



## Monthly Newsletter

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### **“Trift” Store News**

*The DAV Chapter 16 Executive Board would like to announce the hiring of Danielle D. Dahlgren as Store Manager at the Chapter’s 5<sup>th</sup> Street “Trift” Store*



*Danielle was born in Phoenix, AZ. She enlisted in the Army knowing she was born to be a soldier. Upon discharge she attended College and has been in Management positions since. Danielle is one of our disabled woman veterans and takes great pride in helping to make a difference in the lives of our veterans. Danielle also has significant retail store experience and it is hoped that her skills and leadership will help expand the store’s profitability which in turn will allow the Chapter to hire more veterans and provide more opportunities to veterans in Yavapai County.*



## **Spotlight On 16 – Navy Veteran Alex Tufail:**

*Alex Tufail was born in 1987 in San Diego, CA. He moved to Dubai at the age of 6 and moved back State side in 2006 to become a member of the United States Navy. He served between 2007 and 2010 as an Undesignated Seaman working on the USS Nimitz.*

*Alex was diagnosed with PTSD in 2011, and since then has been continuously working towards providing inspiration to other Veterans who deal with similar issues. Alex is a proud member of the DAV and hopes to see the Chapter and Organization reach beyond its potential to provide Veterans with the much needed assistance.*

*Together we hope to end Veteran homelessness, and get vets the care they need in order to live meaningful and productive lives.*

*Also please follow Alex on his massive quest to bring awareness to veteran suicides and PTSD at <http://www.destinationdenali.com>. You may contribute to Alex's quest through DAV Chapter 16 or through his go fund me account @ <https://www.gofundme.com/eyana2017>.*



## **Commander's Corner**

**2016 was certainly a productive year for the Chapter:**

- ***In December 2016, the Chapter purchased its 4<sup>th</sup> property in Prescott which is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home which the Chapter will dedicate to providing housing for women veterans who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Our two other properties continue to provide housing to 6 veterans who were previously homeless or at risk of being homeless***
- ***Our new Chapter Office and Veteran Resource Center continues to grow and provide a variety of services to veterans in our community. After the State's Mid-Term conference, the Chapter will have available 6 chapter service officers to provide claims assistance to veterans in Yavapai County***
- ***Outreach to the Prescott VAMC continues and now includes weekly rounds on the hospital wards to reach out to hospitalized veterans and their families. Bingo and horse racing games continue twice a month at the hospital's CLC and the Chapter once again provides refreshments to the hospice unit also at the CLC.***
- ***Our 5<sup>th</sup> street "Trift" Store continues to thrive and not only provides employment to 10 veterans but also continues to provide the majority of funding for all of the Chapter's activities and outreach endeavors. Additionally, the store continues to provide***

***emergency clothing, household items, school supplies without charge to veterans and their families in Yavapai County.***

- ***The Chapter's efforts at bringing together the necessary entities to create a veteran's court to Prescott have been successful and the court on a limited trail basis will begin in January 2017.***

- ***The Chapter continues to support and raise funds for:***

***Camp Corral (<http://davchapter16.org/cause/camp-corral/>)***

***Hunts for Heroes(<http://davchapter16.org/cause/hunts-for-heroes/>)***

***Destination Denali ( <http://www.destinationdenali.com>)***

***Camp Corral is in through the DAV's long standing relationship with Golden Corral and provides summer camps throughout the US for children of fallen veterans. Hunts for Heroes and Destination Denali are both Outward Bound programs to bring awareness to PTSD, MST and Veteran suicide.***

***In closing, once again I petition all our members for greater participation in Chapter meetings and activities. Without your participation many of our local programs, state programs, and National programs are in jeopardy. Thank you for your service and we welcome and need your fresh ideas and assistance***

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## **Service**

The most important step in the claims process is the first one a veteran takes. VA Form 21-0966, otherwise known as an Intent to File form establishes the effective date of a forthcoming claim. Learn more about why [veterans and advocates should use this form](#).

## **Legislative**

Now that the American people have elected their next president it's time to get down to the business of fixing veterans' health care. Learn what [DAV is recommending to the new administration to help with the task ahead](#)