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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

Hello to All,

We made it to another month in the year and right away we are jumping into a Holiday. That's right it is Labor Day, celebrated by the USA on Monday, 4 September. Enjoy with Family & Friends!

The Chapters Picnic is schedule for 9 September 2023 at the Base Beach House. Kelly Major is chairing this event and volunteers are always welcome to assist with the preparation and set up. You will be getting an email from Kelly requesting to RSVP or to sign up for side dishes. We could all use another fun fill day with comrades, family, and friends. Mike Jones will be joining us again this year with his BBQ wagon. Please join us! Lou Dunn donated \$100.00 earmarked for the picnic and we received \$100.00 from Mark Donovan for the Chapter. Thank you!

On Thursday, 7 September 2023 Jr. Vice CDR Joan Sabree will be visiting our Chapter at our regular DAV Chapter 26 meeting at the Wildwood Community Center where we meet for our regular monthly meetings. Please join us in welcoming her to the Chapter as a DAV State visitor.

Come closer, just want to let you know that our Chapter will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on 25 April 2024. That's right 50 years as a Charter and we are having a Gala to celebrate this Anniversary on Saturday, 27 April 2024. The event is being chaired by Adrina Allen a DAV chapter 26 member that's been with the Chapter for 16 years but is now active in the Chapter. Welcome back Adrina Allen! If you are interested in being part of the committee, please let Adrina know via email at allensjireh@gmail.com. One more important piece of this Anniversary, Judge Advocate Ralph Gough is one of the Honoree and VIP of the Gala. He will also be celebrating 50 years with DAV as a Chapter member.

We got approval from the State to do fundraisers for our 50th Anniversary Event in April. Therefore, our first fundraiser for this event will be a **Samsung - 75" Class CU7000 Crystal UHD 4K UHD Smart Tizen TV**. Tickets

will be sold for **\$5.00 a ticket** and the TV will be raffled on 13 December 2023 at 0930 prior to doing VA Claims at the Local Lodge 4 Machinist Union Hall and you do not need to be present to win.

Patriot Day is an annual observance on 11 September to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on 11 September 2001.

The DAV Department DEC meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2023, at DAV Department of MD War Memorial Building, 101 N. Gay St. Baltimore, MD 21202. The Lexington Parking Garage across from the War Memorial Building will be open to all that will be attending from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, The parking flat rate cost will be \$5.00. If you are interested in carpooling let me know.

The cumulative from 1 January through 31 August 2023 we have completed a total of over 450 VA Claims in eight months. Thank you to all involved in helping our Veterans, Spouses, and Dependents with their claims!

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



Past Commander McCall has had some more Cancer removed via surgery. He is recovering back at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Please keep Vaughn and his family in your prayers.

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



BITS AND PIECES

Passing on the right – Do we really understand what Maryland State Law says about passing on the right (shoulder)? From what I have seen on our highways I don't think so. Here is a statement I took directly from the Passing on the Right Law. “Use of roadway (21-304) when passing on the right is permitted – *The driver of a vehicle may make the movement described under subsections (a) and (b) of this section by driving outside the marked lane onto the shoulder to overtake and pass a vehicle that is making or about to make a left turn if the driver can do so without leaving the paved surface.*” I think it's very plain – if you have to drive off the paved surface entirely or partially to pass it is illegal to pass.



Chapter 26 Annual Picnic
September 9, 2023
1100-1600
NAS Patuxent River



Mike Jones will be bringing his Grill Wagon.

Our host is
Kelly Major

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #26, annual picnic will be held at the same place as last year – the Beach House aboard Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The Beach House has a large covered patio, a building with running water and bathrooms, plenty of parking and a beautiful view of the river.

The chapter will furnish the meat (hot dogs, hamburgers), rolls, condiments, plates, napkins, utensils, drinks (soda and water), and some games. Mike (our chef) will be bringing some of his own specially prepared meats to cook.

Please bring a covered dish and
(lorimaj1983@yahoo.com) of



notify Kelly via email at
what dish you are bringing.

The picnic is open to Chapter 26 members and family, and their friends. We need a head count to purchase the correct amount of meat, drinks, etc. So, please email Kelly on the number in your party prior to 1 September.





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Editors Notes

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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 Picnic: Set for September the 9th, 1100 to 1600 at the Beach House aboard Pax River. Our chairperson is Kelly Major.

Veterans Resource Day: Will be held on 3 November from 0900 to 1400 at the Southern Maryland Educational Center on Airport Road. This is a yearly event and is sponsored by the Office on Aging. There is a lot of information for veterans at this seminar – well worth attending. Chapter 26 will be available if VA claim assistance is needed. A lunch is available at minimul cost. No cost for volunteers.

Chapter Calendar

September

02	-----	WWII Ended	1945
02	0900-1800	Forget-me-Not	NAS Commissary (4 hour shifts)
03	1000-1800	Forget-me-Not	NAS Commissary (4 hour shifts)
04	-----	Labor Day	
07	1900	General Meeting	Wildwood Community Association
09	-----	Chapter Picnic	NAS Pax Beach House
15	-----	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Established in 1979 by President Carter →
16	0900-1800	Forget-me-Not	NAS Commissary (4 hour shifts)
17	1000-1800	Forget-me-Not (back up date)	NAS Commissary (4 hour shifts)
18	-----	Happy Birthday U.S. Air Force	1947
21-24	-----	St. Mary's County Fair	St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
28	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Union Hall



October

05	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
13	-----	Happy Birthday U.S. Navy	1775
12/22	-----	St. Mary's County Oyster Festival	St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
21	0900-1800	Forget-me-Not (back up date)	NAS Commissary (4 hour shifts)
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26	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Union Hall

November

02	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
03	0900-1400	Veterans Resource Day	Southern Maryland Educational Center (Airport Road)
10	-----	Happy Birthday U.S. Marines	1775
*11	-----	Veterans Day	Honoring and Remembering all veterans
27	-----	Thanksgiving Day	First true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a drought.
30	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Union Hall

* Veterans Day - The date recognizes the Armistice of 11 November 1918, the formal agreement that marked the official end of World War I. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, allied forces and Germany came together to sign the peace treaty.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

October 05

**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 AND
SAILOR WHO DIED PROTECTING IT.**

