



**ST MARY'S CHAPTER NO. 26 AND  
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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER**

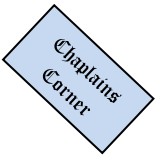
The DAV National convention was great! There was plenty to do and much to learn. It was truly time well spent. The many seminars were outstanding. I learned a great deal from the many seminar topics such as, Fiscal responsibility of Chapter funds, Operation Protect Veterans (from Fraud), C&P exam information, Veterans Employment and Training Service, National Voluntary Service Programs, LVAP program, Scholarships, and the Women Veterans Seminar, and the National Business meetings. It was five full days of meetings and seminars.

Shortly after returning from Florida I came down with COVID. In the future I will lay low for a week post travel. I ask everyone to consider doing this so we don't pass on any unpleasant regional parting gifts from where we have traveled from - lesson learned.

Our Wednesday's VA Service Claims Clinics are always busy, this past Wednesday Chapter 26's services officers processed 31 Claims! Thank You for your hard work and steadfast dedication to our fellow veterans, spouses, and families.

We have a lot coming up this fall and I'm looking forward to doing more for our veterans in our community. Forget me not is upon us and we need volunteers. The September meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Now that the end of summer is here and the Kids go back to school lets rededicate our efforts to our Veterans, Chapter, and our community. Happy Birthdays to George Cheverton and Corky Dunn!

Serving those that Served  
R, Phipp



Hello Chapter 26 this is your Chaplain speaking. Covid hit our ranks this past month knocking down our Chapter Commander Mark Phippen and Department Adjutant Kelly Major. Both have recovered.

Chapter 26 Past Commander, Greg Casoni, passed away 17 August. Our prayers go out to his family.

Please forgive me for being off the mark some this month and not contacting comrades, getting cards out per the norm. My father's younger brother who was like an older brother to me we believe (still waiting on final certificate) drowned and passed. He was also a US Navy Vietnam vet; last tour of duty was with an EOD unit out of Vung Tao and a 100 percenter as many of us in this Chapter are.

We live in a very unstable, uncertain world. Sickness and death are our constant companions. God said, Isa 55:8-11 (KJV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it.

In spite of everything regardless of what we think or any opinion God is in control and Jesus Christ sits on the throne, Heb 1:3 (KJV) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; We have many denominations, faiths in our Chapter; Catholic, Protestant, some that do not believe, etc. We all cry the same tears, feel the same pain, we eat, sleep, breathe the same air. More significant our blood is all the same, one color. Thus, the color of the price of freedom. What might divide us also unites us. God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34, etc.).

As Chaplain we, I minister to all faiths, we leave no man or woman behind. I leave you with the following scripture- Ps 116:15 (KJV) - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Joh 14:1-3 (KJV) Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Php 4:7 (KJV) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Wes Simpkins  
Chapter 26 Chaplain



## **UNIT 26 COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**



Hello Unit 26 Members,  
September is here and I hope the weather gets cooler.

Chapter 26 will be having their picnic on September the 10<sup>th</sup> at 1200 at the Beach House on the base. I will be there and I hope to see you all there.

The Unit 26 meeting will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hacienda Los Guayabos. Lunch starts at 12:00 and the meeting will start at 1:00.

Until Next Time,  
Terry Dunn, Unit 26 Commander



Chapter 26 Commander, Mark Phippen, shows Honor and Respect to Past Chapter 26 Commander Greg Casoni. Greg was commander from 1985 – 1986.



## Roster of Chapter and Auxiliary Officers

| <u>CHAPTER #26</u>                |                   |              |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
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 Erin Weers – Treasurer, Nettie McCall – Chaplain, Anne Wood - Sgt.-At-Arms,  
 Linda Wible – Conductor, Debbie Bakley - Patriotic Instructor.

### *Editors Notes*

(Lou Dunn ([dunnlc20653@gmail.com](mailto:dunnlc20653@gmail.com)))



**Veterans Crisis Hotline:** 800-273-8255, then press 1

**LVAP Coordinator:** Our LVAP Coordinator is Maira Callis please email your hours to her. They may also be given to Maira at any meeting.


**Dates to Remember:** September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's County Fair, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's County Oyster Festival.

## Chapter Calendar



### September

|    |       |                             |                            |   |   |
|----|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 04 | 1900  | General Meeting             | Union Hall                 |   |  |
| 05 | ----- | Labor Day                   |                            |   |   |
| 10 | 1200  | Chapter #26 Picnic          | NAS Pax River, Beach House | → |   |
| 16 | ----- | POW/MIA Day                 | A day to remember          |   |   |
| 18 | ----- | United States Air Force     | Happy Birthday (1947)      | → |  |
| 29 | 1900  | Executive Committee Meeting | Union Hall                 |   |   |

### October

|    |       |                             |                       |   |   |
|----|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 06 | 1900  | General Meeting             | Union Hall            |   |   |
| 13 | ----- | United States Navy          | Happy Birthday (1775) | → |  |
| 27 | 1900  | Executive Committee Meeting | Union Hall            |   |   |

### November

|    |       |                             |                       |   |   |
|----|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 01 | 1900  | General Meeting             | Union Hall            |   |   |
| 10 | ----- | United States Marines       | Happy Birthday (1775) | → |  |
| 11 | ----- | Veterans Day Parade         | Leonardtown           |   |   |
| 24 | ----- | Thanksgiving                |                       | → |   |
| 24 | 1900  | Executive Committee Meeting | Union Hall            |   |  |

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

October 06, 1900, at the Union Hall

**THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IS CHARTERED TO  
FULLY FILL OUR PROMISES TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED.**



Disabled American Veterans  
Assisting Those Who Served



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*Rain, sleet, ice or snow she flies...proudly.*