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<p>ELECTED OFFICERS</p> <p>COMMANDER Tim Valentine</p> <p>SR. VICE CMDR. Russ Jordan</p> <p>1st VICE CMDR. George Robinson</p> <p>2nd VICE CMDR. Laura Skeith</p> <p>ADJUTANT Ana Alicea-Diaz</p> <p>TREASURER Jim Hughes</p> <p>CHAPLAIN Ted Imbasciani</p> <p>JUDGE ADVOCATE Shay Odom</p> <p>APPOINTED OFFICERS</p> <p>CERTIFIED SERVICE OFFICERS</p> <p>Greg Baskin, Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett, Jim Hughes, Tim Valentine, Laura Skeith, Dave Austin, LaShawn Boyer, Shay Odom, Ana Alicea</p> <p>OFFICER OF THE DAY (vacant)</p> <p>SERGEANT AT ARMS Chuck Silvers</p> <p>BENEFITS PROTECTION OFFICER Shay Odom</p> <p>ASSISTANT TREASURER Sharri Peck</p> <p>MEMBER-AT-LARGE Russ Jordan, Greg Baskin</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA Ana Alicea, Terry Taylor</p> <p>VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE Chuck Silvers, John Schuster</p>	<p>COMMANDER'S CORNER. 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>DAV Chapter #13 elections were held on May 21, 2022, and here are the results as voted by members:</p> <p>Commander Tim Valentine Senior Vice Cmdr Russ Jordan 1st Vice Cmdr George Robinson 2nd Vice Cmdr Laura Skeith Treasurer Jim Hughes Chaplain Ted Imbasciani Judge Advocate Shay Odom Adjutant Ana Alicea Sergeant at Arms Charles Silvers</p> <p>We want to thank DAV Department 2nd Vice Cmdr Wilton King for officiating our elections and for installing the new officers.</p> <p>Comrades: Much has happening in your Chapter in regards to assisting veterans with their claims to providing Emergency Relief to veterans in need to assisting homeless veterans with finding housing and assisting veterans in finding employment. We of course assist spouses of veterans with claims and other issues as well. Hence, my asking would you as a member of the Chapter want to take a more active role in what we are doing. We are always looking for committed volunteers to assist with claims and other areas of the chapter such as treasurer, adjutant, and SSgt at Arms, etc. With more volunteers, we are able to assist more veterans and we never have to say "no" to any veteran walking through ours doors. If you wish to volunteer, please visit me or my Adjutant Ana Alicea – let us have a dialogue on how you can volunteer and be of service to others.</p> <p>COMMANDER: Tim Valentine, DAV Chapter #13</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p> WWW.DAV13VA.COM dav@dav13va.com (757) 596-0062 1700-E George Wash Mem Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23693 </p> </div>	



On May 25, 2022, PCC Terry Bohlinger represented the Chapter at the National Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Deer Run Golf Course Club House, Newport News, VA. PCC Bohlinger was joined by Chapter #2 as well. They were able to assist several veterans who attended.

On May 30, 2022, PCC Terry Bohlinger, Judge Advocate Bill Townsley, and Terry Taylor (also members of VFW), represented the Chapter at the Patrick Henry Mall asking the public to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Upcoming:

General Member meeting will be held on June 11, 2022, at 0900 at the Chapter building 1700 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Suite E, Yorktown. Come join us! The meeting is being held earlier in the month because during the week of June 13-19, 2022, the Chapter will be closed as all the Officers will be attending the DAV Virginia Department Convention in Roanoke, VA. During the Convention (June 14-15, 2022) there will be Claim Service Officer (CSO) training for those wanting to be certified with the approval from the Commander.

Judge Advocate Corner:

Care Giver Program: “There are veterans with moderate to severe care needs who are unable to be admitted into the program or remain in the program, as the regulations currently stand,” VA Deputy Secretary Donald Remy said at a press conference. “That’s simply not what we want. That’s not what the veterans and caregivers need from us.”

The caregiver initiative has been a lifeline for tens of thousands, but the unacceptably high rate of denials into and discharges from the program based on new eligibility criteria has been deeply troubling, according to National Service Director Jim Marszalek, who testified before the Senate Veterans Affairs’ Committee following the VA announcement.

“The caregiver program is not just about meeting their needs,” said Marszalek. “It is also about providing the honor, respect and tangible support that caregivers and their families have earned and deserve.”



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