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DAV St. Mary's Chapter #26

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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Greetings Comrades,

Message from the Commander

Where has the summer gone. September is here and soon it will be fall. Raking leaves, gutters to clean. Sprucing up, painting that room that need a fresh coat of paint. Sound familiar, well get ready it is coming. Just as we want our home to look inviting. We are the ones that help build DAV and our local Chapter.

We are the spokesperson for our organization in our community. Our reputation rest in our hands, of course it is an important responsibility, but rewarding. We are the grapevine telegraph spreading good news about our chapter. We are the ones that safeguard the reputation of DAV and our Chapter.

We are volunteers, make no mistake volunteers drive the DAV train, as we continue to serve there is no telling when war will break out, war is a recurrent rhythmical pattern of coming and going or decline and regrowth through generations. There is no telling when such waves will breach. We cannot know when, where, or how long service members will be called upon to stand in harm's way. War itself is unpredictable. While we have served in different eras, in different wars and in different ways, a single thread runs through our fabric, tying us to the men and women who served before and after us. We thank you for your service and your continued volunteerism. Thank you being a member of Chapter 26

You should have already received the flyer about our upcoming annual picnic. Let us make this an event to remember. This is a family event. (no alcohol in club nine).

We have three new members for August 2025.

Excerpts from DAV continue to serve.

Respectfully,

James Williams
Commander, DAV Chapter 26



Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I
will fear no evil, for You are with me.



Fellow Chapter Members,

Chaplain's Corner:

Comrades, in the book of Proverbs, the 4th Chapter and the 7th verse emphasize that wisdom should be the highest priority, even more valuable than other pursuits. It reads: **“Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore, get wisdom, and with all your getting get understanding,”** Each day gives us an opportunity to focus on and look back a bit on our lives, things we could have done differently or things we wished we had done better but did not take the time to do it. Each year we get one year older, and each day seems to go by faster than the day before, we wake up in the morning and before we know it the day has gone by. We tend to believe we will live forever and neglect to get our estates in order or update what we may have already placed in order, for our loved ones. Let's take time to **“check! check! check!”** that our Personal Record Book is up to date and reflect all our desires. I have in my possession a few Personal Record Books that if anyone would like one, please let me know, and let's remember to pray without ceasing.

If you know of any member of the Chapter or their family members that need or wants prayer, please do not hesitate to contact me at redgeeknow@outlook.com. May you all be forever blessed.

DAV CHAPTER 26 PRAYER BOARD						
NAME	PRAYER REQUEST	DATE PRAYER BEGIN	PRAYER ANSWERED	ADDITIONAL PRAYER LINES		
				DOE MEN	NOON-DAY	DUNIMAS
Bob, J.	Continual Healing	03-Apr-25		X	X	X
Mike B.	Cancer	01-Mar-25		X	X	X
Bob, P.	Health Issues	01-May-25		X	X	X
Trudy P.	Health Issues	01-Jul-25		X	X	X
Matt L.	Cancer	14-Aug-25		X	X	X
Sheila E.	Comfort	20-Aug-25		X	X	X
(Luke 18:1) - And He spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not faint						



Sincerely,
Reggie Harris
Chaplain, DAV Chapter 26

Please report all sickness to your chaplain.

Welcome our Newest Member:

DAV Chapter 26 proudly welcomes Paul V. Hurtt as one of our newest members. We're honored to have him join our Chapter and contribute to our mission of serving veterans.



Support Our Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser

Help DAV Chapter 26 raise funds for Veterans in St. Mary's and Calvert Counties. Check the calendars below for available dates and times, then email Maira Callis at: macalex0077@gmail.com to sign up. Join us, meet fellow members, and make a difference for our local veterans!

R,

Maira Callis
Forget-Me-Not Chairperson





DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Volunteer Shift Schedule

Event Name	DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser – Commissary NAS Patuxent River, MD 20670		
Event Dates	Sat, 4 October 2025 / Sun, 5 October 2025	Event Time	9am – 5pm / 10am – 6pm
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	9am – 1pm	Sat, 4 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Ralph Gough	X		
Cheryl Colson	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	1pm – 5pm	Sat, 4 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Bob Priddy	X		
Kelly Major	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	10am – 2pm	Sun, 5 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Nicole Dunn (Dept of MD State 1 st Jr. Vice CDR	X		
Kelly Major	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	2pm – 6pm	Sun, 5 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Matt Langford	X		
Maira Callis	X		
OVERALL TOTAL			



DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Volunteer Shift Schedule

Event Name	DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser – Commissary NAS Patuxent River, MD 20670		
Event Dates	██████████ Sun, 19 October 2025	Event Time	9am – 5pm / 10am – 6pm
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	9am – 1pm	Sat, 18 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
CANCELED (CNX)		CNX	
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NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	1pm – 5pm	Sat, 18 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
CANCELED (CNX)		CNX	
CANCELED (CNX)			
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	10am – 2pm	Sat, 19 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Maira Callis	X		
Tom Thomas	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	2pm – 6pm	Sat, 19 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Sheila Edwards	X		
James Williams	X		
OVERALL TOTAL			



DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Volunteer Shift Schedule

Event Name	DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser – Veterans Day, Leonardtown, MD		
Event Dates	Sat, 25 October 2025 / Sun, 26 October 2025	Event Time	9am – 5pm / 10am – 6pm
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	9am – 1pm	Sat, 25 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Reggie Harris	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	1pm – 5pm	Sat, 25 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
Lou Dunn	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	10am – 2pm	Sat, 26 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	2pm – 6pm	Sat, 26 Oct 25	Phone Number & Email
OVERALL TOTAL			



DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Volunteer Shift Schedule

Event Name	DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser – Commissary NAS Patuxent River, MD 20670		
Event Dates	Sat, 8 November 2025 / Sun, 9 November 2025	Event Time	9am – 5pm / 10am – 6pm
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	9am – 1pm	Sat, 8 Nov 25	Phone Number & Email
Reggie Harris	X		
James Williams	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	1pm – 5pm	Sat, 8 Nov 25	Phone Number & Email
Bob Jones / Mike Jones	1-3pm / 3-5pm		
Katelin Welles	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	10am – 2pm	Sun, 9 Nov 25	Phone Number & Email
Sheila Edwards	X		240-216-4013
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	2pm – 6pm	Sun, 9 Nov 25	Phone Number & Email
OVERALL TOTAL			

Chapter #26 Officer's

CHAPTER #26 2025-2026			
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*Elected +Appointed

Editors Notes

(Maira Callis, macalex0077@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.

Annual Chapter 26 Members, Volunteers, Family, & Friends Picnic: Join us for our DAV Chapter 26 Annual Picnic on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Solomon's Navy Lodge, Solomon's Rec Center Club Nine in Solomon's, MD. Come out and enjoy great food, fun, and camaraderie with fellow members and families. Our esteemed member Mike Jones will be firing up his Grill Wagon with delicious BBQ ribs, hot dogs, and hamburgers!

To RSVP, volunteer to bring a covered dish, or help with set-up and clean-up, please contact Chairperson Kelly Major at lorimaj1983@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing everyone there—thank you for helping make this annual event a success!

R,

Kelly Major
Chairperson Annual Picnic

Chapter Calendar

September 2025

1	-----	Labor Day	Celebrates the social & economic achievements of American workers	
4	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall	
4	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall	
9	0830	Forget-Me-Not Proclamation	Chesapeake Bldg., located at: 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown	
11	-----	Patriot Day & 9/11 Remembrance Day		
18	-----	Happy Birthday US Air Force	Established in 1947 & celebrating its 78 th Anniversary	
19	-----	National POW/MIA Recognition Day		
22	-----	1 st day of Fall	Known as Autumnal Equinox	
27	1200-1600	Chapter 26 Cookout & Picnic	Navy Getaways Solomons Recreation Center	
28	-----	Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day		

October 2025

02	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall	
02	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall	
13	-----	Columbus Day	Holiday	
13	-----	US Navy 250th Birthday	The 250 th Anniversary of the US Navy	

November 2025

02	-----	Daylight Savings Time	End of Daylight Savings Time - Fall Back 1 hour	
06	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall	
06	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall	
07	0900-1400	Veterans Resource Day	University of MD, 44219 Airport Rd, California, MD https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging/veterans/	
10	-----	USMC 250 th Birthday	The 250 th Anniversary of the US Marine Corps	
11	-----	Veterans Day	Veterans Day Parade Leonardtown, MD	
27	-----	Thanksgiving Day	Grateful hearts gather, share, celebrate, & give thanks	

**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.

