



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

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FROM THE DESK OF DENNY HANNEMAN

The I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio held a Car and Piston Show on March 14th to 16th. This show draws large crowds of people who have huge hearts and gave donations of money to the building of a “Fisher House” for the Veterans who are staying at the VA Hospital in Cleveland. The I-X Center Corporation also donated \$50,000 to the Greater Cleveland Fisher House. The money was collected by our Disabled American Veterans, The Marine Core League, The Rolling Thunder and other Veterans Organizations. Thanks to all the DAV Chapters who helped “MAN” the DAV information table.

Keep the Promise- a saying we head many times during our Rally on the Mall of the National Capitol Building and during the National Commander Joe Johnston’s speech before The Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs. Ohio delegates met with Senators Brown and Portman and also with many of Ohio Representatives. I cannot stress enough to all of you the importance of continuing to be diligent in communicating to our Senators and Representatives our concerns on Legislative issues. We need to stay in constant touch with our Congressmen and Senators to ensure they remain working for us Veterans and our families.

KEEP THE PROMISE!!!!!!!

Many Districts are having their Spring meetings these next few weeks. Being the District DAV Commander is a very important job and office. You are the contact between the DAV Department of Ohio and your local Chapters. We are all dedicated to the DAV Veterans and their families. Please elect persons who are willing to do their best promoting the Disabled American Veterans in your District and Chapters. The District Commander should attend both the Department Summer Convention and the Fall Conference.

Dennis Hanneman
Department Commander of Ohio, DAV

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Columbus Clinic, Henry Snodgrass	(614) 257-5487
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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5, 2014	5 th District Meeting, at 1 p.m., American Legion Post 41, Norwalk, Ohio.
April 5, 2014	1 st District Meeting, Meeting to begin at noon, picnic to follow, Chapter #15, Veterans Park, 20 New London Road, Hamilton, Ohio.
April 5, 2014	2 nd District Meeting, Dayton VA Hospital Building 305, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dayton, Ohio.
April 5, 2014	8 th District Meeting, 12 noon lunch, meeting at 1 p.m., Barnesville Chapter #121, Barnesville, Ohio.
April 6, 2014	6 th District Meeting, Lunch at 12 noon, meeting to begin at 1 p.m., Summit County Chapter #35, Akron, Ohio.
April 12, 2014	National Commander Joseph Johnston's Testimonial Dinner, Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio.
April 26, 2014	10 th District Meeting, Masonic Temple, 602 Chillicothe St., 7 th Floor, Portsmouth, Ohio, lunch at 12 noon, meeting at 1 p.m.
April 27, 2014	10 th District Meeting, American Legion, 279 Canal St., Lancaster, Ohio at 12 noon.
May 2-3, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, H.B. "Doc" Riley Chapter #51, Ironton, Ohio.
May 16-19, 2014	Forget-Me-Not Drive, Northern Hills Chapter #115, 6 Kroger Location, Cincinnati, Ohio.
May 17, 2014	7 th Annual Run for the River, Lake County Chapter #42, Stage begins at 9:00 a.m. at Western Reserve Harley Davidson/Honda, 8567 Tyler Blvd., Mentor, Ohio.
May 18, 2014	7 th District Meeting, Alliance Chapter #50, Meeting at 2 p.m., lunch to follow, Alliance, Ohio.
June 26-29, 2014	Department of Ohio Convention, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
August 23, 2014	Forget-Me-Not Drive, Auglaize County Chapter #73, Wapakoneta Wal-Mart, Wapakoneta Community Market, Wapakoneta, Ohio.
August 9-14, 2014	National Convention, Ballys, Las Vegas, NV
October 10-12, 2014	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
February 22-24, 2015	Mid-Winter Conference, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA
June 18-21, 2015	Department of Ohio Convention, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
August 8-11, 2015	National Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Denver, CO
October 16-18, 2015	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
June 23-26, 2016	Department of Ohio Convention, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
October 14-16, 2016	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.

NOTES FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT WILL DAVIS

Spring has arrived and hibernation is over. There is still a lot to get accomplished i.e. nominations, elections, and installation of officers at the chapter as well as the state level; Forget-Me-Not drives; district meetings; and recruiting members for the DAV. As National Joe Johnston spoke at the C & A Mid-Winter Conference, reminding us of the DAV's mission, we must continue our efforts to keep our elected representatives accountable to Operation-"Keep The Promise".

Pending Bills

HR 543 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans

HR 1494 Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability

HR 164 Amend Title 10

HR 333 & 303 Disabled Veterans Tax Termination

HR 32, S 734 Military Surviving Spouses Equity

HR 813 Putting Veterans Funding First Act

For more information on any of these issues go to www.DAV.org.

Get in touch with your congressional leaders and state your concerns.

Patrolling the Border

Since September 11, 2001, the U. S. spent \$90 billion enhancing border protection. The Border Patrol's ranks are more than 21,000 agents. Almost one-third of them are Iraq or Afghanistan War veterans. In 2012, Border Patrol agents arrested more than 364,000 law-breakers. A bill pending in Congress would nearly double the Border Patrol's ranks, provide the agency with billions of dollars of high-tech surveillance equipment and construct hundreds of miles of new fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Specially Adapted Housing Grants

If you are a veteran with a severe service-connected disability that affects your mobility, you may be eligible for the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant program. This program helps severely disabled veterans and service members purchase or construct an adapted home or modify an existing home to create a barrier free living environment. The veteran's housing/living needs are as unique as their physical disabilities. For more information, <http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>.

Military Veterans Resource Center

MVRC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides career-related services to veterans. MVRC serves anyone who wore our nation's military uniform honorably. This includes veterans, active duty troops and members of the National Guard and Reserves, whether or not they ever deployed. No veteran is left to fend for themselves. They are assigned to a coach who will be with them every step of the way as they help the veteran identify the factors that are affecting their employability, and the issues they face as a consequence of unemployment or underemployment. For more information please call 614-230-0662.

Veterans' Courts

The VA and justice system have teamed up to rehabilitate veterans across the nation. DAV knows the cost of commitment to one's country and how veterans face great odds as they try to regain a sense of normalcy after injury. Veterans' courts serve veterans facing judicial action due to substance abuse, mental illness or trauma. These specialized courts strive to keep veterans out of jail and connect them to the benefits and treatment they have earned. Here are some interesting statistics regarding the veterans' courts.

- 130 veterans treatment courts in 40 states
- 67% of vets in the program successfully complete their treatment
- One in six Iraq and Afghanistan vets suffers from substance abuse

For more information visit <http://www.dav.org/learn-more/news/2014/veterans-courts>

The American Veterans Disabled For Life Memorial

October 5, 2014 has been selected as the dedication ceremony date of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, D. C. This national memorial will pay tribute to disabled veterans, living and deceased across all conflicts throughout the nation's history. For more information visit www.avdlm.org

Veterans Hall of Fame

So many veterans continue to give to their communities, state and nation after honorable military service. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize them for their countless contributions to society. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for 2014. Contact Karen Kish at 614-752-8941 or Karen.kish@dvs.ohio.gov for more information.

New Equipment

Backpack with legs can support up to 100 pounds while saving the soldiers' energy and reducing the chance of injuring ankles, knees and back. An Orthotic Load Assistance Device (OLAD) is an exoskeleton that attaches to the soldiers' boots and the backpack to offset the weight. It is spring-like design that carries a selected portion of the load directly to the ground.

In 1986 Secretary of Defense, Caspor W. Weinberger designated each April as "The Month of the Military Child". Use this month to acknowledge how strong these kids are and focus on supporting them through the

struggles they encounter due to the lifestyle that comes with being a part of a military family. These kids are our future. The next time you see a military family, don't just thank the military personnel but also thank the child. For more information visit <http://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/MilitaryChild/2013>. The Columbus Clinic is looking into the possibility of a "Kiddie Kart". It is seeing an increase of young children coming with either parents or grandparents for their appointment. This kart would be operated by volunteers several hours a day. This is just another way to show appreciation to the military children. I will have more information in the months to follow.

Burial Flags

Burial flags are available to veterans' families at select VA offices and certain U. S. post offices. Call the postal service at 1-800-275-8777 for information. Funeral directors will be able to help obtain a burial flag with appropriate documentation such as the veteran's discharge record, death certificate and a completed VA Form 27-2008. For more information visit www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp

Are you ready for this? Mice bombs away. The United States is dropping thousands of mice pumped full of Tylenol onto the island of Guam. As NBC News reports, the dead mice invasion is the latest attempt to eradicate the brown tree snakes that have infested the island since the 1950s, when the nonnative species is thought to have arrived on cargo ships. This snake is highly susceptible to painkillers such as acetaminophen; just 80 mg can kill one. There are some 2 million brown tree snakes on the island. The Department of Agriculture is spearheading the operation, which will drop 2,000 Tylenol-laced mice over Anderson Air Force Base in the U.S. territory.

The Department of Ohio Convention will be held June 26-29, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza in Dublin, Ohio. For more information call the office, 614-221-3582.

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." Abraham Lincoln

God Bless America, God Bless Our Troops, and May God Bless the DAV,

Attorney General DeWine Awards Grant to Valor Home of Lorain County

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today announced that his office has given a grant of \$85,000 to the Valor Home of Lorain County. Valor Home is a program of Family & Community Services whose mission is to support homeless veterans in their efforts to achieve greater self-sufficiency. Valor Home of Lorain County is scheduled to open on May 1, 2014 and will have 30 beds for transitional housing for homeless veterans.

"I am pleased to be able to help Valor Home of Lorain County with grant funding that will help complete this new facility," said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. "Our veterans have given our country so much through their military service, and I am pleased that we can help Lorain County veterans with housing and services to them get back on their feet through this program."

The grant will be used to help make improvements to the home including remodeling of the basement, repair on the roof, and repairs following damages from a burst pipe to the parking lot and basement.

Located at 221 West 21st Street in Lorain, Valor Home will be a place where homeless veterans can get transitional housing as well as drug and alcohol counseling, vocational training, and other services through programs from both Family and Community Services. The VA and Veterans Health Clinic is currently connected to the building with a walkway.