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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>TREASURER Sharri Peck</p> <p>CHAPLAIN Ted Imbasciani</p> <p>JUDGE ADVOCATE Shay Odom</p> <p>APPOINTED OFFICERS</p> <p>ADJUTANT Ana Alicea-Diaz</p> <p>ASSISTANT TREASURER April Dozier</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, Sharri Peck</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 April Dozier</p> <p>MEMBER-AT-LARGE Greg Baskin, Larry Mead</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE Ana Alicea, Terry Taylor</p> <p>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>Greetings everyone, well here we are in the middle of winter and my guess is that everybody is saying "enough is enough," let's move on and get spring moving in, but we all know that we are still two and a half months away from warmer weather.</p> <p>As your commander, I will always have an open-door policy for any member who would like to talk to me or discuss matters to help improve our Chapter – as it has always been.</p> <p>Due to the DAV Virginia Department Spring Conference in Virginia Beach on March 16th - 19th, 2023. Chapter #13 will hold its monthly meeting one week early on Saturday 11th March 2023 at 9 AM.</p> <p>DAV Chapter #13 Women Committee meeting will be held on Monday 20th February 2023 at 2 PM.</p> <p>Comrade April Dozier has been appointed by the Commander as the Chapter Assistant Treasurer. Please thank her when you have a chance for her volunteerism.</p> <p>I hope everybody is staying warm, enjoying winter to the best of their ability, and last but not least, staying healthy, which is not easy at this time of year. Best wishes to all!</p> <p>COMMANDER: Tim Valentine, DAV Chapter #13</p> <div data-bbox="383 1608 1422 1713" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p> WWW.DAV13VA.COM dav@dav13va.com (757) 596-0062 1700-E George Wash Mem Hwy, Suite E, Yorktown, VA 23693 </p> </div>	



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JUDGE ADVOCATES CORNER:

Helpful Documents to Bring to your DAV for support with filing a claim

- Service medical records, if you have them
- Private medical records, or Doctor's name, address, and phone number with dates of treatment
- Discharge paperwork/DD14
- Buddy statements- written statements from those you knew in service who can provide verification of the illness, injury, event, etc.
- Pictures, letters, envelopes.
- Written statements from family, friends, employers, neighbors, co-workers, etc.
- Proof of diagnosis of the illness/injury/condition
- Marriage certification and divorce decrees (if applicable for both spouses)
- Children's birth certificates (if applicable)
- Death certificate (if applicable)

Why become a DAV Member

DAV is an organization of veterans helping veterans

The reasons are as individual as our members. Some join for the fellowship at our more than 1200 local chapters. Some for inspiring national events. Others for opportunities to serve their fellow veterans and their families. And many join to continue the fight to support the rights and benefits of all veterans. DAV understands the needs of veterans because we are veterans 1 million strong. We invite you to join our cause. Contact your DAV and ask about being part of our vital organization, which will fight to revise legislation to include new initiatives and maintain the benefits you have earned.

Legislative Input and upcoming news

VA to pay for all emergency mental health care: Starting Jan. 17, all [veterans](#) will be able to access [emergency mental health care](#) free of charge at any Veterans Affairs medical facility or outside clinic, regardless of whether they are already enrolled in department health care services.

Department officials announced the new policy on Friday as part of nationwide efforts to [prevent suicide among veterans](#). According to the latest department data, about 17 veterans a day die by suicide.

"Veterans in suicidal crisis can now receive the free, world-class emergency health care they deserve, no matter where they need it, when they need it, or whether they're enrolled in VA care," VA Secretary Denis McDonough said in a statement. "This expansion of care will save veterans' lives, and there's nothing more important than that." The new policy applies to all veterans with any separation status except a dishonorable discharge, regardless of whether they qualify for other VA medical services.

Prior to the adjournment of the 117th Congress, lawmakers ended the year with the passage of several important bills that benefit our nation's ill and injured veterans. Please see a list of key legislation at [davcan.org](#) for public laws that include provisions relevant to DAV resolutions. Passage of these bills comes in large part as the result of DAV's strong grassroots efforts and specifically **your** advocacy and support over the last year. In 2022, provisions from 49 DAV resolutions were included in legislation introduced by lawmakers and over 460,000 emails were sent to Congress through DAV's Commander's Action Network. We have a renewed opportunity in 2023 for more legislative victories for veterans as we start the 118th Congress. However, to achieve our goals, we need your participation in the resolution process—from adopting resolutions at the national convention, to actively working as a benefits protection team member, contacting your federally elected officials and urging passage of legislation to ensure we keep the promises made to the men and women who served. Thank you for your efforts, dedication and commitment to achieving DAV's legislative goals. We hope that these results will encourage you to continue your efforts during the 118th Congress.



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