



# DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS Victory Chapter 13

YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

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## Monthly Newsletter

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### ELECTED OFFICERS

Commander

**Charles "Terry" Bohlinger**

Sr. Vice Commander

**Larry Brewer**

1st Jr. Vice Commander

**Pete Fitzpatrick**

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

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**Daniel L. Mac Donald**

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Certified Service Officers

**Greg Baskin, Bob Michaels,  
Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett,  
Pete Fitzpatrick, Mike Taylor,  
Frank Perna, Jim Hughes,  
A.J. Moreno, Roy Larson,  
Cheryl Huggins, Tim Valentine,  
James O Moore, Mike Taylor**

**& Annissa Gravely**

Officer Of The Day

**Mike Taylor**

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**Leo Poniatowski**

Benefits Protection Officer

**Daniel L. Mac Donald**

Assistant Treasurer

**Roy Larson**

Members-At-Large

**Larry Brewer, Ed Marvin**

**& Bob Michaels**

Social Media

**Greg Baskin & Lee Upright**

Media

Volunteer Committee

**Mike Taylor & Val Clark**

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades: Our former Commander and Chapter Service Officer Timothy L "Frosty" Pentecost was recognized at the Department Convention Joint Meeting with the first presentation of the "Charles W Craft Lifetime Achievement Award". I was called forward to receive the plaque. The convention gave a hardy standing very long ovation for Frosty. I expect to present this plaque to Leslie, his spouse at the this meeting Saturday. She repeatedly (weekly) brings in freshly baked cookies for chapter members to enjoy.

Five of our Chapter Service Officers received annual training at Roanoke just prior to the DAV Convention and a new now qualified CSO chapter member James Moore...James we all welcome you to the CSO staff. Next CSO training will likely be on 8 and or 25 August – Location has not yet been determined; expect it to be announced shortly. Members wanting to become CSOs *must* have Chapter Commander's approval and they *must observe our CSOs working claims in the office* to learn the "ins and outs and dos and don'ts" of this service...so if you are desiring to become a CSO and assist veterans now is the time to speak up and contact our Adjutant.

Comrades You must report *all your volunteer hours* including your hours assisting other veterans in your neighborhood...our Chapter is currently in third place among the DAV Virginia Chapters but another chapter is so very close behind us...we need you to *report your hours on the LVAP form and provide it monthly to the Chapter Adjutant.*

During May we assisted some 232 veterans coming here for claims assistance and another 17 veterans for Emergency Relief came here...an extremely busy and exhausting month.

Our DAV Auxiliary Unit 13 is officially up and running – they normally meet at 1100 hrs. each month following our DAV 13 0900 hrs. Saturday morning meetings. Please ask your family members to consider joining the ranks of our DAV Auxiliary and assist veterans through DAVA. They do need to grow in membership. You will soon see their presence in our meeting room.

The DAV National Service Office has asked us to host the DAV Mobile Service Office Van on 7 August...this is an opportunity to meet new veterans in our area as DAV notifies veterans by letter of their presence here at Tabb Square. More on this later...*We'll need members to assist as this.*

Remember we voted this past September to hold chapter meetings in July and August...Pete has an announcement about our 21 July Meeting that sure sounds delicious...ever hear of Mission BBQ?

Terry Bohlinger

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **MONTHLY BREAKFAST:** The next breakfast will be at 7:30 am on **Jul 21, 2018** at the Chapter home.
2. **MONTHLY MEETING:** The next meeting will be at 0900 on **Jul 21, 2018** at the Chapter home.
3. **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The next meeting will be at 9:30 am on **Jul 17, 2018**, unless one is needed sooner in the Chapter home.
4. **DAVA AUX MONTHLY MEETING:** The next DAVA meeting will be at 1100 on **Jul 21, 2018** at the Chapter home.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The House passed the following bills in the last month:

- H.R. 1972, VA Billing Accountability Act, as amended: H.R. 1972 authorizes VA to waive copayment requirements when the veteran is not billed in a timely manner.
- H.R. 3642, Military SAVE Act, as amended: H.R. 3642 would require VA to carry out a pilot program to furnish community care to veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma.
- H.R. 3663, To designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center.
- H.R. 3832, Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act, as amended: H.R. 3832 would allow for the greater sharing of information between VA and State-based prescription drug monitoring programs.
- H.R. 3946, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic".
- H.R. 4245, Veterans' Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Act of 2017: H.R. 4245 would strengthen Congressional oversight of VA's electronic health record modernization program.
- H.R. 4334, Improving Oversight of Women Veterans' Care Act of 2017: H.R. 4334 would require VA to submit reports on access to gender-specific care in the community and environment of care standards for women veterans.
- H.R. 4451, Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended: H.R. 4451 would reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) as well as the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program (HVRP-W) for five years. The bill would also clarify eligibility for both programs to include incarcerated veterans and veterans using a HUD-VASH voucher.
- H.R. 4830, SIT-REP Act, as amended: H.R. 4830 would require that in order for a school or training program to be approved for GI Bill benefits they must adopt a policy that disallows the school or training 57 program from imposing a late fee, denial of access to facilities or other penalty against the veteran or eligible dependent due to a late payment from VA. This would only apply if the payments have not been received within 90 days of the beginning of the term and the Secretary would have the authority to waive this requirement.
- H.R. 4958, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018: H.R. 4958 would provide a cost-of-living adjustment for veterans disability, additional compensation for dependents, dependency and indemnity, and clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans.
- H.R. 5044, Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act: H.R. 5044 would address a technical issue that has arisen from legislation that was passed last Congress related to rules for surviving spouses' ability to claim service disabled veteran owned small business (SDVOSB) status for the Vets First contracting program.
- H.R. 5215, Veterans Affairs Purchase Card Misuse Mitigation Act: H.R. 5215 would strengthen controls over government purchase card misuse.
- H.R. 5418, Veterans Affairs Medical-Surgical Purchasing Stabilization Act, as amended: H.R. 5418 would reform the VA Medical Surgical Prime Vendor (MSPV) purchase program.
- S. 1282, To re-designate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana .  
The Senate passed the following bills in the last month:

- H.R. 4910, Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, which would require the Department of the Interior to provide grave liners for veterans buried in National Park Service cemeteries. H.R. 4910 heads to the president's desk.

- S. 1333, Tribal HUD-VASH Act which would ensure Native American veterans are able to access federal rental and housing assistance for homeless and at-risk veterans.

- S. 2372, VA MISSION Act which would permanently create a new Veteran Community Care Program to streamline the delivery of free market health care to veterans. It eliminates the 30 day/40 mile rule for seeking care outside the VA. Some of the major provisions in the act include:

- Expanding the VA's comprehensive caregiver support program to pre-9/11 veterans, providing eligible caregivers additional support services and a monthly stipend;

- Eliminating the broken Choice program and establishes one community care program called the Veterans Community Care Program;

- Allowing veterans and their doctors to choose the best option on where to get health care whether in the VA or from one of the providers in the VA's community care network;

- Expanding access to telehealth care closer to home;

- Establishing mobile deployment teams to help provide additional care to the VA facilities with the highest need;

- Establishing a walk-in care benefit in the community for veterans in need of

