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<p>ELECTED OFFICERS</p> <p>COMMANDER Larry Brewer</p> <p>SR. VICE CMDR. Russ Jordan</p> <p>1st VICE CMDR. Sharri Peck</p> <p>2nd VICE CMDR. LaShawn Boyer</p> <p>TREASURER April Dozier</p> <p>CHAPLAIN Terry Taylor</p> <p>JUDGE ADVOCATE Shay Odom</p> <p>APPOINTED OFFICERS</p> <p>ADJUTANT Ana Alicea-Diaz</p> <p>CERTIFIED SERVICE OFFICERS Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett, Tim Valentine, LaShawn Boyer, Shay Odom, Sharri Peck, Rob Lurie</p> <p>OFFICER OF THE DAY (vacant)</p> <p>SERGEANT AT ARMS Todd Davis</p> <p>BENEFITS PROTECTION OFFICER Shay Odom</p> <p>MEMBER-AT-LARGE George Robinson, Jacqueline Herrmann, Carl Garrett</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA Ana Alicea, Terry Taylor, Bill Townsley</p> <p>WOMEN VETERANSCOMMITTEE CHAIR Lashawn Boyer</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>Hello my fellow Comrades – it is an honor to have been elected as your Chapter Commander. I am here to serve every veteran walking through our doors. If you are in the building or in the area stop and say hello, we would love to see all our members. My door is always open!</p> <p>On April 22, 2023, the members of DAV Chapter #13, elected their new officers for 2023-2024. They are as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Elected</u></td> <td><u>Appointed</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commander Larry Brewer</td> <td>Adjutant Ana Alicea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Vice Commander Russ Jordan</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Jr Vice Commander Sharri Peck</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Jr Vice Commander LaShawn Boyer</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer April Dozier</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain Terry Taylor</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judge Advocate Shay Odom</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Beginning Monday May 15, 2023, new days and hours for DAV Chapter #13 will be Monday through Thursday from 0900 am to 1 pm.</p> <p>Chapter Service Officer (CSO) schedule will be as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Monday</u></td> <td><u>Tuesday</u></td> <td><u>Wednesday</u></td> <td><u>Thursday</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shay Odom</td> <td>Sharri Peck</td> <td>Shay Odom</td> <td>Sharri Peck</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rob Lurie</td> <td>Terry Bohlinger</td> <td>Terry Bohlinger</td> <td>Rob Lurie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carl Garrett</td> <td>Tim Valentine</td> <td>Tim Valentine</td> <td>Carl Garrett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Valentine</td> <td></td> <td>LaShawn Boyer</td> <td>Terry Bohlinger</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LaShawn Boyer</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The Forget-Me-Not fundraiser will be on June 15-17, 2023, at Kiln Creek Kroger. Comrade Larry Mead is the Chapter's lead on this fundraiser. Volunteers are still needed, if you have time please help us out with this fundraiser. See Comrade Mead to sign up or place your name on the list which is up on the board.</p> <p>COMMANDER: Larry Brewer, DAV Chapter #13</p>		<u>Elected</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	Commander Larry Brewer	Adjutant Ana Alicea	Senior Vice Commander Russ Jordan		1 st Jr Vice Commander Sharri Peck		2 nd Jr Vice Commander LaShawn Boyer		Treasurer April Dozier		Chaplain Terry Taylor		Judge Advocate Shay Odom		<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	Shay Odom	Sharri Peck	Shay Odom	Sharri Peck	Rob Lurie	Terry Bohlinger	Terry Bohlinger	Rob Lurie	Carl Garrett	Tim Valentine	Tim Valentine	Carl Garrett	Tim Valentine		LaShawn Boyer	Terry Bohlinger	LaShawn Boyer				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>WWW.DAV13VA.COM dav@dav13va.com (757) 596-0062</p> <p>1700-E George Wash Mem Hwy, Suite E, Yorktown, VA 23693</p> </div>
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JUDGE ADVOCATES CORNER:

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the House narrowly approved the [Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023](#), an omnibus bill that proposes to raise the debt ceiling and establish 10-year budget limits that would require significant cuts in spending by nearly all federal departments, agencies and programs—including those impacting veterans.

Because the House-passed legislation does not exempt veteran’s programs, the possibility exists that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) could see a 22% cut in its programming in addition to losing \$2 billion in emergency funding provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that this action by itself does not immediately cut any programs or benefits; however, DAV is working with Congress and other stakeholders to ensure that any budget or appropriations legislation ultimately approved by Congress ensures that veterans are exempt from federal budget cuts.

DAV joined with more than 20 other organizations to send a letter to Congress stating that, “If the proposed budget reductions [included in the bill] were applied across-the-board, the impacts would significantly affect the delivery of care and benefits to veterans.

As we approach the end of the Fiscal Year, the independent budget council will meet to provide guidance for congress to serve veterans better. Some of the highlights include an aggressive hiring campaign to fill approximately 19K new VA employee positions, expanding the VA health care to compensate for veterans affected by the PAC ACT, and providing veterans with more medical care options. These are some of the issues that will be addressed by the independent budget council for FY 2024.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) continues to be hosted by Chapter #13 on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 0700-0900 pm. For information contact Russ Jordan at (757) 254-8821.

WOMEN’S VETERANS COMMITTEE CORNER:

We want to invite all women veterans to the Hampton Roads Women Veterans Joint Roundtable with participating Chapters 2, 5, 6, 13, 34 and 58 on Saturday May 20, 2023 at 1130 am. Location 1700 George Washington memorial Hwy, Suite E, Yorktown, VA. Looking forward to seeing you there!