



DAV DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA NEWSLETTER

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Message From Our New Commander, Glenn Hobman



Where has the time gone? Summer is almost over, and as we gear up to send kids back to school and our chapters that go dark make plans to resume full operations, it is a great time to reflect on the past year and the past couple of months. First and foremost, I want to thank the Department of Arizona for the faith and confidence you have placed in me in electing me to be your next Department Commander. It means a lot to me and it is a serious task that I take to heart. Together with the rest of the Department line and staff, we stand to serve you and your chapters as each of you plan your year and help to grow your organizations. Over the course of this year, we will have good and bad times, but we should always remember our reason for being here. Our passion for helping our fellow Veterans! I'd like to congratulate our new Auxiliary Commander Lucy Garza and her officers as well. Together, I believe we are stronger and more prepared to "empower Veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity."

At our convention, we recognized some outstanding individuals. I want to again congratulate our Distinguished Service Award winners, Richard Parks and Stuart Jantzen and to also recognize our Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the year Carol Ellis as well as the many Department Appreciation Awards that were given out. The efforts of each of our members and volunteers not only make me proud to be a part of this organization, but set us apart from many other organizations. We are able to help people because of OUR people. Thank you to each of you for what you mean to the organization and for the help you provide Arizona Veterans on a daily basis.

I also wanted to share with folks what direction I think the Department as a whole can be moving towards. We obviously need to keep our core services running (Service Officers and Transportation). We do such an incredible job with these services through our amazing NSOs, DSOs and CSOs, of which we have around 100. That's amazing! And our Transportation folks, along with our HSCs do so much to make sure our Veterans can use the medical benefits they earned. BUT, I think we can do more, but we can only do more effectively if we grow. I think we have room to grow our family in areas like Meadview, Buckeye, Show Low, Miami/Globe, Kingman, Flagstaff, Nogales, etc. Every single one of these communities have expressed and interest in a DAV chapter and/or a DAVA unit. Does it mean that all of them can sustain a chapter today? No, probably not. But realistically, I believe we could start chapters or units in 3-4 of these locations. However, to effectively start new chapters, we have to ask the existing ones to help out. The NSO office will help us with seminars in these areas, but we may be asking the chapters nearby to help with CSOs and members who will help us in these communities (or others) to spread our name, and our mission of caring for our own. If we can grow in the places that make sense and can sustain themselves, then we will grow the services we provide those communities and better serve our wonderful state.

Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to get to know me a bit better. I am an Army Veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. I grew up in Orlando (site of the 2019 DAV National Convention) and have lived in Arizona since 2008 where I live in the extremely nice weather at the foot of the Huachuca Mountains (Sierra Vista, AZ). As I travel the state, I hope to meet as many of you as I can. I will try to give your leadership advanced notice of coming to your meetings or other events and look forward to spending time with you. It is a great honor and privilege to serve this great organization. Thank you again for your support, and more importantly your efforts every day in support of DAV – Arizona!



Adjutant Ron Cox

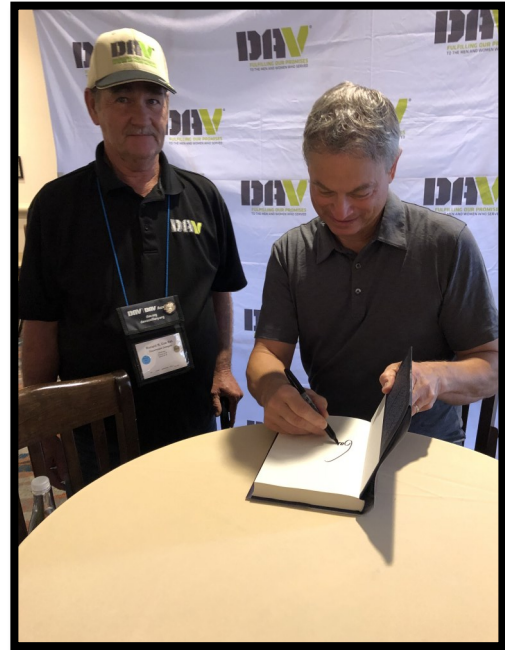
It is the start of a new fiscal year and that means Chapter Financials, 990 Filings, and Corporation Commission renewals will be due.

National needs your financial statements submitted no later than 9/30/2019. This year they are warning that they will not be as lenient as previous years in granting extensions.

Treasurer Richard Park, stands ready to answer any questions you may have in completing these reports. Call Department if you get stuck.

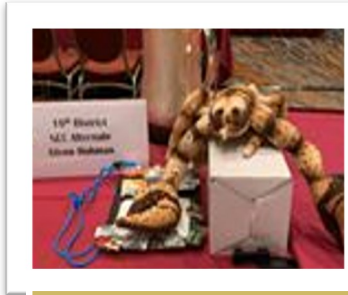
Volunteer Hours need to be reported to Department on a monthly basis so that your chapter volunteers receive the recognition they deserve. Please send your hours to Department as soon as they are available.

I realize that a lot of your chapter officers are new to their position and that there is a learning curve. If you have any questions on procedure, or how to handle a situation my door is always open. Please do not hesitate to contact me.



Ron Cox with Gary Sinise.
DAV National Convention , Orlando FL

Commander's Approved Appointments



Newly Appointed Department Mascot reporting from the DAV National Convention in Orlando

Adjutant	Ron Cox	BPTL	Pedro Palamino
Chief of Staff	Johnny Stewart	State BPTL	Kevin Haegeley
Chaplain	Barre Shepp	UAV Representative	Kevin Haegeley
Sgt. At Arms	Mike Uhlig	Women Veteran Outreach	Rexana Torres
Officer of the Day	Nancy Welch	Department Mascot	Sonny Scorpion
VAVS Phoenix	James Cronk		
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Sr. Vice Commander / Tom McCoy

Hello Everyone, First, let me thank each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in my ability to serve in this capacity. I consider this a true honor and I will serve you all with integrity. I was surprised that things move so quickly in our department and I found I need to be ready to move at a moments notice. I've attended a National Commanders Orientation and training event which really set the stage for my coming term. I gained a great deal of knowledge about the DAV while I was there and my DAV network grew substantially. I began my work by meeting with the Executive Leadership from NAVAHCS or better known as the Prescott VA. Those folks care deeply for our Veterans and are willing to work with us in many ways, even using unconventional approaches to ensure our Veterans get to their appointments. Our DAV team there is doing a great job. Tucson has a phenomenal transportation system going. Working hand in hand with the DAV they move patients everywhere. I aspire to use them as a benchmark for what is possible across the state. In Phoenix the Department and I am preparing to make some changes in hopes of gaining a new foothold in the facility to ensure our Veterans get to their appointments, no matter what their service connection is or the distance they need to go. I believe every Veteran should be treated in a kind and equitable manner. I am looking forward to working with the transportation staff there to develop a productive professional relationship in our work together improving the VTN in Phoenix and across central and eastern Arizona. I have been working with the Veterans Resource Center (VRC) staff and supervisor in putting together a team of CSOs to man that area every day. The Medical Center Director and the VRC both look forward to a productive relationship, serving Veterans in that area. Daily I get calls for Veterans assistance and claims assistance for Veterans in the VRC. I hope I can find chapter CSOs willing to stand up and help our Veterans and take this outstanding opportunity to provide DAV visibility to the tens of thousands of Veterans that use that location. If you are interested in providing this service please contact me, or your Chapter Commander.



Tom McCoy / Chicken Dance right of passage, at the C&A Conference in Kentucky

Thank You Tom

Jr. Vice Commander / Kevin Cooper



We are now in our new year for membership and the new goals are out for each chapter. I know all chapters will work hard to meet or exceed their goal.

We still have the incentive program for new members. The member pays a minimum of \$20.00, then Department will match it to meet the \$40.00 minimum payment required by National. Depending on what promotions the chapter has at the moment they may also offer to pay \$20.00. However, effective 15 September 2019, department will no longer process member applications from the chapters. Chapters will submit applications directly to national and once processed Department will either reimburse the chapter or add \$20 to the member's account. A policy letter describing these changes and an SOP has been sent to the chapter commanders and adjutants.

Please encourage all your Chapter and Auxiliary members to sign up new members. Remember that Chapter members can sign up Auxiliary and vice versa. I hope you all have a great year for membership.

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Judge Advocate / Bud Watts



Our summer is moving along very quickly it seems. Many Chapters go dark and many of our members travel for the summer. If travel is in your plans, I hope you find your destinations safely and enjoy your time with family and friends.

My job as Judge Advocate is to be a legal advisor for the Department. I also, will render an opinion concerning disputes between or within the Chapters of our Department. However, you don't have to be a Judge Advocate to become well versed as to what is written in your own Chapter bylaws. If you, as a member, have a dispute with a policy or procedure within your Chapter, reviewing your Chapter bylaws will, often, resolve that issue before it is committed to written form, as a grievance. If you cannot find the area in question, within your Chapter bylaws, consult with your Chapter Judge Advocate for assistance and hopefully resolution to your issue.

The Disabled American Veterans organization has been and always will be ready and available to assist those Veterans, in need, in our Communities.

Our bylaws are the standards by which we run our Department and Chapters. They are simply the rules and procedures by which we govern ourselves, conduct our Conventions and Chapter meetings. Our bylaws are structured so that, generally, there is an oversight and review process for every action taken by our Department and Chapters.

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Chaplain / Barre Shepp

For Those Experiencing Troubles:



Heavenly Father, hear my prayer for all who are in trouble these days:

I pray You will comfort those who are facing the loss of a loved one and that after their grief, let their lonely moments be filled with happy memories of times past; For those who have lost work, I pray that during this time of financial stress, they find the determination to make their present job one of finding new work and retain their feeling of accomplishment once again

I pray You will encourage those who are finding it difficult to believe in the future, letting your hope fill their hearts as they remember all Your past faithfulness, and the validity of Your strength to carry-on. Bring good friends into their lives who are in tune with your strength and love; As each person struggles to make ends meet, let them be assured that You will show the way that those needs can and will be met, no matter how small or large.

I pray that You will heal those who are suffering pain or illness from their disabilities. Let them find rest and calm as they seek to make those doubtful moments pass quickly, and those whose minds are racked with doubt and stressed emotionally, hold their minds close to You with love and smooth every irrational thought that seeks to run out of control.

I pray that You will uphold those who are tempted in any way, especially those who have forsaken hope and may want to end their hurt. Show them that while there is life, there is hope, that change for the better is always possible with faith. Father, help those find encouragement in anything they attempt, no matter how small, remembering it's just one step at a time and maybe just enough to carry the moment. Heavenly Father, I ask your blessing for those brave men and women of our Nation's military who live each day with a service-connected-disability. Provide them faith and comfort...Amen.

Thought for the Moment

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. Romans 8:18-19.



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