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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Greetings Chapter 26,

When we took our oath of enlistment, we committed ourselves to a life of service. For many of us, that commitment didn't end when we hung up the uniform. Today, our mission has shifted, but the stakes remain high.

Service within our Chapter isn't just about attending meetings; it's about ensuring no veteran in our community navigates their challenges alone. Whether it's driving a fellow veteran to a medical appointment or assisting a family with a benefit claim your "service after service" is the lifeblood of this organization.

We need your hands, your heart, and your time. A veteran's promise to "leave no one behind" is a lifetime guarantee.

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, one month into the year of our Lord 2026 I pray you are all doing well. No matter what your religious upbringing has been, never refuse prayer; for prayer is the essential element of faith. Prayer is truly highlighted when others who are praying know what to pray for. Generic prayers can cause hinderance. So, I encourage you to let people know what you want prayer for. A bank robber can ask someone to pray for them and may be indicating that they want God to allow them to get away with it. The Book of **(Philippians 4:6-7)** states that we should **“Let our request be made known to God.”** It is instructing individuals to replace anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in **EVERY** circumstance. It encourages bringing specific needs, fears, and desires to God rather than trying to manage them alone, promising a peace that transcends all understanding. Therefore, every request for prayer needs to be a request of agreement asking people to pray for you, can never guarantee that others understand what you are requesting. First asking God, **“If it is possible”**, using the example Jesus Himself prayed to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives while experiencing intense agony and distress as He anticipated His crucifixion. He prayed the same prayer three times however, ultimately submitted to the Father's will by saying **“Not as I will but as you will”**. Trust this, when you don't have anything to hide, God will hear all those that are praying more clearly.

PRAISE REPORT: All those whom we have been praying for seem to be doing well, though there are a few who are still fighting the fight-of-faith. Therefore, keep praying.

PRAYER CALL: Please continue to keep each other lifted in prayer, and keep Chapter #26 Commander, Chapter Officers and CSOs lifted in prayer as we continually conduct our duties in a professional and supportive manner for ALL Veterans. Make it a habit to send each other cards, text messages or make phone call to all those desiring to hear from their Comrades just as we did while on duty in the military. Pray for me as I go through a gout flare up in feet.

If you or you know of any member of Chapter #26 or any of your or their family members that will allow us to pray for them, please do not hesitate to contact me at: reggie.harris.dav@gmail.com. I pray that God will continue to bless each of you in abundance as you remember the writing in **(Matthew 6:7-8)** – **“But when you pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not, you therefore like unto them for your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him.** Therefore, since God knows what we have need of, it should offer us comfort and assurance of His divine care and timing.

Stay connected with the Chapter and be laser focused on mission being Veterans helping Veterans. Once again, I still want to encourage those that have not attended the Monthly Chapter Meetings to let that be on your to-do list as a member.

Sincerely,

Reggie Harris
DAV Chapter 26 Chaplain



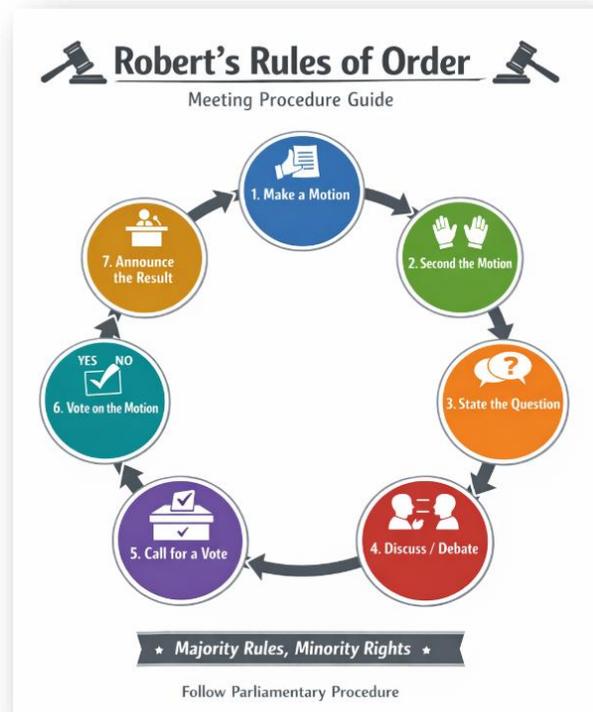
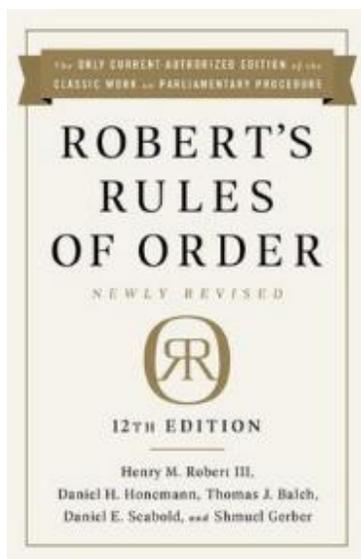
Roberts Rules of Order



Robert rules:

The man behind Robert rules of order was Henry Martyn Roberts a US Army Colonel. In 1863 he was chosen to preside over a church meeting and, although he accepted the task, felt that he did not have the necessary knowledge of proper procedure. In his later work as an active member of several organizations, Roberts discovered that members from different areas of the country had different views regarding what the proper Parliamentary rules were and these conflicting views hampered the organization in their work. He eventually became convinced of the need for a new manual on the subject, one which would enable many organizations to adopt the same set rules.

“Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty.” – Henry Martyn Roberts, author of Robert’s Rules of Order



Sincerely,

Ralph Gough
DAV Chapter 26 Judge Advocate

Nominations for New Chapter 26 Officers

The Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers are important parts of maintaining strong leadership and continuity within the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). These processes ensure that members have the opportunity to select leaders who will guide the chapter in its mission of serving disabled veterans, their families, and survivors.

Nominations

During the recent nomination process, members of the chapter recognized individuals who have demonstrated dedication, leadership, and commitment to the organization. The following nominations were made for the upcoming term:

- Commander: Matt Langford
- Senior Vice Commander: Mike Jones
- 1st Junior Vice Commander: Kelly Major
- 2nd Junior Vice Commander: Tom Thomas
- 3rd Junior Vice Commander: No nomination received
- Treasurer: Sheila Edwards
- Judge Advocate: Ralph Gough

These nominations reflect the chapter's appreciation for members who are willing to step forward and serve in leadership roles to support fellow veterans and the local community.

Elections and Informal Installation

The election and informal installation of officers will take place on **Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** at the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local Lodge 4.

Members are reminded that **you must be present to be elected and installed**. This meeting is an important opportunity for members to participate in the democratic process of the chapter and support the individuals who will help lead the organization in the coming year.

Through nominations, elections, and installation, the chapter continues the proud tradition of the Disabled American Veterans, veterans serving veterans with dedication, integrity, and respect. Your participation helps ensure the continued strength and success of the chapter's mission.

Respectfully,

Maira Callis
DAV Chapter 26
Historian/Public Information Officer

Chapter #26 Officer's

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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.

VA claims services every Wednesday from 0930 to 1230

Our March Chapter meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month – 12 March 2026.

- **Executive Committee Meeting:** 5:45 PM
- **Chapter Membership Meeting Election & Informal Installation of New Officers:** Starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Local Lodge 4 Machinists Union Hall

Chapter Calendar

March 2026

08	-----	Daylight Savings Time	Spring Forward	
12	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall	
12	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall	
12	1900	Chapter Elections/Installation	Union Hall	
17	-----	Luck of the Irish	St. Patrick's Day	
20	-----	Spring Equinox	First day of Spring	
25	-----	Medal of Honor Day	A Day to honor brave service members	
29	-----	National Vietnam War Veterans Day	Vietnam Veterans Day	

April 2026

01	-----	April Fool's Day	Day of Practical Jokes	
02	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall	
02	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall	
05	-----	Easter Day	Happy Easter Day	
05	-----	Gold Star Spouses Day	Honors surviving spouses of service members who lost their	
		lives while serving in the armed forces.		
11	1100-1300	DEC Meeting	Department State Meeting – Place TBD	

May 2026

07	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall	
07	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall	
08	-----	Military Spouse Day	Military Spouse Appreciation Day	
10	-----	Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	
16	-----	Armed Forces Day	Armed Forces Day	
24-29	-----	Ocean City Convention	CSO Certification & State Convention	
25	-----	Memorial Day	Memorial Day Holiday	

**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



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.

