

YORK COUNTY - VICTORY CHAPTER #13

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ELECTED OFFICERS
COMMANDER
Tim Valentine

SR. VICE CMDR. Russ Jordan 1st VICE CMDR.

George Robinson 2nd VICE CMDR. Laura Skeith

ADJUTANT Ana Alicea-Diaz

TREASURER
Sharri Peck
CHAPLAIN

Ted Imbasciani
JUDGE ADVOCATE

Shay Odom
APPOINTED OFFICERS
CERTIFIED SERVICE
OFFICERS

Greg Baskin, Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett, Jim Hughes, Tim Valentine, Laura Skeith, Dave Austin, LaShawn Boyer, Shay Odom, Ana Alicea, Sharri Peck

OFFICER OF THE DAY (vacant)

SERGEANT AT ARMS
Chuck Silvers

BENEFITS PROTECTION
OFFICER

Shay Odom
ASSISTANT TREASURER

Vacant MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Greg Baskin

SOCIAL MEDIA
Ana Alicea, Terry Taylor

COMMITTEE

Chuck Silvers, John Schuster <u>COMMANDER'S CORNER.</u> 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."

I would like to wish all our members very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New year. For those travelling during the holiday season, be mindful during your travels and be safe! I hope you all get to spend quality time with your families and friends during the holiday season.

A few things to be grateful for:

Words cannot express our gratitude to Chuck Silvers holding our annual Fish Fry for our members. Also to those who assisted him and helped clean up after the delicious meal. We want to thank our Immediate Past Chapter Commander Larry Brewer for planning and holding our annual Christmas party and the secret Santa gift exchange. Our member had the best food and the best time!

We want to thank Judge Advocate Shay Odom for spear heading our Holiday Food Basket drive to ensure that needy veterans have what they need during this holiday season. This entailed requesting food donations from several food stores, collecting the food and packaging it. In addition, we want to thank Comrade April Dozier and Mrs. Martha Lurie for assisting her in putting the baskets together.

We like to thank Chapter #13 DAVA for sponsoring the bag lunch event on Veteran's Day feeding the majority if not all the veterans who visited our Chapter on November 11, 2022 from 1100-1300. DAVA also brought sandwiches for our Women Veteran Claims Workshop – so we do appreciate our DAVA.

DAV Chapter #13 participated in its first-ever 5K Virtual event this Year. The DAV/DAVA Chapter #13 raised 1% of the total funds for this event. We had a total of 10 walkers and over 40 contributors. Thanks to everyone who participated in the walk and donated to this event. This event was also a huge success, and we hope to double our participation and contributors next year.

Looking forward to seeing more membership volunteerism during the New Year to support our Chapter!

God Bless you all!

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