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**FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER**



Hello to all,

Just want to say thank you for your support in this new endeavor as your Chapter Commander. I have big shoes to fill with CDR Mark Phippen stepping down and I hope and pray I am able to guide this Chapter in the right direction to become better Chapter members and to help one another in fulfilling the comradeship and love for our country.

I want to thank the following members that volunteered in the first 2022 Forget-Me-Not kick off: They are as follows for the month of October: Bob Jones, Ralph Gough, Wes Simpkins, Tom Thomas, George Cheverton, Fred Lothrop and I also participated in taking donations. Without you this fundraiser would not have been possible. Our list is out for the next volunteers for November 5-6, 2022 and November 19-20, 2022. Make a difference and volunteer. Get to know your partner within the four hours you volunteer.

On Tuesday, November 1, 2022 the St. Mary's County commissioner's office Communications Director invited the Chapter to accept the Operation Green Light Proclamation and we accepted. The Operation Green Light Proclamation is a National Initiative bringing attention to the mental health illness struggles that many Veterans face when transitioning from active-duty service to civilian life.

We were also invited and accepted invitation to the yearly Veterans Resource Day hosted by St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services to provide information, literature, do VA Claims, and possibly recruit new members. The event is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the University of MD at Southern MD, 44219 Airport Rd, California, MD 20619.

Lastly, we are having a Christmas party on December 17, 2022 to say thank you for your commitment, kindness, and comradeship. Without you this Chapter would not exist.

DAV Mission Statement: "We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity."

In closing I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

Maira Callis  
Commander, Chapter 26

**Editor's Note:** Our chaplain and Chief of Staff are unable to provide input to the November Newsletter. The chapter will not participate in the Veterans Day Parade this year.



## How to display the United States Flag

(Ten Guidelines from the Veterans of Foreign Wars)



1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the North in an East/West street, and to the East in a North/South street.
5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities of societies are grouped and displayed from the staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned (adorned with ribbons, garlands, or other decorations), drawn back, or up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.



## The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 26,

adds the following:



When the American Flag is displayed from a single flag pole and you wish to also display the POW/MIA flag the POW/MIA flag should fly directly below, and be no larger than, the United States flag.

## From the Editor



It is that time of year again. The holidays will be here before we know it. As I have done in the years past, I will be collecting gifts for our comrades at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. I will be at **St. Mary's Square** parking lot **November the 30<sup>th</sup> from 1100-1200**, in my truck, between Weis and McDonalds (more towards McDonalds). I will be at the **Wildewood** parking lot on **December the 7<sup>th</sup> from 1100-1200** between JC Penny's and the Greene Turtle (more towards the Greene Turtle). I will be taking the gifts to Charlotte Hall on **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Reminder – no sharp objects (like razor blades, pocket knives, etc. no alcohol), all gifts are to be new and unwrapped.

These are some of the gifts the vets say they want however, it is your choice what gift you get: Radios, Radio Clocks, Digital Alarm Clocks, USB Charger Ports, Small Plastic Totes (15qt), Men's large face watches, watches for the blind w/stretch bands (contracting face), shoes wide width 10-14, hair ties, hair accessories, blue tooth speakers, wheelchair cup holders, small flash lights, cushions, stress balls, pens, stylus pens, wallets, art supplies, Purses (no zipper), large piece puzzles, electric razors, pajamas (men and women), Belts (men and women), gift cards (Visa, Walmart, amazon).

## Some Freebies for Veterans on Veterans Day

(Remember to bring your I.D. Card)

**Wawa** – Free Coffee

**Wendy's** - Free Small Breakfast

**Sheetz** – Free 6" Turkey Sub

**Texas Road House** – Certificate for a free meal (pick up in parking lot)

**Bob Evans** – Free Dinner

**Golden Corral in LaPlata** – Free Meal

There might be other places offering freebies for veterans on Veterans Day. Check your local newspapers, radio announcements, etc.



Air Force



Army



Coast Guard



Navy



Marines



Space Force



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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.

**Dates to Remember:** **November 4th** 0900-1400 Veterans Resource Day hosted by St. Mary's Department of Aging. University of Maryland, 44219 Airport Road, California, MD.

[WWW.stmarysmd.com/veterans](http://WWW.stmarysmd.com/veterans).

**Upcoming Chapter Elections:** Reminder – in February we nominate candidates for next year's officers at the general meeting and at the March general meeting we vote on those candidates. The new elected officers assume their duties on 1 April. Appointed officers are appointed by the chapter commander (they are not elected).



# Chapter Calendar

## November

01	0900	Operation Green Light Proclamation	
03	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
04	0900-1400	Veterans Resource Day	44219 Airport Rd, California, MD
05-06	0900-1700	Forget-me-Not	Commissary
06	0200	Standard Time Begins	
10	-----	United States Marines	Happy Birthday (1775)
11	-----	Veterans Day Parade	Leonardtown (Cancelled (weather))
17	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Union Hall
24	-----	Thanksgiving	
30	1100-1200	Gift Pick up for Charlotte Hall	St. Mary's Square



## December

01	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
07	1100-1200	Gift Pick up for Charlotte Hall	Wildewood Shopping Center
12	-----	Gift Pick up for Charlotte Hall	MAG Aerospace in Lexington Park
14	-----	Deliver Charlotte Hall Christmas Gifts	Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
17	1400	Chapter Christmas Party	Union Hall (Chairperson Annabelle)
20	-----	Space Force	Happy Birthday (2019)
25	-----	Christmas	
29	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Union Hall



## January

01	-----	Happy New Year	
05	1900	General Meeting	Union Hall
16	-----	King Day	
26	1900	Executive Committee Meeting	Union Hall

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

December 01, 1900, at the Union Hall

**THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IS CHARTERED TO  
FULLY FILL OUR PROMISES TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED.**



Disabled American Veterans  
Assisting Those Who Served



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*Rain, sleet, ice or snow she flies . . . proudly.*