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<p><b>ELECTED OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>COMMANDER</b> Larry Brewer</p> <p><b>SR. VICE CMDR</b> Tim Valentine</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE CMDR</b> Russ Jordan</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE CMDR</b> Cheryl Huggins</p> <p><b>ADJUTANT</b> Ana Alicea-Diaz</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> Jim Hughes</p> <p><b>CHAPLAIN</b> Ted Imbasciani</p> <p><b>JUDGE ADVOCATE</b> Bill Townsley</p> <p><b>APPOINTED OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>CERTIFICED SERVICE OFFICERS</b> Greg Baskin, Bob Michaels, Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett, Jim Hughes, Cheryl Huggins, Tim Valentine, Laura Skeith, Dave Austin</p> <p><b>OFFICER OF THE DAY</b> (vacant)</p> <p><b>SERGEANT AT ARMS</b> Chuck Silvers</p> <p><b>BENEFITS PROTECTION OFFICER</b> Bill Townsley</p> <p><b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b> (vacant)</p> <p><b>MEMBER-AT-LARGE</b> Russ Jordan, Bob Michaels</p> <p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b> Greg Baskin, Cheryl Huggins, Bill Townsley</p> <p><b>VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE</b> Chuck Silvers, John Schuster</p>	<p><b>COMMANDER'S CORNER</b></p> <p>DAV Mission Statement: "We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish that by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capital Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life."</p> <p>Greetings to all the DAV Chapter #13 Veterans and their families. It is my sincere hope that you and your family are healthy and safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. Good news is popping it's head over the horizon.</p> <p>Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and Mission BBQ again invites all veterans there for a free sandwich.</p> <p>The COLA increase for 2021 is tied to the Social Security Administration [ SSA ] percentage increase. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, SSA announced a 1.3 % increase for 2021. The COLA, when signed into law, will be effective December 1<sup>st</sup> , 2020, and it will show up in your compensation payments on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.</p> <p>After items have been dropped off for the Thrift Store outside our HQ, please do not take any of those items. That is considered stealing.</p> <p>We are still looking for a volunteer to train as DAV #13 Assistant Treasurer to help Jim Hughes out. So, if you're interested please see the Jim, our Treasurer or me.</p> <p>COMMANDER LARRY BREWER CHAPTER #13</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p> <a href="http://WWW.DAV13VA.COM">WWW.DAV13VA.COM</a>      <a href="mailto:dav@dav13va.com">dav@dav13va.com</a>      (757) 596-0062            1700E Geo Wash Mem Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23693         </p> </div>	

**ADVOCATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION, DAV IS!!!**

For the second session of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, DAV is actively working to achieve these five Critical Policy Goals:

- Toxic exposures
- Enhance survivor benefits
- Fully and Faithfully Implement VA MISSION Act of 2018
- Strengthen Veterans Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention Programs
- VA's Women Veterans Health Care Program

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DAV # 13 participated in a fundraiser for homeless and disabled veterans. The sponsors of the event was the shopping center at 941 Lucas Creek Road, where the Hairmazing Boutique and Glamfetti Nail Salon businesses set. It was a combined effort of the DAV #13, VFW Post 824, and the Hampton Roads MOWW. Cheryl Huggins provided VA Benefit information and advice, and the VFW provided Buddy Poppies for donations, and HR MOWW provided some musical entertainment.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING, AND TO ALL A GOOD TURKEY!!**