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Disabled American Veteran's Pacesetter



Commanders Corner

Comrades,

- Congratulations to Chapter Service Officer's James McIntyre and Philip Poffenbarger on being ranked the 1st and 3rd in the Department of Virginia for submitting claims! Awesome job guys...keep up the great work!!!!
- Congratulations to all the Chapter Service Officers who were just re-certified and our new Chapter Service Officer Wanda Dennis.
- Thank you to everyone who came out to our Family, Friends & Veterans Outreach Cookout on June 17, 2017.
- 2017 Virginia Women Veterans Summit was held at the Chesapeake Delta Hotel by Marriott. We had the privilege to watch the movie "Soldier on Life after Deployment" and the honor to meet the Director: Susan Sipprelle and Amanda Tejada one of the soldiers/stars of the movie. The keynote speaker was Army Reserve Captain and 2016 Miss USA Winner Deshauna Barber. We had a great time at the event empowering our fellow women veterans that they can achieve anything and lead the way wellness and success.
- Smithfield Packing Company is looking to hire 400 Veterans by the end of 2020, for more information go to www.smithfieldfoods.com
- 2017 DAV National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA July 29 - August 1, 2017
- The Mobile Service Officer "MSO" Van will be at the Chapter on Tuesday, August 15th from 8:00am - 3:00pm assisting Veterans with their claims.
- 2017 Department Fall Conference will be held in Newport News, VA October 26 - 29, 2017
- 2017 DAV 5K Run to Honor Veterans will be held in Newport News, VA November 5, 2017
- We will be planning and preparing for the upcoming Fiscal Year and fundraising season; if anyone is interested in helping out the Entertainment/Special Events Committee please contact me at the Chapter at 757-519-9931 or via email at cynthiabaileydav20@cox.net
- If anyone is interested in being a part or helping the Women's committee please contact me at the Chapter at 757-519-9931 or via email at cynthiabaileydav20@cox.net
- If anyone needs assistance filing a claim, please call the Chapter at 757-519-9931 to schedule an appointment with a Chapter Service Officer.

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CALENDAR AND SPECIAL EVENTS

JUL/AUG 2017



XO MEETING ----- Saturday 15 Jul 17
 CHAPTER MEETING----- Tuesday 18 Jul 17
 CLEAN UP AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL--- Wednesday 26 Jul 17
 XO MEETING ----- Saturday 12 Aug 17
 CHAPTER MEETING----- Tuesday 15 Aug 17
 CLEAN UP AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL--- Wednesday 30 Aug 17

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 19th Street in Virginia Beach will be held on 26 July 2017 and 30 August 2017. This event will take place on the last Wednesday of every month.

We will meet at the Beach Pub at 0800 and from there continue to the Veteran's Memorial. It is located across the Street from the Virginia Beach Pavilion and Conference Center.

For more information, please contact the Special Event Coordinators, Robin Patrick and Dewayne McBride.

SIGNIFICANT OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

July 4, 2017 - Independence Day
 July 27, 2017 - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)
 July 29, 2017 - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps June 6, 2017 - Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, know as D-Day (1944)

August 4, 2017 - Coast Guard Birthday
 August 7, 2017 - Purple Heart Day
 National Purple Heart Day honors the men and women who have been wounded or killed in military service.
 August 8, 2017 - VJ (Victory over Japan) Day (1945)
 August 29, 2017 - Marine Forces Reserve Birthday



TAPS



FAREWELL TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES!!

SICK CALL

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



DAV Chapter 20 College Scholarship Program 2017

31 May 2017

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 20, Virginia Beach, Virginia, is pleased to announce the name of this year's Scholarship winner. She is Miss Gabrielle J. Coltrane of Virginia Beach.

Miss Coltrane is an exceptional scholar-athlete from Atlantic Shores Christian School in Chesapeake, Virginia. She will be attending Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia and will be majoring in their Nursing program.

Gabrielle should be commended for her outstanding academic achievement, character, scholarship, citizenship and patriotism. Bravo Zulu and good luck to you in the new school year – make us proud!

The announcement concerning the 2018 Scholarship Program will be in the December Pacesetter. The Scholarship Program Briefing will be presented to the Chapter at the January 2018 Meeting.

Bill Davis, Scholarship Committee
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DAV Annual Convention 2017 Report

Audit

Department Audit Team conducted a surprise audit on the Chapter's Quarterly Thrift Store Spending Report. Some of the items that were noted are as follows:

- We cannot make donations to Non-profit organizations and organizations that do not cater to Veterans.
- Volunteers who are paid, are no longer considered a volunteer, they become a paid employee.
- If a person is getting paid they cannot count those hours as volunteer time.
- Anyone who receives more than \$600.00 for their work will receive a 1099 to file with their income tax at the end of the year.

Women Veterans' Conference

- Women Veterans' Chair Person – Robin Whitehead is stepping down from her position.
- Robin Whitehead has two books that she has published.
- Fly Robin Fly - "Military Injustice, Homosexuality, and Autonomy"
- Ready or Not - An Autobiography that describes the

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

(CONTACT COMMANDER
BAILEY)

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

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DAV National and Department Links

NATIONAL

<http://www.dav.org>

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EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

**DAV's Job Search Powered by
RecruitMilitary**

- <http://www.dav.org/veterans/employment-resources/job-search-events/>

**VA's eBenefits Employment
Center**

- <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

DAV Annual Convention 2017 Report Cont...

Emergency Relief

The Emergency Relief session was led by the Department representative Ron Cobbs of chapter 26 Chesapeake Virginia. He was assisted by Department Service Commissioner John King. The main focus of this session was centered around the revival of the emergency relief application.

- This application is set for rollout effective July 1, 2017.
- This new form is designed to be chapter user-friendly this new form is designed to be chapter user-friendly.
- Chapter representatives will be responsible for the first four pages of the form.
 - Those seeking assistance from the state will be required only to submit those first 4 pages.
 - When seeking aid or assistance from other chapters, Veterans need only fax or mail the first 4 pages to other chapters for assistance.
 - This newly revived form will be the key for making decisions in cases of emergency assistance. Mr. John King, Chairman, Department Service Commission stated that a new departmental homeless representative was being considered and the name of that individual might be released by the end of conference. At, conference end the announcement still had not been made. However, the website may now contain that information.
- Mr. King also stated that beginning immediately, if a chapter is in need of assistance from another chapter, the chapter needing assistance must contact and communicate directly with other chapters. Therefore, he recommends that the chapters share that information with each other either by email, fax, and phone.
- Included in Mr. King's remarks was great news for the Emergency Relief Program. The DAV thrift stores will begin to donate funds to the emergency relief program which will be distributed through the department chair to assist where the veterans in need of emergency one assistance. However, he was not sure whether that would be available for this quarter or if it will be available starting next quarter and was also unsure as to the exact amount that would be made available on a quarterly basis, but hope that these funds would help ease the burden of helping worthy veterans who have fallen on hard times.

Department Business Sessions, Memorial Ceremony, And Committee Meeting

- DAV District 6 meeting is scheduled to be held Dec 8-10, 2017, in Puerto Rico. This year's theme: "Women Empowering Women!"
- The Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission was created by the General Assembly to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 75th anniversary of World War II.
 - See Events scheduled at: <https://www.virginiawwiandwwii.org/about>

- VA Medical Center Hampton in considering a more extensive clinic on the Southside, since about 60% of VAMC Hampton patients are from Hampton Roads Southside. A clinic that is capable of processing labs, x-rays, pharmacy, etc. To offer all services, except inpatient care.
- During Commander's Meeting: DAV DOV Commander called on each Chapter to discuss one item of his (DOV CDR's) choosing from the Chapter Commander's Report. The purpose was to share information and ideas.
- For Chapter 20, the DAV DOV Commander asked about the Coast Guard Finance Center 2017 Diversity Day event. Comrade Hope provided a diversity brief that was both informative and educational.
- A Chapter provided stuffed animals to vets at a Nursing Home.
- As discussed, DOV needed the Commander-signed designation letter(s) for individuals being assigned to DOV Committees. For this Convention, Comrades James McIntyre and Phil Poffenbarger were assigned to the Incarcerated Vets Committee.

Incarcerated Veterans

- Mr. McPaul talk about issues with law enforcement and the criminal justice system and what programs are available to assist inmates with reintegration back into the community once released from the penal system.

Veterans Benefits

- Miss Arlinda Johnson spoke extensively about the veteran's benefits and the trouble with the communication inside the jail system. There have been issues when trying to provide the necessary documents in order to get veterans seen by medical staff to file for their claims. Miss Johnson talked about inmate compensation, pension, shelter and other inmate's needs.

Re-entry Program

- Mr. McPaul briefed committee members on supporting the incarcerated in an effort to prevent homelessness. The efforts are focused on helping Veteran's reintegrated back into the community by providing information to them while incarcerated.

Second Chance: Veterans Treatment Court

- Miss Johnson discuss the needs for veterans once the enter second chance program and how the court assign a mentor one on one weekly to visit the jail inmate before he are she end up in the prison.
 - Election of New Committee Member
 - Mr. McPaul, Chairman of the Incarcerated Veteran Programs
 - Mr. Poffenbager
 - Mr. Ray Mitchell

Committee Meeting in July at the Petersburg Chapter

- Petersburg, Virginia for the Good of the order
- Richmond Virginia location unknown

DAV CHAPTER 20 CANDID MOMENTS



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REPRESENTING!



CSO TRAINING

2017 VIRGINIA WOMEN VETERANS SUMMIT
MC - WAVY NEWS ANCHOR ANITA BLANTON
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
ARMY RESERVE CAPTAIN AND 2016 MISS USA
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