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<p>ELECTED OFFICERS</p> <p>COMMANDER Larry Brewer</p> <p>SR. VICE CMDR. Russ Jordan</p> <p>1st VICE CMDR. LaShawn Boyer</p> <p>2nd VICE CMDR. Jacqueline Herrmann</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 Don Lamury</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>DAV March Membership Madness 2024 - Starts 10 March and ends 30 March</p> <p>How does it work? Departments will advance each Monday and Thursday based on the highest percentage increase of new members recruited using any DAV online membership application versus their goals established at the beginning of the membership year. Should a department be eliminated from the actual tournament, it can still be recognized as Department MVP by recruiting the newest members using any online membership application during this time frame. Remember, the size of a department does not matter in this tournament, nor does the breadth of resources a department may have. What matters is individual members locating and recruiting an eligible fellow veteran to join our great organization. To assist with this endeavor, department and chapter leaders can request a hot list from the National Membership Department for the most viable prospective members in your area. Note: We received a first-round bye this year, so we don't have to complete the first round (week 1). But we need to have all cylinders fired up for the rest of the competition.</p> <p>What does the winner receive? In addition to stylish trophies, the tournament Department Champion and Department MVP will each receive a \$250 Office Depot gift card. Further, the top two individual recruiters, who recruit a minimum of 25 new members using online membership applications, will each receive engraved iPads. Only those new members, both part life and full life, recruited via DAV's online membership applications will be counted toward this effort.</p> <p>How we win? Have events that highlight the DAV; Tell your story to a non-member; Design your unique pitch to use when telling people about DAV, we sent starter pitchers out earlier for your chapter; Offer every person you meet the opportunity to join your DAV family! If you need help ask our Department Membership Team, Regional Vice Commanders, or other chapters for help. Remember, you are not just recruiting for your chapter but the organization as well!!!</p> <p>DAV Chapter #20 invites you to their Women Veterans Appreciation luncheon on March 16, 2024, from 1100 am to 1 pm at 4896 Kempsville Greens Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA – 757-519-9931</p> <p>Department Spring Conference is being held in Harrisburg, VA this year on March 20-24, 2024. Members have voted on who will attend.</p>							
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Judge Advocate Corner

DAV strongly supports S. 3452, the Fred Hamilton Veterans' Lost Records Act, which would ensure veterans whose military records are lost by the U.S. government through no fault of their own can still receive their earned Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) The Fred Hamilton Veterans' Lost Records Act would authorize VA to grant disability claims using previous medical disability exams, credible buddy statements, or a statement from impacted veterans whose records were lost or destroyed through no fault of their own.

S. 3526, the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act, would require each VA medical center to create a lactation station for veterans who are nursing.

As the number of women veterans using VA health care continues to grow, VA must ensure that it creates environments that are safe and welcoming to all veterans. This includes private, convenient and hygienic lactation stations that women can easily and safely access while they are obtaining the health care they have earned.

VA's fourth mission is to improve the nation's preparedness for response to war, terrorism, national emergencies and natural disasters by developing plans and taking actions to ensure continued service to veterans, as well as to support national, state, and local emergency management, public health, safety and homeland security efforts.

H.R. 1815/S. 495, the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act, would require the VA to implement a three-year pilot program (with the opportunity for an additional three years) to provide assisted living services in no fewer than six geographically diverse areas. Veterans who would be eligible to participate are those who are already receiving nursing home level care paid for by the VA, are eligible for such care from the VA, or exceed the requirements for domiciliary care paid for by the VA but do not meet the requirements for nursing home level care paid for by the VA.

This legislation, S. 1975, is in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 113, which calls for a more liberal review of other than honorable (OTH) military discharges for the purpose of eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and services in cases where veterans may have been suffering with PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or experienced military sexual trauma or harassment.

Stay Informed. Follow along with updates to legislation affecting veterans and their families by joining DAV CAN (Commander's Action Network) at davcan.org.

In addition:

DAV Enhancing caregiver support: The new DAV Caregivers Support platform is powered by TCARE, which is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business founded by a DAV patriot Boot Camp alum. To learn more visit davcaregiver.org.

Scammers target veterans' disability benefits: DAV and other VA accredited representatives are the only ones the VA permits to file an initial claim on a veteran's behalf. DAV does not, nor will it ever charge for this service

DOD to upgrade discharges from don't ask, don't tell policy. If you are LGBTQ+ veteran or know of one who was affected by don't ask, don't tell, please visit defense.gov/spotlights/dont-ask-dont-tell-resources.