



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

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**FROM THE DESK OF WILLIAM CAINE**

Dear Officers and Fellow Members:

As together we begin a new service year to the Ohio Veteran Community, I am humbled to have been elected as your Commander for the coming year. Here's hoping the recent Department convention was both a learning as well as a chance to recharge your batteries.

The coming year will have its challenges and issues. Looking forward we expect to expand our system of Department Service Officers, formerly called HSC's in Ohio, into areas not previously served in the State, Columbus, Youngstown, Toledo and elsewhere. We expect to increase our presence in the Ohio Women Veterans movement. The August DAV National Convention will be a time for the first briefing on the new DAV branch of service...assistance in job hunting for veterans throughout the nation. There's no telling what role Department and Chapters will play in assisting the NSO sites as they hang out their new "job vacancy signage".

Your Executive Committee and the PDC's will fan out this Fall meeting you and the Chapter leadership at Fall District Meetings. This is the time for you to be heard. We are here to conduct your business as we make every attempt to support the chapter system of service and recruiting, which is the lifeblood of the DAV.

A brief update on the fundraising for the Cleveland Fisher House is due. You have been most generous in your giving as we just passed the \$46,000 level. The Fisher House leadership committee believes that ground breaking is insight in the coming months.

Each of your new Department Officers realize what an honor it is to lead Ohio DAV. We seek to raise Ohio DAV to ever new heights.

Department Commander of Ohio, DAV

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Nat'l. Hdqrs., DAV	(877) 426-2838
NSO Office, Cleveland	(216) 522-3507
NSO Office, Cincinnati	(513) 684-2676
Washington Office, DAV	(202) 554-3501
Cincinnati HSC, Tom Kirstein	(513) 475-6443
Dayton HSC, Leland Sink & Bill Millett	(937) 268-6511 Ext. 2962
Wade Park DSO, Walter Dryja	(216) 791-3800 Ext. 3395
Chillicothe HSC, Darlene Maravilla	(740) 773-1141 Ext. 7916
Columbus Clinic, Henry Snodgrass	(614) 257-5487

Parma Clinic DSO,  
Richard Healy

(216) 739-7000  
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 5-6, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Champaign County Chapter #31, Champaign County Fair, Urbana, Ohio.
August 7-8-9, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Madison County Chapter #93, Wal-Mart & Huntington Bank, London, Ohio.
August 8-9, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Darke County Chapter #57, Eikenberry's Supermarket, Ace Hardward, Greentown LLC, Marathon, Krugers, Greenville, Ohio.
August 9-14, 2014	National Convention, Ballys, Las Vegas, NV
August 15-16, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Madison County Chapter #93, Lovejoy Restaurant, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.
August 23, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Auglaize County Chapter #73, Wapakoneta Wal-Mart, Wapakoneta Community Market, Wapakoneta, Ohio.
September 5, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Sparkle Market, Cortland, Ohio.
September 6, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Wal-Mart, Elm Rd., Cortland, Ohio.
September 5-6-7, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Thorold Heinlen Chapter #100, Wal-Mart, Bucyrus, Ohio.
September 13, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Thorold Heinlen Chapter #100, Bucyrus Downtown, Bucyrus, Ohio.
September 13, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Wal-Mart, Liberty, Ohio.
September 19-20, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Santisi's I.G.A., Girard, Ohio.
September 20, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Sparkle Market, Champion, Ohio.
September 21, 2014	6 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting, Lake County Chapter #42, Lunch at 1:00 p.m., meeting at 2 p.m., 8720 Twinbrook Rd., Mentor, Ohio.
October 4, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Thorold Heinlen Chapter #100, Galion, Ohio.
October 10, 2014	Forget-Me-Not, Thorold Heinlen Chapter #100, Crestline, Ohio.
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

A successful State Convention can only be accomplished with dedicated DAV members, and we truly have a group of dedicated members. Thanks to all who helped make the 93<sup>rd</sup> State Convention a success. A special welcome back and thanks to Executive Director, Service and Legislative Garry Augustine for installing our new officers.

Congratulations to our new State Officers: William Caine, Sr. Vice Commander Phillip Alexander, 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander Kenneth Marcum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander David Bilinovich. Congratulations to our new Executive Committee, James Bailey, James Johnston, John Parker and Samuel Kimmerly.

While on one of our hospital tours, I received information regarding dental insurance. The U.S. government has authorized a national dental insurance program for veterans enrolled in VA healthcare and individuals enrolled in VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA). If you would like more information on the dental program visit: [deltadentalvip.org](http://deltadentalvip.org)

**Sub. H.B. 85** Increases, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the amount of the homestead exemption available to veterans who are permanently and totally disabled. This, exempts these veterans from the existing \$30,000 income threshold for homestead eligibility.

**S. 2450** The Veterans' Access To Care through Choice, Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, will begin to address the unacceptably long appointment wait times found within many VA medical facilities.

**H.B. 488** Eases veterans transition to employment and improves their access to higher education and employment. This bill also includes a provision to increase the penalties for identity theft against active duty military service members and their spouses, and members of the National Guard and Reserves who are called to active duty.

**H.R. 4816/S. 1602** The Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2014. This bill instructs the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a national center for the diagnosis, treatment and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxins during service in the Armed Forces and to provide certain services to those descendants. It would also require the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate with the National Birth Defects Registry and create a central research facility dedicated to studying and chronicling the incidence of birth defects caused by toxins like Agent Orange. H.R. 4816 has been referred to the committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services.

Veterans-For-Change is distributing a questionnaire to veterans pertaining to service in Korea. This questionnaire will be beneficial in gather information so that veterans will be able to gain the benefits and services needed for the VA. If interested, visit Veterans-For-Change newsletter.

The VA in February began issuing new identification cards for veterans enrolled in its health care system. It features better identity-theft protection and is personalized with the emblem of the cardholder's military service. It is suggested that you safeguard your old card as you would a credit card. Cut up or shred the old card and dispose of it securely. For more information visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic)

### **Hearing Problems**

Hearing loss and tinnitus are the top two most common service-connected disabilities. It is estimated that 60% of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have hearing loss or tinnitus.

### **Membership**

With all the parades and community fairs approaching this summer, don't just stay at your meeting place, get out there, set up a booth, display our new logo, and recruit new members. There may be some disabled veterans that do not realize there is a Chapter in their neighborhood. I challenge each Chapter to get at least one new membership this summer.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to John Parker in the recent loss of his brother. Also, our prayers are with Roger Clark in the loss of his wife, Dorothy Clark. *"Those whom we have loved, never really leave us. They live on forever in our hearts and cast their radiant light on our every shadow."* Sylvana Rossetti

Glad to hear PDC Harlan Plummer is doing better. Hope to see you soon.

Did you know? Candy in emergency rations for paratroopers: Four Hershey bars and one pack of Charms.

God Bless America, God Bless our Troops, and may God Bless the DAV.

### **TRENCH RATS**

The Trench Rats will resume meetings on the last Friday of September. The October meeting will be held at the Fall Conference, all meetings after that will be at the Eastgate Golden Corral. – Aaron Cunningham, Golden Rodent, Dugout 634, Cincinnati, Ohio

### **FROM THE DESK OF DENNIS HANNEMAN**

It was truly an honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as your Ohio Department Commander of the DAV. Thank you for your vote of confidence when you selected me. It was a great honor to have had served. I hope that we have kept our organization strong and dedicated to serving our disabled veterans and their families. I had wonderful support from my State Executive Officers, Past Department Commanders, District Commanders, State Adjutant and the Department Staff, The Chapters and their Commanders, and the Auxiliary Officers and their members. Please let me know if I can be of service to any of you and the DAV organization. I look forward to seeing many of you at the National Convention in Las Vegas and at many of the DAV and DAVA functions. Our disabled veterans represent the best of America. Let's show them the respect they so deserve. May God Bless them and their families. God Bless our troops and our great country, United States of America.



On June 4<sup>th</sup>, ground was broken in downtown Warren for the future home of the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission, to be named the “Samuel E. Lanza Veterans Resource Center.” At the ceremony, PDC Lanza was recognized for over half a century of service to his fellow veterans, dating back to the 1950’s, when he drove to the Cleveland VA Hospital for appointments and care.

### **GIVE AND EARN RESPECT**

1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander Kenneth Marcum

Everyone wants it, everyone needs it, but not everyone gets or gives it. The “it” is **RESPECT**...and it’s something we all need to ratchet up in varying degrees to keep our DAV organization successful.

There are two types of respect. First is basic human respect - the kind you’re entitled to merely by being born. Everyone deserves it equally because through birth, everyone *is* equal - we’re all living, breathing human beings.

This type of respect is based on the fact that other people’s needs, hopes, rights, dreams, ideas, and inherent worth are just as important and valuable as your own. And it’s demonstrated through specific behaviors such as:

- Treating everyone with dignity, courtesy and equality.
- Appreciating “different” backgrounds, cultures, and ideas – not expecting everyone to be just like you...unless you’re perfect (yea, right).
- Avoiding ethnic and sexually-oriented references and “humor” (which, by the way *isn’t* all that humorous but *is* very illegal).
- Talking *with* people – not *at* them...and not *about* them.

The first kind of respect is purely and simply an entitlement (a right) – one that comes with our human skin or gender...regardless of its color or condition. We all deserve it.

The second type of respect is the kind you **EARN** by your actions. This kind is different from the first, because it’s based on *who* you are (the quality of your character) rather than *what* you are (a human being); it comes from behavior rather than mere birth. And since not everyone exhibits the same behavior and character, not everyone gets the same amount of this respect.

Want your judgment, opinions, and skills respected? Well ya gotta earn that by demonstrating judgment, opinions and skills that are respect – *worthy*. Want to be respected for dependability? Ya gotta earn that, too – by consistently BEING dependable. Feel it's important to be trusted? Yep, you guessed it – trust must be earned in order to be deserved. Finally, for leaders at all levels: Need the respect of your people in order to lead effectively? The response is the same – you must EARN it...by being a person of integrity!

If you're looking to hold these prominent positions in the ranks of the truly successful, you must devote constant effort and attention to:

- Treating everyone with the dignity he or she deserves as a human being.
- EARNing the additional respect of character you need in order to succeed.

**R**ecognize the inherent worth of all human beings.

**E**liminate derogatory words and phrases from your vocabulary.

**S**peak with people – not at them...or about them.

**P**practice empathy. Walk awhile in others' shoes.

**E**arn the respect of your coworkers through your behaviors.

**C**onsider other's feelings before speaking and acting.

**T**reat everyone with dignity and courtesy.