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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Hello Fellow Comrades, Spouses, and Family Members!

Is it Winter or Spring? Just don't know any more with this unpredictable weather in Southern Maryland. Something I can say with certainty is that Spring is fast approaching and we should set our clocks one hour forward on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

We have been so busy lately and as one of the Chapter Service Officers (CSO) in Chapter 26, I can say I have noticed an increase in the VA Claims we do on Wednesdays. Between the four CSO's (George Cheverton, Michelle Dowleyne, Kelly Major, and me), an Intake coordinator (Bob Jones), and an Amazing & instrumental lady (Cheryl Colson) that assists the Chapter with getting us all ready to do claims.

We have completed over 115 VA Claims since January 2023. Thank you so much!!! Talk about hustling and making sure we provide our Veterans, Spouses, and dependents with the highest quality professionalism and data collection for the VA. If you are interested in becoming a CSO, let us know? Because the volume of claims merits additional CSO's.

We are also thinking about having a speaker to discuss Financial Planning and investments (Robert Boyles – Chapter member) in the months of May or June 2023. Start getting your questions ready. Chapter 26 new officer elections place is TBD.

Lastly, Comrade Louis Dunn 'aka' Corky, has been the Chapters Public Information Officer/Historian since 2017. He has decided to retire from this appointed position starting May 1, 2023 to enjoy his retirement and travel time with his beautiful wife Terry Dunn to whom he has been happily married to for 59 years in May 2023. Congratulations & Happy Anniversary!!! Although, it saddens us that he is retiring but happy for them to spend quality time with each other! Corky, you have been a great asset to the Chapter and we thank you for everything you have ever done for the Chapter, Veterans, & Comrades. We are eternally grateful & we salute you!!!

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

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

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Maira Callis
Commander Chapter 26



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Greetings Chapter 26. I am pleased to be easing back into my responsibilities as Sr. Vice and Chief of Staff to Commander Callis. And equally important, I am working towards resuming my first love, claims assistance for veterans and their families. As most of you probably know I have been dealing with medical issues but slowly and surely, I am doing my best to regain my energy and strength. Enough about that.

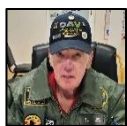
Unfortunately, I suppose we must acknowledge the elephant in the room so to speak. We have experienced an upheaval in our Chapter and it is very disappointing our Commander and her staff continue to deal with a situation that has been ongoing for far too long. Our Commander's agenda for the Chapter has been sabotaged by having to continually focus on matters not of her making. It is heartbreaking to see our Chapter ravaged by dissent, accusations, whether false or accurate, and just a constant onslaught of ill will exhibited by a select few Chapter members. But I can assure everyone the Chapter's Executive Committee is laser focused on getting our ship back on course.

Our Chapter meeting had to be canceled on Thursday 3/2/23 for circumstances that by now most of you are familiar with. This has caused a realignment of the schedule for elections and ultimately officer installations. I urge all members to keep an eye on your email for a future post from our Commander once she has determined a new schedule.

Here it is March and we are quickly approaching the State Convention in Ocean City coming up in May. All CSOs will be attending to be re-certified to allow us to continue veteran assistance. Not to mention the Chapter's obligation to participate in training sessions and info gathering. Your Chapter will be well represented and I anticipate rewards being gathered.

I wish everyone the best as we move into spring. Enjoy.

Working For You
George Cheverton



Please keep **Ron Wood, Vaughn McCall, George Cheverton, Fred Lothrop** and their **families**, in your thoughts and prayers. Vaughn – as of this writing Nettie (his wife) is requesting no visitors or phone calls (will keep you updated), George has upcoming medical treatments, Fred is home recovering from a stroke, Ron has medical problems.

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

Nomination and Voting for Chapter Officers

At our April 6th meeting we will have elections. Once the nominations are completed, we will vote for our elected Chapter Officers for 2023 year. The installation ceremony, for the new officers, is TBD. Once all arrangements have been finalized an email will be sent out with the info for the ceremony.

The following individuals have been nominated:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominees from the floor</u>
Commander	Maira Callis	_____
Senior Vice Commander	George Cheverton	_____
1 st Junior Vice Commander	James Williams	_____
2 nd Junior Vice Commander	Albert Jenkins	_____
3 rd Junior Vice Commander	Bob Jones	_____
Judge Advocate	Ralph Gough	_____
Treasurer	_____	_____

Reminder – appointed officers are not elected. They are appointed by the commander.

The following individuals have been voted into office:

Commander	_____
Senior Vice Commander	_____
1 st Junior Vice Commander	_____
2 nd Junior Vice Commander	_____
3 rd Junior Vice Commander	_____
Judge Advocate	_____
Treasurer	_____



I didn't Know that



Another nickname for the Marines is “Devil Dogs.” How did they get that name? Let’s go back to WWI. In all the history of the Marine Corps there was no battle more ferocious than that of the battle of Belleau Wood (50 miles Northeast of Paris). Fighting day and night without relief, without sleep, and often without water, and for days without hot rations, the Marines met and defeated the best divisions that the German Army could throw at them. ***Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue!*** The Germans gave them the name of “***Devil Dogs.***”

I didn't Know that either



Ever heard the saying “You Are the Salt of the Earth”, “Worth Your Salt” or similar sayings? Back in the days of the Roman Soldiers, salt was very valuable. The Romans even paid their soldiers in salt because no matter what country they were in, they could trade the salt for anything they needed. It was as valuable as a gold coin. A Roman soldier who was “worth his salt” was a hard worker who earned his wages. Also, back then, there was no concept of crop rotation. So, if they wanted to use the same field to grow their crops year after year they used manure, compost, and salt. The farmers plowed salt into the earth to help grow the crops.



I also didn't know that either

Ever seen this in the produce section and wonder what it means? They are in 4 and 5 digit codes. Look at the first number only - for 4 digit codes a 3 or 4 means conventionally grown (uses chemical fertilizers to promote plant growth). For 5 digit codes - a 4 means Pesticides or Herbicides were used, an 8 means Genetically modified (it has genes from other organisms), a 9 means Organic.

I KNOW IT NOW!!



As we get ready to change our clocks again maybe a little history



History of Daylight Savings Time

The government did not alter time zones until 1918 with the passage of the Standard Time Act of 1918. At that time, the Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulated railroads at the time, was put in charge of time zones.

In 1918, the agency started the first instance of daylight-saving time in the US to help conserve fuel and power during World War I. The idea was that shifting time to get more daylight hours would reduce the need for lighting. After the war's conclusion, daylight saving time was abolished nationally, with some states continuing the practice.

It wasn't until the founding of the Department of Transportation in 1966 that our modern version of daylight-saving time began. The dates for when the US springs forward (the second Sunday of March) into daylight saving time or falls back (the first Sunday of November) to standard time are enshrined in federal law and were most recently changed in 2005.



History of Standard Time



Standard time was instituted in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads on November 18, 1883. Prior to that, time of day was a local matter, and most cities and towns used some form of local solar time, maintained by a well-known clock (on a church steeple, for example, or in a jeweler's window). The new standard time system was not immediately embraced by all, however.

The first man in the United States to sense the growing need for time standardization was an amateur astronomer, William Lambert, who as early as 1809 presented to Congress a recommendation for the establishment of time meridians. This was not adopted, nor was the initial suggestion of Charles Dowd of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in 1870. Dowd revised his proposal in 1872, and it was adopted virtually unchanged by U.S. and Canadian railways eleven years later.



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*Elected +Appointed

Editors Notes

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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.

March 29, 0900, Commissary event – Chapter dress code: White shirt, Black pants or skirt, MD Tie and Chapter Hats. Names of attendees needed by March 15, 2023.

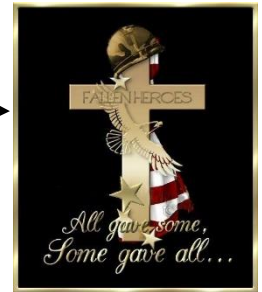
May or June 2023 – Robert Boyles to provide Free Financial Planning Advice.

Change in Executive Committee Meeting for May

Due to the convention, the date for the Executive Committee meeting was changed to 28 May. Time and place is TBD.

Chapter Calendar

			<u>March</u>
02	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
12	-----	Daylight Savings Begins	
18/19	-----	Forget-Me-Not Collections	Commissary and Weis (Callaway)
24	0830-1530	Women Veterans Comm Women on the Move	5211 Auth Road, Camp Springs, MD.
25/26	-----	Forget-Me-Not Collections	Commissary and Weis (Callaway)
29	0900	National Vietnam Veterans Day	Vietnam Vets recognition at NAS PAX Commissary
29	-----	National Vietnam Veterans Day	Free sandwich at Mission BBQ for Vietnam Veterans
30	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Place TBD
			<u>April</u>
01	-----	DEC Meeting, American Legion Post 276	8068 Quarter Field Road, Severn, MD. 21144
05	-----	Gold Star spouses day	Recognizes the sacrifices made by the surviving spouses of our fallen comrades
06	1900	General Meeting	Place TBD
06	-----	Voting on 2023/2024 Elected Officers	Place TBD
09	-----	Easter	
15	0900-1100	Operation Open House VSO/CSO Info Table	Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
27	TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	Place TBD
			<u>May</u>
02	1900	General Meeting	Place TBD
14	-----	Mother's Day	A time to remember Mom
28	TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	Place TBD
30	-----	Memorial Day	Remember those that have gone before us



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

April 06, 1900, Place TBD

Additional Information

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**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



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

