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

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Greetings Comrades,

Let us start 2026 off with a new renewed commitment to our stated goal. To empower veterans to live high quality lives with respect and dignity. To quote John Heywood “many hands make light work.” So, this year let us try to make this work a little lighter by starting a new goal. Let us call it – “bring one back or bring one in.” If one of the names on the roster is a long-lost friend – let us, make new contact with them, and invite them back. Your executive board will be working hard to brainstorm ideas that make our membership monthly meetings more fun and exciting.

If you have any ideas, just pull someone aside and let them know. If you know a veteran who has been helped by our efforts, please ask them to attend a meeting as a guest and let us build our ranks with new energy. So many veterans suffer in silence not knowing that help is available. So, let us make 2026 our year of renewal by bringing new folks on board. Please do not forget to introduce yourself when you see someone you do not know with a welcome and let us establish a welcoming environment and a place for our comrades to feel valued and thrive.

Let us pay our blessings forward. Hidden inside we all have esprit de corps and a mission first – people always attitude. Let it shine brightly. Commander out.

Respectfully,

Matt Langford  
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:**

The depth of prayer harnesses the power of God. He sees, He hears, and He answers. Let your days be filled with prayers that are filled with faith and filled with joy. There is NO greater pleasure than having a conversation with the Creator by prayer. Pray always without ceasing.

**PRAYER CALL:** Please continue to keep each other lifted in prayer, and keeping Chapter #26 Commander, Chapter Officers, CSOs, as well as those who assist with the checking in of our Veterans 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.

If you or you know of any member of Chapter #26 or any of yours 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](mailto:reggie.harris.dav@gmail.com). Stay connected with the Chapter and be laser focused on our 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  
Chaplain, DAV Chapter 26



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Our Chapter sincerely appreciates your generous financial support. Your contributions make a meaningful difference, and we warmly encourage others to join in giving and help us continue serving our veterans and community. Thank you!

Mr. Bart McClave Donated \$21.00


*Thank You!!!*

The **Forget-Me-Not fundraiser** is a long-standing DAV tradition that honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans while helping raise essential funds for local programs, services, and advocacy efforts. These events ensure DAV Chapters can continue providing assistance with VA claims, resources, and support to veterans and their families in our community.

Our Chapter is seeking volunteers for the **Forget-Me-Not table at the NAS Patuxent River Commissary on 25, 26 April and 2 May 2026**. If you can give some of your time, we would be sincerely grateful for your support.


This important annual fundraiser directly strengthens our mission to serve veterans and their families, while also offering a meaningful opportunity to connect with fellow Chapter members. We deeply appreciate your continued generosity, commitment, and support.

To volunteer reply to Maira Callis at: [macalex0077@gmail.com](mailto:macalex0077@gmail.com)

 **DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Volunteer Shift Schedule**

Event Name	<b>DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser – Commissary NAS Patuxent River, MD 20670</b>		
Event Dates	Sat, 25 April 2026 / Sun, 26 April 2026	Event Time	9am – 5pm / 10am – 6pm

NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	9am – 1pm	Sat, 25 Apr 26	Phone Number & Email
Tom Thomas	X		
Lou Dunn	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	1pm – 5pm	Sat, 25 Apr 26	Phone Number & Email
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	10am – 2pm	Sun, 26 Apr 26	Phone Number & Email
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	2pm – 6pm	Sun, 26 Apr 26	Phone Number & Email
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>			

 **DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Volunteer Shift Schedule**

Event Name	<b>DAV Chapter 26 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser – Commissary NAS Patuxent River, MD 20670</b>		
Event Dates	Sat, 2 May 2026	Event Time	9am – 5pm

NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	9am – 1pm	Sat, 2 May 26	Phone Number & Email
Ralph Gough	X		
Tom Thomas	X		
NAS Pax River Commissary Volunteer	1pm – 5pm	Sat, 2 May 26	Phone Number & Email
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>			



# Roberts Rules of Order



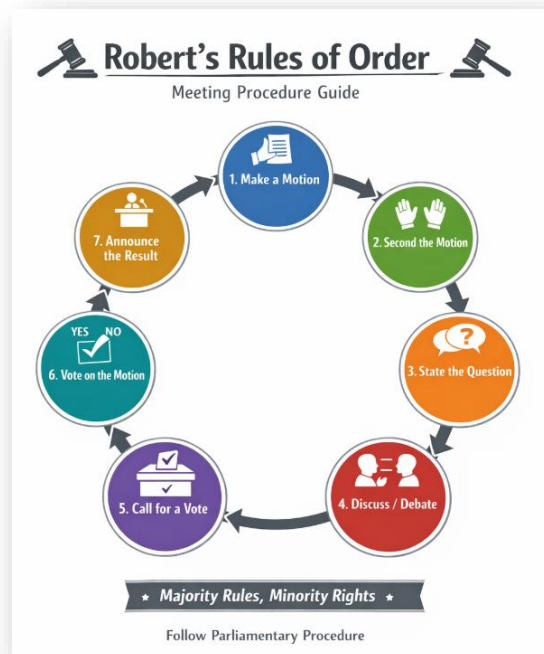
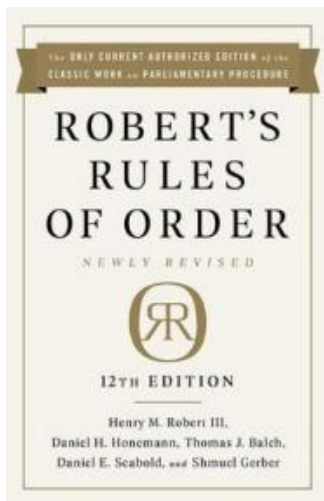
Robert rules:

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

“The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn’t said.” By Peter Drucker

“Trust is the lubrication that makes it possible for organizations to work.” By Warren Bennie



Sincerely,

Ralph Gough

DAV Chapter 26 Judge Advocate



# DAV Chapter 26, St. Mary's MD



Wes Simpkins  
Chapter 26  
Webmaster



Bob Jones  
VA Claims  
Intake  
Coordinator

## 2026-2027 New Elected, Appointed, & Outgoing Officers



Lou Dunn (Chapter 26) and his wife Terry (DAVA Unit 26) present donated gifts from Chapter members, MAG Air, Community with a Cause Global Methodist Church, St. Mary's County residents, and IAMAW Local Lodge #4 to CHVH Activities Director Brandi Tanner.

### Right to left:

- Maira Callis – Historian/Past CDR
- Matt Langford – Current Chapter CDR
- Mike Jones – Sr. Vice CDR
- Tom Thomas – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice CDR
- Reggie Harris – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice CDR/Chaplain
- Ralph Gough – Judge Advocate
- Sheila Edwards – Treasurer/Acting Adjutant
- Greg Olson – Sargeant-At-Arms



### Sitting – Right to Left:

- Kelly Major – 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice CDR
- James Williams – Past CDR
- Robert "Bob" Priddy – Officer of the Day



Veterans Appreciation Day  
– NAS Patuxent River  
Commissary



### **"Veterans Helping Veterans"**

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 proudly serves veterans, spouses, and dependents throughout St. Mary's County and Southern Maryland. Our mission is simple: ensure every veteran receives the benefits, support, and respect they earned through service to our nation.

Respectfully,

Maira Callis  
DAV Chapter 26  
Historian/Public Information Officer

## Chapter 26 Members Anniversary Dates

Congratulations to our Chapter 26 members celebrating their Years of Service with DAV! Your dedication is the foundation of our Chapter, and it is an honor to have you with us. We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings to connect with fellow members and continue strengthening our community.

Thank you for your commitment, and Happy Anniversary!

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Yrs Of Srv	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Yrs Of Srv
Adams	Joseph	Patrick	1	Langford	Joseph	M	5
Austin	Maryanne	Jester	1	LaRocco	Donald	L	2
Barbour	Michael	F.	25	Laulis	Steven	Ray	1
Bauer-Chen	Barbara	A	15	LePore	Heather	L.	7
Bosak	Michael	R.	40	Levasseur	Brandon	L	1
Bucklew	Francis	G.	11	Levkulich	Scott	Michael	2
Buckley	Robert	P	5	Leydon	Steven	L	5
Butler	Kalicia	Y	12	Linthicum	Albia	George	18
Callis	Maira	A	7	Lisa	Michael	Thomas	2
Cartwright	Phillip	P.	5	Long	Brian	D	10
Chase	Robert	S	4	Long	Aaron	G	5
Cloutier	Edward	C.	6	Lucarelli	Louis	A	3
Connor	Darold		1	Maher	Christopher	P.	17
Corbin	Phillip	J	1	Major	Kelly	David	9
Curran	Patrick	William	5	Martin	Jason	B	8
Davis	Anthony	Christian	1	Marum	Timothy	Merritt	0
Deaton	Frankie	D	5	Maynard	Darrell	Lynn	17
Didsbury	Stuart	Allan	1	Mazepa	John	M	10
Dowleyne	Daryl	S	10	McCallum	Chris	D	9
Dowleyne	Michelle	M	14	McCarthy	Joseph	Ronald	4
Dumas	Yvonne	A	1	Mcdaniel	Dillon	Ryan	1
Dunn	Louis	C	13	McGraw	Christopher	Joseph	9
Edwards	Sheila	A	2	McKay	Stephanie	Joann	5
Fairfax	Thomas	E	1	Mendoza	Carlos		6
Falk	David	Charles	17	Mendoza	Juan	David	5
Faust	Charles	E	6	Meredith	Wesley	Eugene	4
Fournier	Gregory		7	Mesowski	John	J	13
Frazier	Timothy	S	7	Mildren	Troy	D.	28
Fullerton	Timothy	G.	8	Miller	Robert	M.	24
Gloriod	Donald	C	7	Miller	David	K	20
Glover Jr	Theodore	Roosevelt	4	Miller	Jacob	John	12
Goddard	Donald	I	1	Negley	Darren	C	1
Gough	Ralph	E.	52	Newman	Andrew	K	1
Gould	Lorenzo	Barrell	7	Olson	Gregory	P	6
Graham	Carol	A.	25	Ortiz	Alfonso		25
Graham	Richard	A	1	Parks	Henry	Kent	1
Graves	Dirk	A	5	Paust	John	M	39
Gray	William	W	1	Petralia	Salvatore	J	1
Griffith	Christine	M	6	Priddy	Robert	L.	41
Grimm	Tod	David	6	Randolph	Andre	A	1
Hadley	Carley	A	5	Rebuck	Brian	E	5
Hamlet	James	B.	12	Reid	Justin	Azar	7
Harper	Edmona	L	1	Richardson	Michael	O	2
Harris	Reggie			Richmond	Dustin	J	6
Hawkins	Jerard	J	6	Ridley	Thomas	J	3
Huffman	William	M.	6	Rodriquez Collazo	Oscar		1
Hughes	Demetrius	Q	6	Rosati	Joe	John	5
Hughes	Sommer	Roxanna	5	Rusaw	Mearland	J.	35
Hunawill	Billy	Son	22	Sanders	Lionel	P	6
Huot	Roger	N	1	Sheehan	Donald	J.	6
Hurt	Paul	V	2	Sigler	Crispin	Leon	1
Jimenez	Francisco		3	Spencer	Darryl	Robert	1
Johnson	Barrett	P.	9	Steele	Zachary		1
Johnson	Pamela	R.	25	Stockley	Robert		1
Jones	Robert	E.	37	Thomas	Thomas	M	7
Jones	Michael	L	16	Thompson	Glenn	Andrew	1
Joseph	Bryant	E.	7	Thompson	James	A.	1
Justis	Justin	Alan	5	Thorn	Kathryn	R.	27
Kerig	James	J	1	Torres	Eduardo	J	17
Keyes	Ja'rohn	L	1	Vogentanz	Barbara	Faye	10
Kisamore	Jeremia	J	3	Washington	Eddie	J	1
Kittrell	Deshawn	M.	7	Weich	Benjamin	Eugene	1
Kowlessar	Marsha	E	11	Wells	Katelin	B.	38
Krasnesky	Richard	L	9	Williams	James	W	4
Kreps	Kathleen	Mary	1	Williams	James	D	18
Lague	Gerard	R	1	Wood	Carl	Blaine	20
Lane	Robert		8	Zillioux	Chad		1

## A Heartfelt Farewell and Thank You

It is with both gratitude and a touch of sadness that we extend our sincere appreciation to Past Chapter Commander James Williams (2025–2026) and his wife, Jesse Williams, as they prepare to depart for a new chapter.

PCC Williams has been a steadfast and devoted leader whose impact on DAV Chapter 26 and the veterans of our community will not be forgotten. His service went far beyond his role as Commander. Through his work as a Chapter Service Officer, he guided and assisted countless veterans with their VA claims, always with patience, knowledge, and genuine care.

Whether it was the Forget-Me-Not drives, Veterans Resource Days, Commissary events, Information Seminars, Christmas celebrations, Memorial events, our 50th Anniversary Gala, Chapter installations, or supporting fellow chapters, PCC Williams was always present. Leading from the front, ready to serve wherever he was needed. His dedication, reliability, and quiet strength have left a lasting mark on all of us.

While we are saddened to see him and Jesse leave St. Mary's County, we are grateful for the time, energy, and heart they gave to our Chapter. We know PCC Williams will continue to make a meaningful difference in his new Maryland Chapter, just as he has here.

On behalf of DAV Chapter 26, thank you both for your service, your kindness, and your unwavering commitment. You will be deeply missed, and we wish you all the very best in the journey ahead.







## Chapter #26 Officer's

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*2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Cdr.	Tom Thomas	281-744-3924	Tomthom48@hotmail.com
*3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior Vice Cdr.	Reggie Harris	443-538-4138	redgeeknow@outlook.com
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+ Chief of Staff	Vacant		
+Adjutant	Sheila Edwards	240-216-4013	sedinards101461@gmail.com
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*Judge Advocate	Ralph Gough	301-904-0582	regoughsr.151@gmail.com
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+Officer of the Day (OOD)	Bob Priddy	410-326-2228	Priddy425@comcast.net
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+LVAP Coordinator	Maira Callis	240-577-4330	macalex0077@gmail.com
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+Chapter Service Officer	Sheila Edwards	240-216-4013	sedinards101461@gmail.com
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\*Elected +Appointed

### Editors Notes

(Maira Callis, [macalex0077@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 April & subsequent Chapter meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.**

- **Executive Committee Meeting:** 5:45 PM
- **Chapter Membership Meeting:** Starts at 7:00 PM - **Location: Local Lodge 4 Machinists Union Hall**

**NAS Pax River Commissary Case Lot Sale – 14-17 May 2026**

**Commissary Bag Policy Update**

Effective immediately: plastic bags are \$0.05 each and paper bags are \$0.10 each or bring your own bags to pack your groceries.

**Memorial Day 25 May 26 – Laying of the wreath – Contact Lou Dunn to participate at: [dunnlc20653@gmail.com](mailto:dunnlc20653@gmail.com)**

# Chapter Calendar

## April 2026

01	-----	April Fool's Day	Practical Jokes Day
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	1000-1200	DEC Meeting at Chapter 15	Department State Meeting – Francis McLhinney American Legion Post #47, located at 501 Saint John St., Havre De Grace, MD 21078



## May 2026

08	-----	Military Spouse Day	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
10	-----	Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day
14	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall
14	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
14-17	-----	Commissary Hours	Commissary Case Lot Sale
16	-----	Armed Forces Day	Armed Forces Day
24-29	-----	Ocean City Convention	DAV CSO Certification & State Convention
25	-----	Memorial Day	Memorial Day Holiday



## June 2026

06	-----	D-Day Anniversary	WWII Allied Invasion in Normandy, France
11	1745-1845	Executive Meeting	Union Hall
11	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
14	-----	Flag Day & Army Birthday	Day to celebrate the adoption of the US Flag
21	-----	Father's Day	Father's Day Celebration
27	-----	National PTSD Awareness Day	PTSD Awareness Day

**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



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AIRMAN OR MARINE WHO DIED PROTECTING IT.

