



ST MARY'S CHAPTER NO. 26
P.O. BOX 496,
PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND 20670



Chapter #26, Chartered April 25, 1974



Installation of
Officers this meeting

Monthly Newsletter of the
DAV St. Mary's Chapter #26.



April 2024

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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Greetings & Belated Happy Easter,

I hope you all had a memorable and happy Easter with family and friends! Being kind to one another and enjoying each other's company.

We had our final roundabout of scratch off raffles at the commissary this past weekend and was very successful considering we had to cancel a few days due to the weather. Thank you to our March Scratch off Raffle Volunteers at the Commissary: Lou Dunn & Ralph Gough, Cheryl Colson, Kelly Major, and Maira Callis, Sheila Edwards & Adrina, and Mike Jones & James Williams. The 24x36 Picture Frame with \$250 Scratch off tickets and a crisp \$100.00 dollar bill in the center drawing will take place at the Local Lodge 4 Union Hall on **Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 9:30 am** prior to our volunteer time. You do not need to be present to win. If you have tickets, please return the stubs with money to me NLT Wednesday at 0900 at the Union Hall. Text or email me. Text or email me if you want to meet prior to Wednesday morning, which would be preferred

Our time to celebrate our Chapters 50th Anniversary is fast approaching and volunteers are always welcome and needed. We are celebrating this milestone with a 50th Anniversary Gala to honor our Chapter members and the Charter. Our Special guest and honoree that will also be celebrating 50 years as a DAV Chapter Member is Judge Advocate Ralph Gough. Other Chapter members will be celebrated as well. Our celebration will take place at the Olde Breton Inn in Leonardtown on **27 April 2024**. The event is being chaired by Adrina Allen and co-chaired by Lou Dunn. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please let Adrina know via email at allensjireh@gmail.com. Seats and tables are going fast. And if you need to reserve and paid for the event contact Lou Dunn at dunnlc20653@gmail.com.

To further commemorate this event, we would love to feature you in our Digital Souvenir Journal. The Digital Souvenir Journal information sheet detailing prices, deadlines, and submission instructions are enclosed in the newsletter. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to having you as one of our supporters. If you'd like to show your support by purchasing an ad Souvenir, please reach out to our Souvenir Chairperson Michelle Dowleyne at: 910-644-2348 or @ michelle.dowleyne@gmail.com. If possible, we ask that you provide your ad by **Sunday, April 10, 2024**. More information ahead.

Thanks to all the CSO's – George Cheverton, Kelly Major, Michelle Dowleyne, Adrina Allen, James Williams and yours truly, our VA Claims Intake Coordinator Bob Jones, and VA Claims Intake Advisor Cheryl Colson, which have made processing VA Claims easier and faster while talking to our Veterans, Spouses, and Dependents. Thanks to all who continue to dedicate their volunteer time to our folks!!! As of 27 March 2024, our Chapters cumulative CSO VA Claims was 62. Thank you to all involved in helping our Veterans, Spouses, and Dependents with their claims!!!

On Thursday, 2 May 2024 Mrs. Rupali Dewan Tetrick will be visiting our Chapter to Discuss Clear Captions phone service for those that struggle with hearing loss disability and necessitate the use of Captioned phone calls. Clear Captions is a Federally funded service and phones and & service is FREE. In addition, Mrs. Dewan Tetrick will be providing Chick Fil A sandwich and dessert for all who RSVP by NLT Tuesday, 30 April 24 and attend this meeting. Please join us in welcoming her to assist you with this service.

The 3rd Quarter Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 6, 2024**, the start time will be 11:00 am. Registration and Department Staff meeting will be at 10:00 am, location – **Chapter 13 Severn, MD American Legion Post 276 8068 Quarter Field Rd. Severn, MD 21144**. They will also have a 50/50 raffle so bring lots of money! This is the day I pick up all the Polos we ordered as a group. If you want to carpool and can get on the Patuxent River Base, we will be waiting between the Gas station & Commissary for you to ride with us by NLT 0815. I can fit 1 more person in my car. (You must RSVP NLT 5 April 2024 to make sure we have enough cars to accommodate everyone.

Chapter 26 will be having its Officers Installation this coming Thursday, **4 April 2024**, and you must be present to be installed. A big thank you to Lou Dunn (our Chapters Public Information Officer/Historian) for putting together this informative newsletter! Thank you to all the Chapter Officers elected or appointed and thank you for being part of our Chapter.

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

Respectfully,

Maira Callis

Commander Chapter 26



*Prayer doesn't mean anything
until it means everything to you.*



Tom Thomas had minor cancer surgery. Cancer has returned to George Cheverton. He starts Cobalt treatments 1 April. Adrina Allen will be having surgery on 1 April. Ed Johnson is still recovering from surgery. Kelly Major is in the hospital (Covid).

My fellow comrades, a lot of prayers are needed this month. Let us take a little extra time for a little extra prayer. As I have stated above "*Prayer doesn't mean anything until it means everything to you.*" Let the Lord know it does mean everything to you.



Selling raffle tickets and collecting donations

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

CHAPTER #26

St. Mary's County

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Digital Souvenir Journal

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Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Wording for AD (*as you would like it to appear in Ad*)

Advertisement Prices:

The commemorative souvenir journal will be in Word format. Digital format.

Ads must be submitted electronically ready to: **michelle.dowleyne@gmail.com**

*Photographs should be high resolution prepared via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to (at least
300 dpi)

****Ads will not be printed without receipt of money** The rate for all ads are \$50

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ADS IS

Extended until Sunday, 10 April 2024

Amount Enclosed \$50.00

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Disabled American Veterans
Assisting Those Who Served



Chapter 26

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 26 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

You are cordially invited to attend the DAV Chapter 26, 50th Anniversary Gala.

The Gala will be taking place on Saturday April 27, 2024 from 6pm to 10pm at the Olde Breton Inn, 21890 Society Hill Road, Leonardtown, MD. 20650. The doors open at 6pm, dinner is served at 7pm. The gala will recognize 50 years of DAV Chapter 26's dedicated efforts towards empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. Will you be among those celebrating this landmark occasion? Please RSVP prior to 19 March 2024.

Guest Speaker: DAV/Department of Maryland Commander Mattie Whitfield

Menu: Chicken / Beef au jus / Vegan Vegetables / Potatoes / Rolls / Salad / Dessert / Water, Ice Tea, & Coffee

Cash bar

Attire: Semi-formal

Cost: \$50.00 per person

When making your remittance please fill out the form below and include it with your remittance

Amount of remittance: number of attendees ___ X \$50.00 = \$_____

Name: _____; Phone: _____; Email: _____.

Please mail remittance to: DAV Chapter 26, PO Box 496; Patuxent River, MD 20670. Alternately, just come to the Union Hall any Wednesday, from 10 to 1, with your check, money order, or cash. Bob Jones will give you the registration/payment form (this page) to fill out and please return the form with your payment to Bob. You will be able to view your table assignment when the GALA Table Reservations are sent out on email. Questions? Lou can be reached at 301-481-7953.

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Editors Notes

(Lou Dunn, dunnlc20653@gmail.com)

National Crisis Hotline: New suicide and prevention line is 988.

St. Mary's County Crisis Support: St. Mary's also has a crisis help line. Visit the web site at smchd.org/crisis for information on local crisis support and mental health services as well as a variety of tips on talking with children, self-care and more.

LVAP Coordinator: Our LVAP Coordinator is Maira Callis. At the end of each month please email your hours to her. They may also be given to Maira at any meeting.

Chapter Calendar

April 2024

03	0930	Picture Frame Scratch Off Drawing	Union Hall
04	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall
04	1900	General Meeting/ Installation of Officers	Union Hall
05	-----	Gold Star Spouse Day	Honors spouses who lost their military significant other in the line of duty or because of their military service.
06	-----	DEC Meeting	8068 Quarter Field Rd. Severn, MD (American Legion Post 276)
10	-----	Last Day for input for Souvenir Journal	
27	1800	GALA Celebration	Olde Breton Bay Inn
30	-----	Vietnam War Ends	April 1975

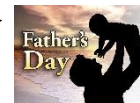
May 2024

02	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall
02	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
02-09	-----	Primary Early Voting Days	
12-17	-----	Ocean City Convention	
14	-----	Primary Election Day	
27	-----	Memorial Day	

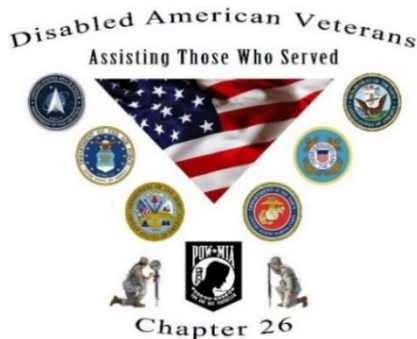


June 2024

06	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall
06	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
14	-----	Happy Birthday U.S. Army	1775
16	-----	Father's Day	Time to remember Dad



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





OUR FLAG DOES NOT FLY BECAUSE THE WIND MOVES IT.
IT FLIES WITH THE LAST BREATH OF EACH SOLDIER, SAILOR,
AIRMAN OR MARINE WHO DIED PROTECTING IT.

