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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</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, Larry Mead</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>Benefit payment methods are changing for veterans receiving a paper check. Watch and learn how to sign up for EFT payments or how to request a waiver to keep receiving a paper check. VA will not contact you, you have to contact them. For more information go to https://www.eftps.gov</p> <p>National and state park passes in 2022 www.nps.gov/state/va, the US National Park Service unveiled a lifetime pass for veterans and Gold Star Families that provides free access, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests. The pass also provides discounts on expanded amenities such as camping and guided tours. Learn more and get your lifetime pass at any National Park Service.</p> <p>The Poquoson Seafood Festival is fast approaching on October 20-22, 2023, and we still need volunteers to man the booth. If you are interested in volunteering and helping us out, please sign up here at the Chapter. Comrade Ted Imbasciani will be the event lead on this if you have any questions.</p> <p>My dear Comrades we have over 800+ members for Chapter #13; however, we only see a handful of our members during our General Membership meetings. I want to encourage each one of you who is able to attend our next meeting on September 16, 2023, at 0900 at 1700 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Suite E, Yorktown. We also have the capability to set up a zoom if you cannot attend in person. So if that is more convenient for you, please let our Adjutant Ana Alicea know at adj@dav13va.com and we will make arrangements to set up a zoom. This chapter is only as good as its members – so please get involved even if it's just at the meetings.</p> <p>We send our newsletter via group email, if you have recently changed your email address please contact membership at (859) 441-7300 to make changes and also email your Adjutant Ana Alicea at adj@dav13va.com with the change as well. If you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletter let our Adjutant know or have them email her and she will add them to the group email.</p> <p>DAV 5K - Walk, Roll, Run, Ride, to honor America's Veterans. Registration opens August 11, 2023. In person Cincinnati and Virtual Nov 11-30, 2023. www.Dav.org</p> <p>COMMANDER: Larry Brewer, DAV Chapter #13</p> <div data-bbox="380 1812 1419 1917" 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:

DAV's National Legislative Department takes the resolutions adopted by DAV members at our annual National Conventions to Congress to advocate for improved federal laws, regulations and policies of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal agencies whose programs support the veteran population.

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DAV's key legislative priorities are detailed in the Critical Policy Goals brief linked below on this page. Please review these goals, participate in the Commander's Action Network, and use the links below to ensure you are an effective advocate when meeting with your members of Congress and addressing these priorities and other important issues impacting veterans. Grassroots advocacy and your active participation is the key to our collective strength in Washington, D.C., and achieving more legislative victories for veterans in the year ahead.

117th Congress Year in Review some of the crucial laws passed in 2022.

PACT ACT - The Honoring Our PACT Act was enacted on August 10, 2022, and became Public-Law 117-168. **FILE YOUR INTENT NOW NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10, 2023.**

Cost of Living Allowance - H.R. 7846, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022, provided an 8.7% increase for all disability compensation rates effective December 1, 2022. DAV supported this bill in accordance with 2021-2022 DAV Resolution No. 070, to provide for realistic cost-of-living allowances. The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act was enacted on October 10, 2022, and became Public Law 117-191.

MST Claims - H.R. 2724, requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that each individual who files a claim relating to military sexual trauma is assigned a peer support specialist during the claims process, unless the individual elects to not have such support. The MST Claims Coordination Act was enacted December 27, 2022, and became Public Law 117- 303.

Women's Veterans - Women Veterans § S. 2102, the Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act, expands eligibility for VHA mammography screenings to veterans who served in certain locations during specified periods, including those who were exposed to toxic substances. The Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act was enacted on June 7, 2022, and became Public Law 117-133.