




# YORK COUNTY - VICTORY CHAPTER #13

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<p><b>ELECTED OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>COMMANDER</b> Larry Brewer</p> <p><b>SR. VICE CMDR.</b> Russ Jordan</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE CMDR.</b> Sharri Peck</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE CMDR.</b> LaShawn Boyer</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> April Dozier</p> <p><b>CHAPLAIN</b> Terry Taylor</p> <p><b>JUDGE ADVOCATE</b> Shay Odom</p> <p><b>APPOINTED OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>ADJUTANT</b> Ana Alicea</p> <p><b>CERTIFIED SERVICE OFFICERS</b> Terry Bohlinger, Carl Garrett, Tim Valentine, LaShawn Boyer, Shay Odom, Sharri Peck, Rob Lurie</p> <p><b>OFFICER OF THE DAY</b> (vacant)</p> <p><b>SERGEANT AT ARMS</b> Todd Davis</p> <p><b>BENEFITS PROTECTION OFFICER</b> Shay Odom</p> <p><b>MEMBER-AT-LARGE</b> George Robinson, Jacqueline Herrmann, Carl Garrett, Larry Mead</p> <p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b> Ana Alicea, Terry Taylor, Bill Townsley</p> <p><b>WOMEN VETERANSCOMMITTEE CHAIR</b> Lashawn Boyer</p>	<p><b>COMMANDER'S CORNER.</b> 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 Comrades, several members from your Chapter (Commander Larry Brewer, IPCC Tim Valentine, PCC Terry Bohlinger, Judge Advocate Shay Odom, Treasurer April Dozier Chaplain Terry Taylor, and Comrade Don Lamury) of our Chapter participated in the Yorktown Virginia Independence Day parade. Our Chapter serves more veterans than any other Chapter in the Peninsula.</p>  <p>The Forget-Me-Not fundraiser at Kiln Creek Kroger's, led by PCC Larry Meade, on June 15-17, 2023, was a great success. Many thanks go to PCC Meade and those who volunteered from the Chapter and DAVA unit #13.</p> <p>The next fundraiser will be the Seafood Festival in Poquoson on October 20-22, 2023. We need volunteers for this fundraiser, so if you have some spare time, please give us a hand it will be for a good cause. The lead on this fundraiser is Comrade Ted Imbasciani so if you want to volunteer sign up.</p> <p>To all our members we don't just want to recruit new members into our Chapter. We want to recruit full time members so if you have yet to fully pay your membership and would like to, please contact Senior Vice Russ Jordan or Adjutant Ana Alicea and let us see how we can get you over the line into full membership. Also we need members who can become committed volunteers to help us at the Chapter so if this is something you may be interested in, contact the undersigned or the Adjutant and see how you can be active at the Chapter.</p> <p>Enjoy your summer Comrades!!</p> <p>COMMANDER: Larry Brewer, DAV Chapter #13</p>	<p><a href="http://WWW.DAV13VA.COM">WWW.DAV13VA.COM</a>      <a href="mailto:dav@dav13va.com">dav@dav13va.com</a>      (757) 596-0062</p> <p>1700-E George Wash Mem Hwy, Suite E, Yorktown, VA 23693</p>



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**JUDGE ADVOCATES CORNER:**

Legislative Input for July 2023.

On June 14, 2023, President Joe Biden signed into law the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2023, which directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for Veterans benefits in 2024 equal to the COLA applied to Social Security benefits, as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The legislation passed with bipartisan support in the House and Senate is an annual procedure for Congress but an important one, as it must be accomplished to ensure veterans receive a COLA and keep pace with inflationary costs. The COLA act will expand certain benefits towards the VA, including disability compensation, aid clothing, and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses and children, according to a news release from Senator John Tester. The annual COLA adjustment to social security benefits, determined by the Social Security Administration, will dictate the cost-of-living adjustment and will be implemented on December 1, 2023.

JLC 2023-01 Expanded Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members also to include “Died in the Line-of-Duty” That the Governor and General Assembly reform the Virginia state law, Tax

Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces “Killed in Action” through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include died on active duty in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action. Action passed by both state house and senate.

Not Legislative Input, but feel free to use as desired.

Ensure to file for clothing allowance with prosthetics in the Veterans Administration by 1 August 2023.

Time is fast approaching, as August 10, 2023, quickly approaches. Be sure to come in and file your PACT ACT Claim.