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<p>ELECTED OFFICERS</p> <p>COMMANDER Larry Brewer</p> <p>SR. VICE CMDR. Tim Valentine</p> <p>1st VICE CMDR. Russ Jordan</p> <p>2nd VICE CMDR. Vacant</p> <p>ADJUTANT Ana Alicea-Diaz</p> <p>TREASURER Jim Hughes</p> <p>CHAPLAIN Ted Imbasciani</p> <p>JUDGE ADVOCATE Bill Townsley</p> <p>APPOINTED OFFICERS</p> <p>CERTIFIED SERVICE OFFICERS Greg Baskin, Bob Michaels, Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett, Jim Hughes, Cheryl Huggins, Tim Valentine, Laura Skeith, Dave Austin</p> <p>OFFICER OF THE DAY (vacant)</p> <p>SERGEANT AT ARMS Chuck Silvers</p> <p>BENEFITS PROTECTION OFFICER Bill Townsley</p> <p>ASSISTANT TREASURER (vacant)</p> <p>MEMBER-AT-LARGE Russ Jordan, Bob Michaels</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA Greg Baskin, Bill Townsley</p> <p>VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE Chuck Silvers, John Schuster</p>	<p>COMMANDER’S CORNER.</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 Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.”</p> <p>HELLO DAV COMRADES, I hope that our DAV Chapter #13 members and families are well during this very trying time for our country. We must all do our best to stay safe. Our hours will stay the same, Mondays and Wednesdays 9 AM to 1 PM for claims. We will not start a claim after 1 PM. Please take the time to thank all our CSO’s who volunteer their time to assist ALL veterans and their families in processing claims, Emergency Relief and other subject matters.</p> <p>Our first Members meeting for this year since COVID will be May 22nd, 2021. CHAPTER 13 ELECTIONS WILL BE THE SUBJECT of this meeting. Nomination instructions and nomination sheets are available now at DAV Chapter #13, 1700 George Washington Mem Hwy, Yorktown, VA. We will only allow 20 people if held indoors but if the weather is good it will be held outside. Masks are still required while indoors. If you have any questions, please contact the Commander Larry Brewer or Adjutant Ana Alicea at (757) 596-0062.</p> <p>DAV National is interested in completing training for <u>new</u> Claim Service Officers (CSO) Level 1. It will be an online training session or in-person training. ONLY COMMITTED volunteers for CSO training please. If you are interested, please contact Senior Vice Cdr Tim Valentine or Adjutant Ana Alicea at (757)596-0062.</p> <p>COMMANDER LARRY BREWER, CHAPTER #13</p> <div data-bbox="451 1764 1485 1927" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>WWW.DAV13VA.COM dav@dav13va.com (757) 596-0062</p> <p>1700-E George Wash Mem Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23693</p> </div>	

We're all eager to get back to "normal" life, but in order for as many DAV chapters as possible to reopen, we all must remain steadfastly dedicated to safety. DAV chapters are permitted to reopen as long as they can meet state, local, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Of course, it's also important that chapter leaders and members feel comfortable doing so. To learn the most up-to-date CDC guidelines in your area, call 1-800-232-4636 or visit [cdc.gov/info](https://www.cdc.gov/info).

DAV encourages members to continue to take precautions against the virus, such as mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer.

Crucial DAV-backed legislation would extend relief to veterans suffering from burn pit exposure For too many veterans living with the long-term health consequences of exposure to toxic burn pits, care and benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) remain out of grasp. But crucial DAV-backed legislation would help veterans overcome the barriers to establishing service connection for conditions caused by toxic exposures. Representatives Elissa Slotkin and Peter Meijer of Michigan introduced the bipartisan Veterans Burn Pit Exposure Recognition Act of 2021 in April. Slotkin, a former CIA analyst, and Meijer, an Army veteran, both served in Iraq. The bill would address the particular needs of veterans exposed to open-air burn pits while serving overseas.