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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Greetings to All!

It is that time of the year where we start the DAV process to Nominate, Elect, and Install new officers in Chapter 26. On February 2, 2023 we will nominate new officers. On March 2, 2023 we will elect the officers, and in April (Date TBD), we will install the new officers in accordance with our DAV Bylaws and be ready for the 79th DAV Annual State Convention.

Are you interested in joining the ranks and be part of the leadership? Being a volunteer and helping Veterans has and always will be my priority. It is about giving back to our Comrades that served our country without prejudice. It is about assisting Veterans, Spouses, and Family members with their VA Claims. Last month alone we submitted 68 VA Claims for processing.

If you submitted a claim with current PACT ACT presumptive and were denied, come and see us. The PACT ACT was signed August 2022. We can assist you with a Supplemental claim Form 21-0995. This is the process for the VA to look at the previous claim that was denied before the Pact Act went into effect. We are located at the Union Hall 21795-C North Shangri-La Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653 on Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm to assist with your VA Claims. We will not be available for claims on February 15, 2023. No appointment is necessary. *Bravo Zulu* to our Chapter Service Officers (CSO's) George, Michelle, Kelly, Maira and Intake Coordinator Bob Jones. Thank you!

At the March 2, 2023 monthly DAV Chapter 26 meeting, we will be awarding DAV Chapter members that have completed their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years of DAV membership service with a Pin. The pins awarded are in accordance with the Membership Listing for Chapter 26, which I will have the most updated version. The following members will be awarded these pins: **Michelle Dowleyne** (10 year), **Lou Dunn** (10 year), **Tim Fullerton** (5 year), **Robert Jones** (30 year), **Kelly Major** (5 year), **Vaughn McCall** (20 year), **Michael McDonald** (25 year), **Klaus Meissner** (10 year), **John Paust** (35 year), **Mark Phippen** (20 year), **Wes Simpkins** (25 year), **Ed Torres** (15 year), and **Ronald Wood** (5 year). Congratulations to all!

Never forget our DAV Mission Statement: "We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity."

Our next monthly meeting scheduled for February 2, 2023. Come and join us! Happy Valentine's Day!

R,
Maira Callis
Commander Chapter 26



I will be stepping down from being your newsletter editor and my last edition will be April. I have been doing the newsletter since 2017 when McCall was the commander, and I really enjoyed it. I hope the newsletter brought you valuable and informative information. I have suggested to the commander and Executive Committee that the newsletter format be changed. The newsletter will contain only the commander's letter and sickness and distress plus any article the commander deems necessary. It would be one page single or double sided document. The name would be changed to 'Chapter #26 News and Views'. I have recommended the change to make it as simple as possible, in the hopes one of our members will volunteer to be the new editor. Please consider being the new editor and keep our newsletter going. I will still head the committee for collecting donated gifts for our comrades at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at Christmas time. I turn 80 this year and the wife and I plan on doing some traveling. Thank you to all for all the 'good job, good reading' comments I received over the years. It was much appreciated.

Louis C. Dunn, Jr.



Vaughn McCall (Update) – He is having problems walking and standing on his own. He cannot be released from rehab until he is able to stand and walk on his own. **Phil Cartwright** is home recovering from a stroke. **George Cheverton** has one more treatment to go (cancer) and is in good spirits. **Mark Donavon's** latest doctors report advises his hip surgery recovery is going well. Please keep our fellow comrades in your thoughts and prayers for their full recovery and well-being. **Ray Cyrus** will be having surgery in April.

Note: Please send your sickness and distress notifications to the Chaplain (Bob Jones, gwebo@verizon.net)



Sarah Miller, St. Mary's County Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager, gave a presentation on the Department of Aging & Human Services and the programs and services they offer in the community.



Craig Barnes, 1st Junior Vice of the DAV Department of Maryland, pays a standard visit to Chapter 26.



Chapter #26 Officer's



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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.

Upcoming Chapter Elections: Reminder – in February we nominate candidates for next year's officers at the general meeting and at the March general meeting we vote on those candidates. The new elected officers assume their duties on 1 April. Appointed officers are appointed by the chapter commander (they are not elected).

Forget-Me-Not: Collection of Donations will continue in March.

Chapter Calendar

February

02 1900 General Meeting
 14 ----- Valentine's Day
 20 ----- Holiday
 26 1900 Executive Committee Meeting

Union Hall
 Don't forget your Loved One's
 Washington's Birthday
 Union Hall



March

02 1900 General Meeting
 02 ----- Voting on 2023/24 Elected Officer's
 30 1900 Executive Committee Meeting

Union Hall
 Union Hall
 Union Hall

April

05 ----- Gold Star spouses day

Recognizes the sacrifices made by the surviving spouses of our fallen comrades

06 1900 General Meeting

Union Hall

09 ----- Easter

27 1900 Executive Committee Meeting

Union Hall



TBD Installation of Officers

Union Hall

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

March 02, 1900, at the Union Hall

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



Disabled American Veterans
 Assisting Those Who Served



Chapter 26



The Homes of the Free
 Depend on the Homes of
 the Brave



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

