Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 · (757) 340-0620

Dec. 13 Chapter Christmas Dinner 5:00 Chapter Building



# CALENDAR AND SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014



XO MEETING/DAV SOCIAL ----- Saturday 15 Nov 14  
**(THIS IS THE DAV CHAPTER 20 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER)**

CHAPTER MEETING----- Tuesday 18 Nov 14

CLEAN UP AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL--- Wednesday 26 Nov 14

E-COMM MEETING----- Saturday 06 Dec 14

XO MEETING/DAV SOCIAL----- Saturday 13 Dec 14  
**(THIS IS THE DAV CHAPTER 20 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER)**

CHAPTER MEETING----- Tuesday 16 Dec 14

CLEAN UP AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL--- Date To Be Determined

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



## ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES TO ALL  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Virginia Beach will be held on 26 November 2014 and December 2014 (Date To Be Determined). 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:

Duane Trowbridge (757) 464-113

Email: [ddtusmccchosin@aol.com](mailto:ddtusmccchosin@aol.com)

## TAPS



## FAREWELL TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES!!

## SICK CALL

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



## **VETERAN'S DAY**

### **“Honoring Our Heroes”**

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true. Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors ALL American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11 of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in the lives to keep our country free. We Salute Our Veterans!

### **DAV Chapter 20 College Scholarship Program 2015**

*December 2014 - First Announcement*

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 20, Virginia Beach, Virginia, is pleased to announce the awarding of two \$1,000.00 college scholarships during the year of 2015 for current high school seniors, home-schooled students equivalent to senior grade level, and those attending college who apply and meet the following criteria:

- a. Must be a U.S. citizen of sound moral character.
- b. Must be the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a Life Member (living or deceased) of DAV Chapter 20 regardless of residence.
- c. Must have a Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and have taken the SAT or ACT. Applicant's school must submit a transcript and score—a form will be provided for that purpose.
- d. An update explaining application timelines and procedures will be presented at the January meeting. Application packets will be available at that time.

*Bill Davis, Deputy Chairman, Scholarship Committee (757) 430-1096 -- wdavis176@cox.net*

### **HOME SWEET HOME HIGHLIGHTS:**

The “Home Sweet Home” event was a collaboration of DAV Chapter 20 and Community partners. The mission of the event was to provide Veteran resources in the form of housing repair with the Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project (STOP) Program, counseling via the VET Center, leisure reading materials for the blind and visually impaired veterans provided by the Virginia Beach Bayside Library, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, along with good food and financial information from local restaurants, credit unions, consumer education agencies, and Hampton VAMC Homeless Veterans Service. Our Chapter members engaged the visitors with warm fellowship and availability of services provided by the Chapter. Many Vets were impressed with the friendliness of the vendors along with the assistance of our Chapter's auxiliary members.

Special thanks to our Commander Rudolph Blanding and Adjutant Dwayne Ramey, the “Home Sweet Home” committee: Wilfred Hope, Hattie Williams, Haywood Canady, Chairperson Robin Patrick, DAV Auxiliary members, Wanda Blanding, Madline Freeman, and Rosemarie

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

RECEPTIONIST / ANSWER  
PHONES AND LIGHT COPYING  
FOR CHAPTER TUESDAY-  
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,

November is here and we need your help. The Golden Corral Fund Drive is still going on. Volunteers are needed to help with the drive. Please call 757-519-9931 to let us know of your availability to assist with this important event. We appreciate your comradeship during this activity.

Sr. Vice Commander Cannady

**CHAPTER 20's**  
**"THE CANDID CORNER"**  
**A Photo Diary of DAV/DAVA Events**

**The American Veterans Memorial For Life:**



**Home Sweet Home**



**NEPTUNE FESTIVAL**





**DAV CHAPTER 20  
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER  
WILL BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2014  
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:00 PM  
DINNER BEGINS AT 6:00 PM**

**CHAPTER 20'S HOLIDAY TOY AND FOOD DRIVE BEGAN OCT 1ST  
WE ARE ASKING ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO DONATE  
AT LEAST ONE CAN GOOD OR NON-PERISHABLE ITEM  
ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED BUT ARE OPTIONAL AND NOT REQUIRED**



**DAV CHAPTER 20  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER  
WILL BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2014  
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:00 PM  
DINNER BEGINS AT 6:00 PM**

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