



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

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**FROM THE DESK OF PHILLIP ALEXANDER**

Thank you to all my comrades for electing me as Department Commander during our 94<sup>th</sup> Department of Ohio Convention. Congratulations to Department Adjutant Ken Marcum and all of our new, re-elected and appointed officers.

I thank the members for trusting me with this great and honored position. I will continue to not let you down as your Commander this year.

We just came off one of the most productive and well attended Conventions in recent years. The number of Chapters and Members participation as well as information, business, and productivity was very positive and reassuring. What the members learned they can pass on to their fellow Chapter members.

Our Department Service Officer-Chapter Service Officer Annual Certification Program was very well attended. Our DSO Program was put into action by PDC William Caine, as well as all Staff, Finance and Executive Committee members are to be commended. I would like to thank Jack Burlingame and Steven Strodbeck for all their efforts for making this program to become a "reality" for the Department of Ohio DAV. Also, my gratitude to all of the National Service Officers who advised and supported our DSO's in the field over the course of the last 9 months.

We would like to reach out and keep an open mind to our new and incoming programs. Keeping in mind that we know there will be some minor tweaking involved. We also want to keep an open mind for our homeless and un-employed men and women Veterans programs, making them feel secure and unafraid to bring their problems and concerns to our organization.

Thank you for electing a great supporting an enthusiastic executive and finance committee. As I look over our line officers I see new ideas, wisdom as well as inquiring minds. It is important that they are trained and mentored by seasoned members with love and camaraderie because future operational knowledge is vital. Members do not be afraid to ask your Commander and Adjutant questions of interest, this is the only way to learn. I know this year like others will bring challenges, not all favorable but together WE WIN. We will all work together, the wisdom of the seasoned members and inexperienced and new ideas of the upcoming members will make a strong bond and a long lasting, harmonious relationship within the DAV.

The Ohio Department Adjutant, Ken Marcum, as well as the Columbus Staff is doing a great job and everything is in place and we are ready to go.

I am looking forward to working with my counterpart Judy Davis the DAVA Commander. I am truly blessed and feel that we are well equipped with her supporting staff for a great upcoming year. All pieces of this puzzle are aligned and ready to put into place. Our goal of love, camaraderie and forgetting no one is as big as our mission. Fulfilling our Promises to the men and women who served is our motto.

My theme for the year is **Be of Service**.

*Phillip Alexander*  
State Commander

### **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 DSO, Tom Kirstein	(513) 475-6443	<i>Tuesday, Thursday</i>
Lisa Wilson		<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>
Dayton DSO, Leland Sink	(937) 268-6511	<i>Tuesday, Thursday</i>
	Ext. 2962	
Wade Park DSO,	(216) 791-3800	<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>
Walter Dryja	Ext. 3395	
Chillicothe DSO,	(740) 773-1141	<i>Monday- Friday</i>
Darlene Maravilla	Ext. 7916	
Columbus Clinic DSO,	(614) 257-5487	<i>Monday- Friday</i>
Henry Snodgrass		
Parma Clinic DSO,	(216) 739-7000	<i>Monday-Thursday</i>
Richard Healy	Ext. 2405	

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 30-August 1, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Madison County Chapter #93, Speedway, Corner of RTE 42 & 70 London, Ohio.
August 6-8, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Madison County Chapter #93, Walmart and Huntington Bank, London, Ohio.
August 7-8, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Darke County Chapter #57, Eikenberrys South, Ace Hardware, Greentown LLC, Greentown LLC, Kroger, Marathon, Greenville, Ohio.
August 8-11, 2015	National Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Denver, CO.
August 13-15, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Madison County Chapter #93, Lovejoy Rest, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.
August 22, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Auglaize County Chapter #73, Wapakoneta Community Market and Walmart, Wapakoneta, Ohio.
August 29, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Darke County Chapter #57, Darke County Fair, Veterans Building, Greenville, Ohio.
Sept. 19, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Wayne County Chapter #44, Walmart, Wooster, Ohio.
Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, 2015	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
November 10, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Wayne County Chapter #44, Buehler Food Market, Orrville, Ohio.
June 23-26, 2016	Department of Ohio Convention, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
November 4-6, 2016	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.

### **NOTES FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT KENNETH MARCUM**

#### **VA to Conduct Nationwide Series of Events to Celebrate Women Veterans**

##### *Experts to Discuss Benefits and Answer Women Veterans' Questions*

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will conduct a series of one-day events to raise awareness and celebrate the stories of women Veterans. The events, to be held in five locations across the country, will provide an overview of services and benefits available to women Veterans. Experts will be available to answer Veterans' questions, and exhibitors will share information on their many resources.

"We have found that our women Veterans often put the needs of others' first," said Elisa Basnight, Director of VA's Center for Women Veterans (CWV). "We encourage them to make themselves a priority, to learn about the benefits and services which they've earned through their dedicated service. We are bringing our experts to them, where they are."

VA staff, as well as local community supporters and agencies that assist women Veterans, will be available for face-to-face interaction. All VA facilities are encouraged to participate in activities to celebrate and honor the women who answered the nation's call.

The scheduled events and local activities are part of a new national VA campaign, *Women Veterans: Celebrating Our Stories of Service*, which launched in late March 2015. The vision for the national VA campaign was born out of the realization that when our women Veterans from all eras and generations surrender the uniform, they retain the intangible—that combination of resolute resilience and the unbeatable skills they will incorporate into their reintegration and readjustment process. Through this campaign, CWV will be engaged in going to these women Veterans to raise the awareness of VA's commitment to them, and to facilitate the conversation around what more needs to be done in serving the unique needs of women Veterans.

The sessions for women Veterans will be held between June and September at the following locations:

St. Petersburg, FL – June 12, 2015  
San Diego (Oceanside), CA – July 10, 2015  
Houston, TX – August 7, 2015  
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – September 14, 2015  
Washington, DC – September 22, 2015

Women Veterans represent one of the fastest growing segments of the Veterans population—about 9.2 percent of the total Veterans population. Today there are an estimated 2 million women Veterans nationwide. VA continues to improve benefits and services for women Veterans and is diligently transforming its culture to embrace this growing population, through other collaborative initiatives with Federal/state/local governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.

For more information about VA's Women Veterans Campaign and VA's commitment to women Veterans, visit [www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet).

**4TH ANNUAL  
MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

*July 18, 2015 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m.*

FREE ADMISSION

for all active military members, veterans, Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) employees and their families.

Help us honor all of our veterans, service members and personnel with a day of special activities from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.:

- Military–Themed Tabletop Games Columbus Area Board-gaming Society (CABS) and Historical Miniatures Gaming Society (HMGS) will host an array of military–themed tabletop games.
- Battle Flag Presentation Enjoy tours of the Follow the Flag exhibit
- What Military Items Do We Collect? Curators will be available to answer questions about the kind of military items we are currently seeking for our museum and archival collections. Examples of recent donations given by veterans of recent military conflicts will also be on display.

Special Recognition Ceremony • 2 p.m. Honoring Warren E. Motts of Motts Military Museum  
[ohiohistory.org](http://ohiohistory.org)

800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211

**HOUSE BILL 173 Ohio Veterans Identification Cards**

Housed Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety Committee, the Ohio Department of Disabled American Veterans support this effort for an Ohio Veterans Identification Card. This would put Ohio in line with Virginia, Illinois, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Colorado, West Virginia, California, and New York. This is a veteran ID card that recognizes your faithful service to your country. No longer will you have to carry around your DD form 214 for proof of military service. The Ohio Veterans Identification Card will illustrate your veteran status, and displays your special military recognitions (certain awards). The card program is part of a broader effort to address the needs of veterans. The state will benefit in boosting the counties veterans services.

- You are recognized as a US Veteran eligible to receive discounts from many participating retailers.
- Displays your name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, and email address.
- Your military branch displayed on front of card.
- Indicates proof of your military service.
- Indicates your special military recognitions.
- Recognition of your disability rating.
- Durable, long lasting plastic card.
- Convenience.
- SAFETY - you are quickly recognized as a veteran of the Armed Forces.

The following are additional reasons for veterans to be issued the Ohio Veterans Identification Cards:

- Discount opportunities at stores, movie theaters, etc.
- Confirmation of service when applying for employment;
- Interactions with law enforcement;
- Verifying former military service acquaintances or while attending civic meetings;
- Applying for uniform membership in a state-level military Reserve unit
- In the event of an accident in which VA medical benefits may be of assistance in your care;
- and more.

**DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BRAIN INJURY INITIATIVE SEEKS SERVICE MEMBER AND VETERAN SPOKESPEOPLE**

People listen to their peers, colleagues and buddies — and there's no better advocate for safety and treatment than someone who sustained a brain injury and got help. That's why **Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)** is recruiting service members, veterans and their families who have experienced traumatic brain injury (TBI) or concussion in noncombat settings to become TBI Champions who share their stories of recovery and hope.

**We need your help to recruit TBI Champions** who were injured in motor vehicle collisions, sports, falls, training and other noncombat incidents and want to raise awareness among fellow service members and veterans who may be at risk for, or living with, TBI.

TBI Champions will be featured in a video series for DVBIC's new initiative, [A Head for the Future](#). This campaign is raising awareness of the signs, symptoms and treatment of brain injuries, and educates the military community about the importance of preventing TBIs in their daily activities — using real testimonials about brain injury in the military.

We are asking you to spread the word among your networks to identify and recruit service members and veterans who are willing to share their stories about recognizing a TBI and concussion and seeking help. Please contact me at [ghoppin@reingold.com](mailto:ghoppin@reingold.com) or (571) 982-8862 to connect with these potential volunteers or ask any questions.

**The Education Center at The Wall**  
Discover Their Stories. Honor Their Values.

The Education Center at The Wall will give context to the names on The Wall and enhance the Memorial experience for current and future generations by teaching about the Vietnam War, its national significance and the impact of The Wall on American culture. *This facility's exhibits will include a wall of photographs and the stories of those who gave their lives during the Vietnam War, a selection of the more than 150,000 items that have been left at The Wall, a timeline of the Vietnam Era and a history of The Wall itself. Coupled with the physical exhibits will be internet based resources which will allow the millions of visitors gain a better understanding and a more complete picture of this important time in history.*

**Research your Hometown Heroes**

Go to [www.vvmf.org/thewall](http://www.vvmf.org/thewall) to research your Hometown Heroes. Each webpage may have a useful clue-such as contact information for the next of kin or friends.  
Visit local libraries and research yearbooks or available archives.

**Community Outreach**

Contact state and local Veterans Organizations for assistance in locating photos. Example included the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Military Order of the Purple Heart, AMVETS and American Legion Posts.

Ask these organizations as well as local media to announce the Call for Photos in their newsletters, websites, and broadcasts or via other outlets.

Engage local school, military academies, and high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC).

Request assistance from your elected officials, State Associations of Counties, and municipal leaders.

**Through the online Virtual Wall**

1. Scan the photograph at the highest resolution
2. Go to [www.vvmf.org/thewall](http://www.vvmf.org/thewall)
3. Search for the name of the service-member, then click on Post a Remembrance
4. Fill out all fields and select "Attach an Image from my computer"
5. After you submit the photograph remembrance, VVMF will process the donation and you will receive a confirmation email.

**By Mail**

You may mail a hard copy photograph to address: Addie Delp, 31262 Eagle Hill Trail, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Email: [adelp@vvmf.org](mailto:adelp@vvmf.org) . Phone 504.399.1982. Fax 540.399.1793. However VVMF does not want the original photographs and is not responsible for returning photos. If copying a photo, ask the professional to make it 8X10 at the highest resolution possible.

**2-1-1 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL HOTLINE**

Call 2-1-1 and connect with the services in your community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All 88 counties have free and confidential information sponsored by United Way Agencies. You can get assistance in:

**GIVE HELP!**

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Housing
- Rent or Utility Assistance
- Counseling
- Help for Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence Services
- Sexual Assault Advocacy
- Transportation
- Support Groups
- Senior Services
- Help with Aging Parents
- Childcare
- Employment Resources
- Legal Assistance

**GIVE HELP!**

- +Local Volunteer Opportunities
- +Donating Food, Clothing and more
- +Civic Organizations
- +Youth Activities
- +Community Services
- +Local Schools

- Health Care

2-1-1 links the community with available resources by providing referrals to not-for-profit programs. They have hundreds of solutions to everyday problems; one easy number. Give them a call, they are here for you!

### **GI BILLS CONTINUE TO MAKE EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE**

Last year 1.3 million active duty military and veteran students were enrolled in college thanks to the GI Bill or another federal funded program, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office/Veterans Administration education report. It all started 70 years ago with the passage of the first GI Bill for World War II Veterans.

The government continuing investment in service members and veterans through GI Bills has transformed society and higher education while fueling economic growth. But the GI Bill got off to a rocky start in 1944. Congress struggled to agree on the bill's provisions, but ultimately passed it after much debate. It offered veterans education and training, loan guaranty for homes, farms or businesses, and unemployment pay. It was a major improvement over the \$60.00 and a train ticket home the World War I veterans received.

The GI Bill was overhauled in 1984 becoming known as the Montgomery GI Bill. To help veterans who served on or after September 11, 2001, the Post 9/11 GI Bill was enacted 10 2008. Other federal programs have followed- all designed to help service members and veterans enhance their military career or prepare for a civilian career.

**Additional note from the Adjutant:** We have developed two new line numbers in the budget for Chapters to consider donating to: 1st is the Fisher House Van Project – these funds will go into an account for a van for the Cleveland Fisher House; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Department Service Officer Project- these funds will assist in funding material and ongoing funding for our DSO's who are stationed in the VAMC's and CBOC's throughout the state. Just remember to put in the "memo" of your check which of these projects that you wish to donate to. –Thanks for your Support in Advance!!!

*Kenneth Marcum*  
State Adjutant

### **Membership = Awareness + Opportunity**

At our recent Department Convention I was asked several times about membership recruitment. As membership is our organization's blood, we need it to keep us alive. We need a transfusion of new members every year to keep us healthy and active. Therefore, membership recruitment will always be a priority.

Unfortunately, there are no tricks or shortcuts when it comes to membership recruitment. There are many ways to try to increase our membership. Any one of these techniques may result in sporadic success. The best of these techniques is to just ask a potential member to join us. However, just asking random people to join the DAV is not a strategy. To be truly successful, our organization needs to use several techniques combined together to have a successful outcome. This is known as a strategy.

Strategy is defined in the dictionary as "the art of devising or employing plans or techniques toward a goal." Our goals being membership and our plans or techniques are specific from the National to the individual. Your National and Department staffs have plans to support membership recruitment by increasing awareness and therefore opportunity to recruit members. The challenge is now on how to have our Chapters, Units and individual members take advantage of and support these efforts.

Our National staff has increased their budget for television, radio and print advertisement. Gone are the days of the 3 am public service announcement. Pick up a Military Times and you will find a color ad for the DAV. While channel surfing, you will see a commercial for the DAV or perhaps you saw the PBS Memorial Day Concert, which was co-sponsored by the DAV. The DAV even started sponsoring a marathon in Cincinnati every November, as well as our partnership with Golden Corral restaurants.

At the state level, we have; advertised in print media, provided support to major community events to include the Cleveland I-X Center, got the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to introduce and sell DAV license plates and provide our members an opportunity to buy DAV logo clothing at our Conventions. We are also looking at buying a DAV van for the Columbus office, which would enhance our presence whether on the road or parked and perhaps another DAV van for the new Greater Cleveland Fisher House.

At the Chapter level, there are numerous opportunities to create awareness in your communities leading to possible membership recruitment. Forget-Me-Not drives, Golden Corral, County Fairs, Parades, VAMC/CBOC visits, etc. Exposure equals opportunity, so take advantage of the opportunities to solicit memberships. Take advantage of these awareness opportunities to explain what the DAV does in Ohio and then do not be afraid to ask them to join us. Even individual members should wear their DAV attire proudly in public and when asked explain that your name is not a misspelled DAVE, then use it as an opportunity to explain about the DAV and always close with asking them to join either the DAV or the DAVA depending on their status.

As you can see, there is no one trick to membership recruitment. However, there is a deliberate, yet flexible strategy, with opportunities at all levels to assist with membership recruitment. Membership is our life's blood and without an adequate level we will not survive. Help support our membership strategy. Remember that awareness equals an opportunity to solicit membership. Most importantly, do not be afraid to ask.

*David L. Bilinovich*  
Senior Vice Commander

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS 2015

Our just passed 94<sup>th</sup> Annual DAV Convention was as much a business event and a time for elections as it was a time to access our performance in the past year.

The expanded Department Service Officer (DSO) project was in the spotlight as our National NSOs had time to access the first six months and report to the convention as a whole. Supervisory NSO Steven Strodbeck reported to the Convention as a whole. Supervisory NSO Steven Strodbeck reported that since December 1, 2014 there had been 4,048 interviews conducted, resulting in 873 new claims filed, and a whopping 295 of which had already been granted by the VA. He reported this made for \$173,000 in recurring monthly payments to veterans plus accumulated retroactive benefits paid out of \$2,900,000. Totaling the monthly and the back pay translates into \$4,970,000 more for the full year for Veterans who sought help since last December 1. He characterized these numbers as being very favorable and reflecting the new reality that VA Claims can be as low as the 112 day average processing time seen here. The retroactive benefits have been cured excepting that the appeals of claims once denied spans some years. The Department of Ohio is assured of the quality of the part time DSOs performance as each and every claim for compensation and pension undergoes a review by a full time National Service Officer prior to submission to the VA. A job well done by one and all.

As a body, the Department of Ohio and its Chapters flung across the state made a commitment in late 2012 to join our fellow veterans' organizations to see that the Cleveland Fisher House was built to serve the families of healing veterans in the Cleveland VA Hospital. The Department put forward matching funds of \$30,000 which was more than met by our chapters and the membership. Additionally, our members put on three wildly successful events at Cleveland Auto Shows bringing in \$200,000 and provided members for corporate fundraising teams. Mr. Richard DeChant on behalf of the Fisher House came to the Convention to personally thank DAV Ohio for its winning efforts. And he solved a mystery at the same time. This spring the event went strangely silent after a professional assessment was made that the single 18 suite plans would not be adequate to meet Cleveland's need. The Fisher House Foundation, at the request of the Cleveland VAH Director, came forward and offered to meet the need from its own resources provided the VA Hospital will accept a new concept of smaller houses making for more suites. They would provide the additional \$3,000,000 for the extra suites. The architects do have some redesign to do but on the site there will be two Fisher Houses of 12 to 14 suites each. 2014-2015 goes into the record books as a watershed year for Ohio DAV.

*William Caine*

Past Department Commander

### VAN WERT CHAPTER #54 WINTER PROJECT



Van Wert Chapter #54's Winter Project with help of the local vocational school from their wood and paint shop created a parade float honoring the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They have been invited to many local events in the area and are hoping to win First Place in one of the local parades.

Great job Van Wert Chapter #54!

### DAV REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE

In January, DAV became the first and only organization authorized by 1 million Veterans as their accredited representative (POA) for claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DAV has delivered by providing free assistance that has ensured billions of dollars in earned benefits have been granted to America's Veterans.

The VA issues a report every other month on how many veterans each organization represents. The final 2014 report had DAV in the mid-900,000s, but the first and most recent report of 2015 showed DAV having 1,001,739 powers of attorney on behalf of veterans.

While not everyone who holds a power of attorney with DAV has an active claim or appeal with the organization, DAV has assisted each with at least one claim for benefits. Though it's impossible to determine who the 1 millionth individual was, DAV leaders believe the landmark figure speaks volumes about the organization's credibility and commitment to the needs of veterans.

"It is humbling to think so many veterans have placed their faith in DAV," said National Service Director Jim Marszalek. "Every Service Officer in DAV takes that honor seriously, and we're all working hard to provide the best representation possible."

Data on how much in compensation has been secured for all 1 million veterans isn't available, but \$3.7 billion in new and retroactive benefits was awarded to DAV's clients just in 2014.

Service to fellow disabled veterans has always been DAV's main mission and backbone ever since the organization was chartered by Congress in 1932. An astounding 10,714,830 claims have been filed since 1932. More than \$87.4 billion has been secured in retroactive and annual disability compensation for veterans, their families and survivors within that timeframe.

"Veterans earn benefits and compensation for the sacrifices they and their families endure while serving in the military and often long after he or she has hung up the uniform. But too often the veteran does not know what is available, what has been earned or

how to go about obtaining it, said National Service and Legislative Headquarters Executive Director Garry Augustine. "That's why DAV puts so many resources into providing the best representation anywhere."

DAV trains, equips and directly supports National Service Officers (NSOs), Transition Service Officers (TSOs), Department Service Officers, Chapter Service Officers and County Veteran Service Officers accredited by DAV in every corner of the United States. "Providing top-notch, free assistance to veterans has always been DAV's top priority," said National Adjutant Marc Burgess. "That's why we have so many offices around the country, but we also keep in mind those who cannot make it into the more populated areas where our offices are located."

DAV's fleet of specially equipped Mobile Service Offices has been traveling the country, bringing expert claims representation directly to veterans and their families. DAV traveled to more than 900 different locations in 2014, mostly in rural areas and at many colleges and university campuses.

"We are proud to get our Mobile Service Office deployed to serve more veterans than ever before," said Marszalek. "Every veteran should be able to get the help they need, regardless of where they live."

DAV's TSOs provide informational presentations, service medical record reviews and initiate claims. They assist veterans at nearly 100 military installations within the continental United States. In 2014, TSOs filed 17,126 claims.

Always working to improve, DAV filed 12,557 claims in the past year electronically, by far the most of any organization.

While a large swath of DAV's services are provided directly by full-time, professional NSOs, a large number of volunteers at the Chapter and Department levels are trained to assist and provide immediate answers in starting claims and obtaining benefits.

"These volunteers in the Department and Chapter service programs are vitally important to the fulfillment of DAV's overall mission of service to veterans," Marszalek said. "They all go through in-depth initial training and follow-up training to have their certification renewed annually."

DAV's Service Program is there for veterans throughout the process. If a claim is initially denied, DAV provides free representation before the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Veterans and family members can receive free professional assistance with claims for compensation or pensions at any DAV National Service Office location.

Learn More Online

A list of DAV National Service Offices can be found at [dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office](http://dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office), and the MSO schedule can be found at [dav.org/veterans/outreach-programs/mobile-service-office](http://dav.org/veterans/outreach-programs/mobile-service-office).

### **NEW OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016**

Phillip Alexander of Hamilton was unanimously elected State Commander of the more than 30-thousand members Ohio Disabled American Veterans at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention, June 26-27-28, 2015 in Dublin, Ohio.

Phillip is a life member of DAV Hamilton-Fairfield Chapter #15 and has held numerous offices at the Chapter level as well as the Department level.

Officers elected to serve with Commander Phillip Alexander were Sr. Vice Commander David Bllinovich of Medina, 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander James Bailey of Brilliant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander John Parker of Barberton, Executive Committeeman Samuel Kimmerly Peebles, Executive Committeeman John Plahovinsak of Cincinnati, Executive Committeeman Barry Hopkins of Lancaster, and Executive Committeeman David Weeks of Vandalia. Raymond Hutchinson of Hillsboro was elected to the Finance Committee, 5-year term. Kenneth Marcum of Springfield was appointed as State Adjutant/Treasurer.

Appointments by Commander Alexander approved by the Executive Committee were Robert Habern of Latty, Chaplain; Raymond Hutchinson of Hillsboro, Hospital Chairman; David May of Canton, Assistant Hospital Chairman; Joseph Lenhart of Wapakoneta, Judge Advocate; Richard Healy of Lakewood, Department Inspector; Frank Williams of S. Vienna, Assistant Department Inspector; Steve Strodbeck of Eastlake, Director of Service; Kenneth Reed of London, Officer of the Day; Bobby Gross of Akron, Sergeant-At-Arms; Lyle Moore of Hamilton, Chief of Staff; Michael Stith of Akron, Legislative Chairman; Terry Sayers of Warren, Photographer.

### **FROM THE AUXILIARY:**

A big THANK YOU to each and every one who brought items for our auxiliary drawing at the State Convention. Due to your thoughtfulness in helping the auxiliary we made over \$1,000.00.

### **TELL US WHAT YOUR CHAPTER IS DOING!**

Send in pictures and articles to Department Headquarters at PO Box 15099, Columbus, Ohio 43215-0099 and tell us about what your Chapter and/or Unit is involved in within your Community and it may be added to the Monthly Department Newsletter. Our Chapters and Units are what make the DAV!

**DAV MSO FALL 2015 SCHEDULE**

DATE	CH.	BUILDING	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	TIME	POINT OF CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	NSO's
8/23/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
8/24/2015	54	DAV Chapter #54	111 North Shannon Street	Van Wert	OH	45891	0900-1700	Andrew Rickard	419-771-8998	Tim Dibble
8/25/2015	9	Dayton VAMC	4100 West Third Street	Dayton	OH	45428	0900-1700	David Weeks	937-581-0625	
8/26/2015	49	Lorain County Community College	1005 North Abbe Rd.	Elyria	OH	44035	0900-1700	Robert Childers	440-935-1971	
8/27/2015	38	DAV Chapter #38	821 Erie Street South	Massillon	OH	44646	0900-1700	David May	330-806-9910	
8/28/2015	21	Mansfield CBOC	1225 South Trimble Rd.	Mansfield	OH	44906	0900-1700	James Broughton	419-524-9304	
8/29/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
8/30/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
8/31/2015	71	Adams County Veterans Service Office	10835 State Route 41	W. Union	OH	45693	0900-1700	Harlan Plummer	937-205-2104	Ronnie McClung Linda Mingo
9/1/2015	40	American Legion	279 Canal Street	Lancaster	OH	43130	0900-1700	Kenneth L-Gregg	740-654-8202	
9/2/2015	2	Canfield County Fair	7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd	Canfield	OH	44406	0900-1700	Leo Connelly	330-261-5975	
9/3/2015	117	DAV Chapter #117	3134 Guernsey Street	Bellaire	OH	43906	0900-1700	Jerry Genther	740-676-5094	
9/4/2015	115	Golden Corral	8750 Colerain Ave	Cincinnati	OH	45251	0900-1700	Richard Blue	513-253-6642	
9/5/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
9/6/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
9/7/2015	N/A	LABOR DAY	LABOR DAY	LABOR DAY	N/A	N/A	N/A	LABOR DAY	LABOR DAY	Mike Brady Caleb Strojkov
9/8/2015	N/A	Lake Erie College	Main Lot 391 W. Washington St.	Painesville	OH	44077	0900-1700	Scott Lauffer	440-251-4994	
9/9/2015	N/A	Bowling Green State University	Lot 8 Bowling Green	Bowling Green	OH	43403	0900-1700	Eric Buetikofer	419-372-8136	
9/10/2015	N/A	Wright State University	Visiton Lot #2 3640 Col. Glenn Hwy	Dayton	OH	45435	0900-1700	Amanda Watkins	937-775-5549	
9/11/2015	N/A	Kent State University	Schwartz Center 800 E. Summit St	Kent	OH	44242	0900-1700	Dawn Plug	330-672-7933	
9/12/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
9/13/2015	<b>TRAVEL DAY</b>									
9/14/2015	N/A	Ohio State University	1739 North High Street	Columbus	OH	43210	0900-1700	Michael Forrest	614-292-7047	Tim Dibble Caleb Strojkov

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