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## From the Desk of The Commander

By: John M. Burden

Greetings Fellow DAV Comrades,

I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in my ability to lead your DAV organization for the upcoming 2018-2019 year. On behalf of the other officers you have selected as members of your leadership team they as well thank you for this opportunity to lead you toward the future. In addition, I pass the Department's congratulations to Commander Robin Linton and the DAV Auxiliary Team for 2018-2019. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

It has been a busy summer season so far. We concluded our State Convention on 10 June. Then, the Sr Vice, Adjutant and myself attended the Commanders and Adjutants meeting at DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky 18 to 22 June. Then, it was on to the DAV National Convention in Reno, Nv 12 to 18 July.

**Highlights From**

**New Vans from  
Prescott and Tucson**

**Pictures from the DAV  
State Convention**

**Updates from Our  
Department Officers**

## IN THIS ISSUE

*UP TO DATE*

*INFORMATION ON THE  
DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION*

All the information from the National Convention is available on the DAV web site. With the signing of the new Care Bill, a new program will be replacing the Choice Program. This will be implemented in phases, so, please be patient and able to “roll with the punches” as the new program is implemented. As specific information rolls out, we will get it to you. There are big changes coming in the area of “Caretaker Benefits” for all era veterans.

As noted in previous editions, the Sr Vice, Glenn Hohman, as your Service Commissioner has been revamping our State-wide Transportation System. We are awaiting 5 new vehicles ordered in November 2017. In addition, the National DAV Headquarters has donated an additional vehicle to the Tucson Medical Center, which was presented to them at the National Convention.

We realize a number of Chapters are “Dark” until their meetings in September. Enjoy the summer and we look forward to beginning another busy season in the Fall.

Please excuse our repair and construction for the next few weeks. Our water heater in the main building ruptured a few days ago while the building was vacant. Water continued to run until the following day when Mary came to work. The Junior Vice, Kevin Cooper was the next to respond. Due to Kevin’s quick action, the leak was stopped and the water heater replaced the same day.

We have had some severe damage and repairs will continue for a few weeks. John Tokarz and Pat Young have moved operations to our second building. Mary has moved the administrative function to the second building as well. The Adjutant and I are operating primarily by phone until further notice. Our fun meters are pegged out!

The Newsletter is easily accessed at [www.azdav.com](http://www.azdav.com) We will continue to produce this electronic product on a quarterly basis. In addition to articles by our Line Officers we will always have room for input from any of the Chapters. This venue is a great way to advertise Chapter activities and events. There will be attachments and links to other web sites as we continue to expand the information we provide to our members.

Ritual teams have been reactivated in the Northern and Southern District. “There is no needier veteran than one who should be laid to rest properly”. Eric Jackson / Chapter 26, 520-586-8575, has been appointed Ritual Team Commander for the Southern District. Interested people in the South please contact Eric for more info. Glenn Coopey / Chapter 16, 480-332-5760, has been appointed as Ritual Team Commander for the Northern District. Interested people in the North please contact Glenn for more info. The two Ritual Team Commanders are busy recruiting members and conducting inventories of equipment.

A State Legislative Liaison team has been appointed to keep us abreast of updates affecting veterans at the State Capital. Members are Mike Crowe, Chap 8 and Tim Kendrick, Chap 24. Mike and Tim will be in the gallery to observe who supports or opposes bills affecting veterans. They will report results through this newsletter.

I am seeking someone willing to discuss the position of “Director of Communications” for Public Information. This would involve interface with local media outlets and community leaders. If you may have an interest in this area contact me for further discussion.

We will continue to emphasize the important function our Service Officers perform, increased interaction with our Auxiliary Units and sound fiduciary responsibility. I look forward to serving you as we move our organization into the future.

“Nobody can do everything, but, everybody can do something”.

*John M Burden*



This Beautiful Transformation was  
Generously Donated By  
The Following Businesses:

• **Golf Cart Doctor / Tucson**

Marcus Rodgers Donated \$500.00 Between Parts and Labor

• **Dents Plus / Apache Junction**

Paint Job was done by Terry Phelps of Dents Plus / Apache Junction / Total Donated \$1000.00 in parts and labor

• **Robinson Golf Cars / Apache Junction**

Paul Robinson Owner donated Batteries and Repairs totaling \$1000.00

• **Arizona Hot Rod & Upholstery / Apache Junction**

Jennie & Marty Fox Donated \$500.00 worth of parts and labor

*Thank You*

*Congratulations*

Lonny Blowers of Chapter 11 / Yuma

He is the Winner of this Beautiful Golf Cart

The Drawing was Held at the

DAV State Convention

Special Thanks to CW Hall

Who Coordinated the Makeover and Delivery  
of this beautiful machine.





*Ron Cox*

## **ADJUTANT**

**It seems that we just finished last years Financial Reports but it is time to do it again.**

**Please keep in mind that your Financial Statements are due into National by October 1st. If you are having problems with your report please contact the Treasurer, Richard Park and he will answer your questions. Please send your completed reports to Department before sending them to National for review. Instructions for filling out your report are on the forms sent to you by National.**

**One of Department's goals this year is for every chapter to meet it's membership goals. In the article by our Jr. Vice Commander, Kevin Cooper is the Population Summary taken from the National Website showing the goal for each chapter. If every active member recruits just one new member our organization can grow by leaps and bounds this year.**

**Always keep in mind that the primary mission of DAV is claims assistance. Please support your CSO volunteers.**

**The SEC has voted on the Commander Burden's appointments and all of them have been approved. Department rosters will be distributed shortly.**

**If you have any questions or need assistance please call me.**

*Lets Have A Great Year*

***Glenn Hohman***  
***Sr. Vice Commander***



Summer is nearly over, Kids and grandkids are headed back to school, and some of our chapters are nearing the end of their dark months. But we recognize that the chapters and your department have been hard at work. The DAV National Convention was a great success, and we saw the reigns pass from Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster to Commander Dennis Nixon.

Additionally, your staff participated in many committee meetings and attended quite a few seminars. One of those topics covered by a seminar was social media. Social media consists of sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and they can all be used to help keep in touch with your membership base, as well as the community you serve. Even the Department of Arizona has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DAVofAz/>) that we hope you will find and like us.

For the first time ever, we broadcast the opening session of our state convention on Facebook. If you weren't able to join us, the video is still there so you can check in on us and see some of our guest speakers and awardees. Social media can certainly help us get the word out on events and activities, but it can also be a pitfall for our chapters if we don't understand the constraints we have. For example, we can't actively solicit donations on our social media as the internet goes well beyond each chapter's boundaries. But, that doesn't mean we can't tell the world about our activities and how they can help get involved with our mission to support and care for our nations ill and injured Veterans and their families.

Social media can seem both new and scary, but look within your chapters to find someone already active on social media, and they will likely help you run your page. In addition to social media, we also had briefings on the website each chapter has available to them off the national webpage. If your chapter doesn't have one, or it hasn't been updated in years, urge your officers to appoint a new webmaster and spruce that page up to maximize your ability to get information out to your members and the local community. As a reminder, you can also provide information to Department for inclusion on your page on the Department website. None of these items are mandatory of course, but we often sit back and wonder how we can better reach out and these are several ways that other chapters are using with great success.

Ours is a noble and time-honored mission and I'm proud to stand by our DAV and DAVA members in support of our Arizona Veterans!



# NEW VAN

This VAN was Donated By DAV National To the Tucson VAMC.





*Kevin Cooper*  
*Jr. Vice Commander*

***Let's Make This Year The Best for Membership Recruitment***

*Below is the Population Summary Showing the Goal and Status for Each Chapter.*

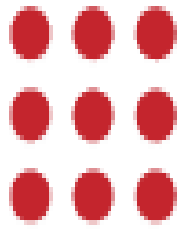


**DAV Population Summary**

ARIZONA

Chapter	Last Year's Total	----- Current Year -----				----- Paid Life -----			Chapter - Name
		Trial Member	Part Life Member	Full Life Members	Total Members	Goal	Goal Pct	Goal Var	
001	2,519	5	187	2,232	2,424	2,499	96.80%	-80	PHOENIX #1
004	888	1	144	720	865	890	97.08%	-26	TUCSON #4
005 G	4,662	110	356	3,292	3,758	3,648	100.00%	0	SUNSHINE STATE #5
008	2,826	1	398	2,368	2,767	2,832	97.67%	-66	EAST VALLEY #8
011	836	2	80	732	814	829	97.95%	-17	LOUIS LEVY #11
014	1,079	0	100	948	1,048	1,081	96.95%	-33	FRY #14
016	1,184	1	93	1,053	1,147	1,181	97.04%	-35	PRESCOTT #16
018	968	0	102	828	930	969	95.98%	-39	RINCON RENEGADES #18
020	3,274	2	378	2,798	3,178	3,243	97.93%	-67	GLENDALE #20
022	1,228	0	260	927	1,187	1,217	97.53%	-30	SCOTTSDALE #22
024	1,017	0	195	843	1,038	1,057	98.20%	-19	STAR #24
026	260	0	17	235	252	258	97.67%	-6	SAN PEDRO VLY #26
027	462	0	22	417	439	458	95.85%	-19	LONDON BRIDGE #27
028	658	1	52	579	632	645	97.83%	-14	THE WORKING CHAPTER #28
036	332	0	69	262	331	352	94.03%	-21	PINAL COUNTY #36
Dept. Total	22,193	123	2,453	18,234	20,810	21,159	97.77%	-472	
Total Chapters by Status:		Active	Revoked	Merged	Suspended	On Hold	At Large	Inactive	
		14	0	0	0	0	1	0	





**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

**SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

WELCOME TO THE

# **Veterans Crisis Line**

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach **caring, qualified responders** with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

# Update on the Department Flood of 2018

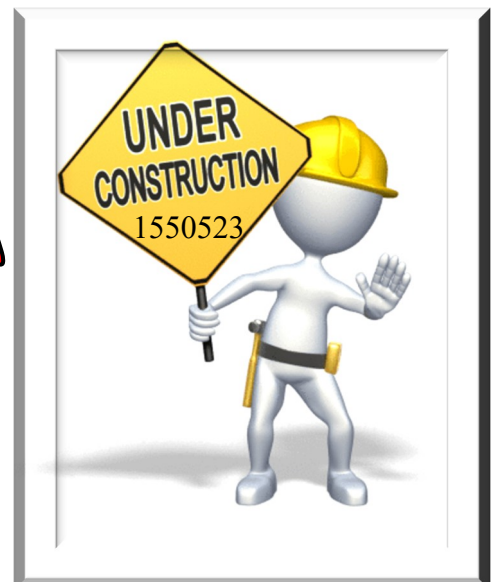


To bring everyone up to speed, our Department Office at 38 W Dunlap Ave. was flooded when the water heater burst open on July 8 or 9. When we came into the office on July 10th there were puddles all the way to the outside walls.

Thanks to SDB Construction our Office is being repaired, painted and new flooring is being installed.

We are anticipating that the Office will be ready by the first week in September. Until then we are in our temporary location at 34 W Dunlap. Our temporary phone # is 602-9435-5511 and our Fax # is 602-943-5510.

**Thank You SDB**



*Thank You*

*Chapter 20*

*For Your*

*Generous Contribution and Invaluable Help*

*With Our Flooding Problem*

**Items donated**

**By Chapter 20 / Glendale**



***Our Emergency Response Team***

***And Of Course***

***Our Emergency Evacuation Kit***



*Paul Soderquist  
Chaplain*



Pulling in to the Home Depot parking lot at 2:30 pm, it's 110 degrees out. I see a veteran with a Korean War cover, just 20' away from me, and go to meet him, wearing my Navy cover.

*Me: Hi, Korean War Vet! I'm Paul. Navy.*

*Vet: I'm Mark. I'll be 89 next week. You're younger than me!*

*Me: Yes. I'm 66. Nice to meet you, Mark. Some of the veterans in the east valley are organized as Disabled American Veterans. We have a chapter house not far from here.*

*Vet: I tried going to the VA. I said I can't hear good, and they gave me a questionnaire, and then told me I didn't qualify. To (expletive) with the VA.*

*Me: The D.A.V. isn't the VA. We're advocates for veterans. What did you do in the Army?*

*Vet: I was a cook.*

*Me: Were you ever in combat?*

*Vet: No.*

*Me: But your unit might have been. Would you please go see one of our service officers at the D.A.V. here in Mesa? You might be able to get something done about that hearing after all.*

*Vet: (blank stare)*

*Me: It's too hot out here to talk any longer. The heat isn't good for either of us. Please call me when you get home.*

Mark is one of thousands out there who may not yet be receiving the benefits they earned, not to mention the camaraderie, support and encouragement veterans receive from one another. I haven't heard back from Mark, but I hope I do, because the well-being of every veteran matters.





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 2018 CONVENTION

The Opening Session of the Convention was simulcast on face book follow this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/DAVofAz/videos/399489387224318/>

# CONGRATULATIONS



## *2018 Department Award Winners*

*Phoenix Top Driver*

*Bob Keiser*

*Prescott Top Driver*

*Jim Zackman*

*Tucson Top Driver*

*Thomas Hazen*

*Department Appreciation Award*

*James Lamont / Chapter 11*

*Department Appreciation Award*

*Danielle Job / Chapter 11*

*Department Appreciation Award*

*Stephen Head / Chapter 11*

*Disabled Veteran of the Yr.*

*Robert Conte / Chapter 14*

*Distinguished Service Award*

*Bryan Lutze / Chapter 11*

*Chapter of the Year*

*Chapter 8 / Mesa*

*Commander of the Year*

*Carey Slade / Chapter 8*







**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

***ALL VETERANS DESERVE BEING LAID TO REST WITH RESPECT  
AND  
THE HONOR THEY DESERVE***



***VOLUNTEER AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT RITUAL TEAM***

DAV DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA is revitalizing the Ritual Team. We want to have one stationed in the North and one in the South. All uniforms and equipment will be supplied by Department.

***Please contact Department at 602-678-0333  
if you would like to be part of this noble tradition***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

# Department has a limited quantity of these items available for Sale



**Convention Pins** from the 2017 Department Convention

\$3.00 Ea.

Sold as Each or in Pkg of 50



**Red Friday Shirts**

Available in Medium, Lg, XL, 1X, 2X, 3X



**Hats** from the

2017 Department Convention

\$10.00 Ea.

Sold as Each or in case of 24



**Pens** with the lighted tips used at Convention

\$3.00 Ea.







## *Our Legal Clinic Update*

By: John Tokarz  
Legal Clinic Director

***Thank you Glendale Chapter 20  
for hosting the July 28th Legal Clinic.***

We helped 80 Veterans with their Legal needs. Another big thank you to Mary Dunbar, Carey Slade, Chuck Connor, Gary Frankson, Jim and Carol Ellis who all helped run the clinic to ensure its success.

### ***Looking Forward:***

AUG 17th / Sierra Vista at the Cochise County Serving Veterans Fair

AUG 25th / the Tucson VAMC

DEC 8th / the Phoenix VAMC

JAN 2019 in Phoenix (Location to be Determined)

***As a reminder, these services are available to all veterans, and I encourage all veterans whether they are members or not to take advantage of the great services we offer for free such as the***

***Wills For Heroes Program***

# Free Legal Advice

and

# Will Preparation

For U.S. Veterans and Their Spouses



Sponsored by

Arizona Disabled American Veterans and Arizona Disabled Veteran Foundation

## We Will Provide Help In The Following Legal Areas

- Divorce / Custody / Child Support
- Debt Counseling / Bankruptcy
- Employment
- Landlord / Tenant Issues
- Taxes
- Estate Planning - Simple Wills, General / Medical POAs Will Be Provided On-Site.

All At No Cost To You

**Saturday, August 25th, 2018**

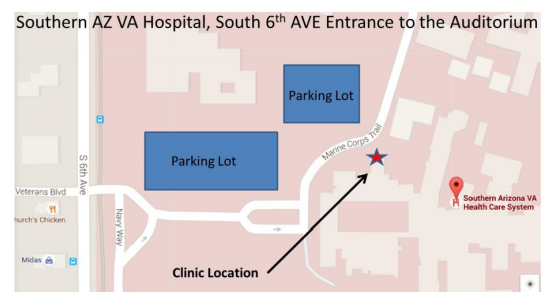
**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at**

**Southern AZ VA Hospital 3601 S. 6th AVE**

**Tucson, AZ 85723**

**Located in the Auditorium**

For a detailed map visit <http://www.azdav.com/legal-clinics.html>



Appointments will have priority over walk-in clients and are highly recommended

To schedule an appointment and receive forms needed for the clinic contact:

**John Tokarz Legal Clinic Director**

**480.363.6880 or [vetlegalclinic@gmail.com](mailto:vetlegalclinic@gmail.com)**

**<http://www.azvetscivillaw.org/>**

A financial need requirement applies. However, most veterans will qualify.

**DISCLAIMER: VA assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the organizations whose Names appear on this list. This referral does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by VA.**

# THANK YOU

## SDB Construction

Disabled Veterans of Arizona

SDB is proud to support our disabled veterans. Since 2007 SDB has hosted and acted as Title Sponsor for the [SDB Golf Classic](#), benefitting the [DAV of Arizona](#).

To-date, the event has raised over \$110,000 to assist veterans with transportation to medical facilities and provide healthcare services.

This year's Tournament will be scheduled for

*November 9, 2018*





*From Our Chapters*

If you would like to be included in our  
CHAPTER / UNIT NEWS SECTION

Of our Newsletter, please send articles, pictures, etc. to Department  
We have a space ready for All of Our Chapters and Units to Participate.

*Don't keep all of your good ideas to yourselves.*

***BE PROUD SAY IT LOUD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***



## *Chapter #24*

### *Sun City , AZ*

We would like to introduce our new Chapter officers for the coming year and say a Thank You to our past officers. The new Commander is John Crockett, Sr Vice is Scott Burdick, Jr Vice Marcus Guenther, Treasurer George Van De Langeryt, Adjutant Violetmary Fountain, SEC Tim Kendrick, Alt SEC Gayle Kendrick. Scott Burdick is the new Senior Service Officer for the chapter. Scott was past Commander and chapter top recruiter. Our membership has been growing and it is all due to his hard work. Our outreach program with El Mirage and several assisted living home is progressing well. We had a great turn out for Camp Corral.

*Thank you to all that assisted in raising money for the kids.*

### *Presentation of Top Recruiter Plaque*



## *Chapter 20*

### *Aiding the Community With Donations From Bingo Players*



Chapter 20 in Glendale assisted Firehouse Subs located at 59th Ave and Northern with their Water for First Responders Project.

This water will be given to First Responders to use in emergency situations for both victims and responders.

During these high temperature months this is a vital service.

Chapter 20 raised this money and the water from Bingo Players. Lori and Kevin Cooper delivered the water on Saturday August 4th.

***Thanks to all who Contributed.***





*Chapter 27 / Lake Havasu  
Said Goodbye to one of their own  
Daniel O'Rourke. / SEC for the Chapter  
Rest In Peace Daniel*





## **Disabled American Veterans**

**Will Retire Your Worn Out Flags. Just  
drop them off at our office on Any  
Tuesday Morning until 10:30 A.M.**

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