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Disabled American Veterans, Department of Ohio

June, 2016 Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF STATE COMMANDER PHILLIP ALEXANDER

I would like to thank all my DAV comrades, friends and family for the enormous support and love you have shown me in the past year. It has been my honor and privilege to represent the Disabled American Veterans Organization and especially this great State of Ohio. It almost seems like yesterday I became your Department Commander. This year has been productive, interesting, informative, and challenging. We have accomplished so much in a short time and we are heading in the right direction.

I am sure we will improve the department and make it stronger and more powerful and productive in the future as we step into a new generation of Veterans. They are dealing with challenges we have handled in a different manner. Our legislative battles and service work have opened some paths but there is still much work to be done. The men and women of this era need our help and experience as much as we needed guidance from veterans that have come and gone. Hopefully my command has helped veterans in some way.

I especially like to thank the DAV Auxiliary for helping me in every way. It feels great to have never been turned down. Thanks to all of my support cast because I feel like you made me shine. Had it not been for my elected and appointed officers and support from the Chapters in the state this vision would not have been possible. As you well know you could've looked up anywhere across the state and seen me. This will not stop! It is no secret to any of you that God comes first in my life and has guided my steps this past year. I love you all and there is nothing you can do about it. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our June Convention! Thanks again and remember...

BE OF SERVICE!

Phillip Alexander State Commander

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NOTES FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT KENNETH MARCUM

HISTORY IN THE MONTH OF JUNE



This Day in History:

June 1 The term "Don't give up the ship!" is coined by Captain James Lawrence, U.S.

Chesapeake. (1813)

June 1 Snow falls in Buffalo and Rochester, NY, Cleveland, Ohio and other places.

(1843)

June 1 Superman Comic is published. (1938)

June 1 Ed Sullivan's final show. (1971)

PT Barnum's circus begins first tour of US. (1835) June 2

Grove Cleveland is married while serving as U.S. President. (1886) June 2

Congress grants U.S. citizenship to people of American Indian descent. (1924) June 2

June 3 The Rolling Stones begin their first U.S. tour. (1964) June 4 China becomes the first to record a solar eclipse. (780 BC) June 4 After winning 122 straight races, hurdler Edwin Moses' winning streak is broken. (1987) June 5 Bobby Kennedy is assassinated. (1968) June 6 D-Day, The 60,000 allied troops landed on Normandy. Chrysler Corporation is founded. (1925) June 6 The first drive-in theater opened in Camden, New Jersey. (1933) June 6 the United Colonies make name a name change and become The United States. (1775) June 7 June 8 "The Milton Berle Show" premieres on NBC TV. (1948) June 9 Disney's' Donald Duck makes his debut. (1934) June 10 Dutch colonists settle on Manhattan Island. (1610) Benjamin Franklin flies a kite in a lightning storm and discovers electricity. (1752) June 10 The movie E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial was released. (1982) June 11

John Lee Richmond pitches baseball's first "Perfect Game." (1880) June 12 Pioneer 10 becomes the first satellite to leave the solar system. (1983) June 13

June 14 The U.S. Army is formed. (1775)

June 14 Isaac Fischer Jr. patents sandpaper. (1834) Beniamin Grushkin patents Chlorophyll. (1938) June 14 Walt Disney's Bambi is released. (1942) June 14

June 15 George Washington is appointed the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army. (1775)

June 16 The premiere of Ghostbusters II. (1989)

June 17	The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City. (1885)
June 17	King John signs the Magna Carta. (1215)
June 18	The first American fly-casting tournament was held in Utica, NY. (1861)
June 18	Women's rights advocate Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting in Rochester, NY. (1873)
June 18	Sally Ride becomes the first woman in space. (1983)
June 19	After a 83 day filibuster, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is approved. (1964)
June 20	The first rocket plane to use liquid propellants is tested. (1939)
June 20	Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction into armed services. (1967)
June 21	Cyrus McCormick patents the reaping machine. (1834)
June 22	Doughnuts are created. (1874)
June 23	US Secret Service is created. (1860)
June 24	The 95 th Annual Department of Ohio DAV Convention held in Dublin, Ohio. (2016) – <i>Just checking to see</i>
	if you were alert or not!!! ☺
June 24	Henry VII is crowned the King of England. (1509)
June 25	Lt. Colonel George Custer and the 7 th Cavalry are wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians at the Battle
	of Little Big Horn. (1876)
June 26	The Saint Lawrence is opened. (1959)
June 27	The song "Happy Birthday to You," was first sung. (1859)
June 27	The Federal Savings and Loan Association is created. (1934)
June 28	Treaty of Versailles is signed, ending World War I. (1919)
June 29	Shakespeare's Globe Theater burns down. (1613)
June 30	French acrobat Blondin crosses over the Niagara Falls on a tightrope. (1859)
June 31	D-Day Allied Troop invaded Normandy. (1944)

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Each branch of the United States Military performed a unique role in the Vietnam War. Each month our newsletter will list the main contributions during the war.

THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN THE VIETNAM WAR

Early in the Vietnam War, the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces obtained their supplies in many ways and the forces allied with the Republic of South Vietnam had great difficulty stopping the enemy's flow of men, arms and supplies.

In February 1965, U.S. Army helicopter pilot 1LT James Bowers flying a HU-1B Iroquois over Vung Ro Bay near Qui Nhon noticed an "island" moving slowly from one side of the bay to the other. Upon closer observation he saw the island was a carefully camouflaged ship. Air strikes were called in and the vessel was sunk. Intelligence sources determined the ship was North Vietnamese and engaged in supplying enemy forces.

While the U.S. Navy recognized the need for an effective security and surveillance system, it also knew this would be a difficult task with 1,200 miles of coastline to patrol and over 60,000 junks and sampans to control.

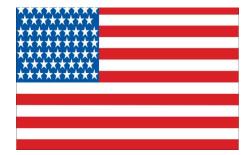
In March 1965, the Coastal Surveillance Force was established and began Operation MARKET TIME, so named after the native boats using the waterways for fishing and marketing. This task force provided a single command to integrate sea, air, and land based units and coordinate U.S. Navy, and South Vietnamese naval units.

Soon the Navy recognized the need for Coast Guard units to support this mission and on April 29th, President Lyndon Johnson committed the USCG to service in Vietnam under the Nay Department's operational control and announced the formation of Coast Guard Squadron One (RON ONE). Initially, 47 officers and 198 enlisted were assigned to the newly formed Squadron and on July 16th, Division 12 of Coast Guard Squadron One departed Subic Bay, Philippines for Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam. It arrived on July 20th and began its security and surveillance patrol mission on July 21st. Throughout the war, OPERATION MARKET TIME units stopped many enemy vessels carrying supplies and men. The largest naval engagement of the Vietnam War was on February 29, 1968. Four trawlers attempted to penetrate the barrier. Of these, three were destroyed and the fourth retreated to the north.

The success of this and other operations forced the enemy to rely on the Ho Chi Minh trail to transport supplies. As many of the trawler kills were in southern Vietnam near the Ca Mau peninsula, the enemy had to carry supplies over an extraordinarily long distance.

Kenneth Marcum State Adjutant

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Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 42 Lake County Presents: THE DAV POKER RUN

Saturday June 18, 2016
Final stop at Gunny's Hall
Registration begins at 9:00 am First bike out at 11:00 am
\$15 rider / \$5 passenger
All stops are at Veteran Service Organization Posts
Starts at Western Reserve Harley Davidson
8567 Tyler Blvd, Mentor, OH 44060
****Food, Prizes, and 50/50****

All proceeds go toward supporting local veterans in Lake and Geauga Counties

MOBILE SERVICE OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-JULY:

Date	Location Name	Chapter #	Address	POC	POC Number
13-Jun	VFW Post 5803	54	111 N. Shannon St., Van Wert, OH 45891	Andy Rickard	419-771-8998
14-Jun	VFW Post 5803	54	111 N. Shannon St., Van Wert, OH 45891	Andy Rickard	419-771-8998
15-Jun	American Legion 96	19	711 South Shore, Lima, Ohio 45801	Rodney Keller	419-230-2856
16-Jun	The Buddy, Ch. 43	43	606 Fishlock Ave., Findlay, OH 45840	William Johns	419-721-7275
17-Jun	American Legion 41	62	1544 U.S. Route 20 West, Norwalk, OH 44857	William Fey	419-663-5906
20-Jun	John W. Covert, Ch.47	47	617 Broadway, East Liverpool, OH 43920	David Risnear	330-727-7215
21-Jun	Alliance, Chapter 50	50	6540 McCallum Ave N.E., Alliance, OH 44601	John Leonti	330-823-0868
22-Jun	Austin Town Senior Cent	er 2	110 Westchester Dr., Austintown, OH 44515	Tom Moss	740-632-1720
23-Jun	Union CVSO	55	835 East 5th Street, Marysville, OH 43040	Larry Morey	614-451-5460
24-Jun			Camp Corral- TBA		
25-Jun	Crowne Plaza	Conv	600 Metro Place N., Dublin, OH 43017	Jacob Drost	216-522-3507
6-Jul	Clint Kramer, Ch. 12	12	428 Motahala Ave, Zanesville, OH 43701	Richard Hale	740-743-1989
7-Jul	VAMC Dayton	9	4100 West 3rd Street, Dayton, OH 45428	David Weeks	937-581-0625
8-Jul	Amvets Post 71	15	4829 Industry Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014	Fred Manning	513-509-0990
11-Jul	Capitol City, Ch. 3	3	280 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215	Frank Williams	740-604-0475
12-Jul	Kroger	123	Harry Sauner Rd., Hillsboro, OH 45133	Gary Smaltz	937-364-2937
13-Jul	Guernsey, Ch. 28	28	2090 North Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725	Jerry Leister	740-255-0105
14-Jul	Conrath Bean, Ch. 37	37	355 East St., Athens, OH 45701	Richard Sanborn	740-767-2078
15-Jul	Pioneer City, Ch. 52	52	835 DAV Road, Whipple, OH 45788	Andrew Matheny	740-373-4431
18-Jul	Sandusky CBOC		3416 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH 44870		
19-Jul	Lorain CBOC		2555 North Abbe Road, Sheffield Village, Ohio 44035		
20-Jul	Parma CBOC		8787 Brookpark Rd, Parma, OH 44129		
21-Jul	Painesville CBOC		7 W Jackson St, Painesville, OH 44077		
22-Jul	Wade Park VAMC		10701 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106		

VOLUNTEERS FOR MOBILE SERVICE OFFICE

Chapter members from the surrounding area of Parma are encouraged to volunteer on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. alongside members of Chapter #116 that will be present to assist the Mobile Service Office at the Parma Clinic by having bottled water for veterans and helping with the check-in lists. Lunch will be provided for Chapter Volunteers. If you have any further questions or would like to volunteer please contact William Caine at (440) 333-8362.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP TOOLS

Membership is the life blood of the DAV. Recruiting and retaining members is everyone's responsibility. Chapter Officers have the additional burden of ensuring the success of their Chapters' efforts. Ultimately, the Commander is responsible for everything that his Chapter does or does not do. The good news is that the DAV National staff provides tools for every Chapter and Auxiliary Unit to assist them. Yet many of our Chapters and Units fail to use these tools.

Now that our annual elections have been held at the Chapter / Unit level, the new Commanders and Officers need to familiarize themselves with these tools. It starts with a correct and complete Officers Report submitted, as required. From this data our National Membership Department will grant access to those Officers that have a need to use the Membership System.

To access the Membership System, go to www.davmembers.org to log in. If you need assistance, call the toll free telephone number, (888) 236-8313, and ask for Membership. It may require the Membership Department to verify the recent Officers Report before access is granted. Once logged in, you can navigate through the features, update your personal data and print a Chapter roster. Chapters and Units should print an updated roster at least twice a year and before mailing out invitations or newsletters, so as not to waste printing and postage costs on deceased or transferred former members. You can even print the mailing labels using Avery labels. It is truly a helpful set of tools.

Taking advantage of the Membership Tools will allow our Officers to verify and correct their rosters, print mailing labels and download reports. Any issues are a simple toll free call to resolve. As membership recruitment and retention is vital to maintaining a strong and healthy DAV, it is essential that everyone do their part and take advantage of the tools provided.

David L. Bilinovich
Department Membership Chairman

GULF WAR REGISTRY: THREE REASONS TO PARTICIPATE

Are you a Gulf War Veteran interested in your health and ensuring the health of fellow Veterans? Consider joining VA's Gulf War Registry. Established in 1990, the Gulf War Registry is an important resource for understanding the health of the military personnel who served in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. Here's why more than 152,000 Veterans have participated to date:

See more at: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/gulf-war/gulf-war-spring-2015/gulf-war-registry.asp#sthash.eK3xpstz.dpuf

The Gulf War Registry is a helpful tool for Veterans and researchers.

Veteran participants each receive a personalized free health exam. This is one way to learn about possible long-term health effects related to environmental exposures during military service. You'll discuss your symptoms, diagnoses, and Gulf War hazardous exposures. If you need treatment, you may be encouraged to receive free or low-cost, specialized medical care for those conditions from VA.

The data collected will help VA understand and respond to your health problems more effectively. The Registry also helps VA researchers collect information on health concerns that can aid VA in improving and refining its health care policies

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Most Veterans who deployed after 1990 can join the Registry.

Veterans who served in the Gulf during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn are eligible based on their recollection of service, not military records. You also do not need to be enrolled in VA health care to receive an exam. If further care is needed, you may decide to enroll in VA or consult a private medical provider.

The Gulf War Registry is uniquely focused on the range of hazardous natural and man-made environmental exposures that may have occurred during military service, including depleted uranium, chemical and biological warfare agents, medical prophylaxis, pesticides, fuels, oil well fire smoke, infectious agents, and deployment-related stress.

Some Veterans may also be eligible to participate in VA's new Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. For more information, please visit:

https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/index.html#page/home.

See more at: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/gulf-war/gulf-war-spring-2015/gulf-war-registry.asp#sthash.eK3xpstz.dpuf

Participation is easy. Just follow these two steps.

STEP 1: Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator about scheduling a free Gulf War Registry health exam. Locate yours by visiting:

www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp.

STEP 2: Once scheduled, attend your Gulf War Registry health exam, which consists of a quick, noninvasive medical appointment that includes basic questions about your health and exposure history. You may be asked to return if further testing or additional lab work is necessary. - See more at:

http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/gulf-war/gulf-war-spring-2015/gulf-war-registry.asp#sthash.eK3xpstz.dpuf
Participation in the Registry does not result in a disability claim.

The Registry and disability claim processes are entirely separate. You can file an online claim for disability compensation for health problems related to military service, or learn about the numerous ways to apply for VA disability benefits. These claims are reviewed and decided on a case-by-case basis. For more information about the Gulf War Registry Health Exam, visit: www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/benefits/registry-exam.asp

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David J. Weeks Courtesy of the Gulf War Newsletter

DAV PROGRAMS

The DAV National Commander has initiated three (3) new programs. The first program is the DAV Benefits Protection Team Leader Program. Page 5 of the last issue of the DAV Magazine briefly explains this Program. This Program is geared for each member of the Chapter to contact their respective Congressman/Senator concerning potential legislation impacting veterans. In effect, the DAV members are protecting the benefits earned by veterans. The latest Officer Report Form that your Chapter has to mail to the DAV National Headquarters has a space for your Chapter's Benefits Protection Team Leader. At www.DAV.org, you can obtain a copy of the 38 page handbook for the Benefits Protection Team Leader position and it outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Team Leader. Commander's second Program is the Action Network. You can sign up for this https://www.dav.org/can/?vvsrc=%2fregister. Every time a piece of legislation that impacts veterans is proposed, the DAV National will send you an e-mail concerning the legislation, with the DAV analysis of the legislation. The DAV will create an e-mail for your consideration and address the e-mail to your respective senator/representative. After you sign up for the program, the e-mail will be sent to you with the information. All you have to do is hit the URL and the message will be automatically generated. The only other thing to do is to type in the subject line on the message (for example, "Response concerning H.R. 1769") and hit the "Submit e-mail" button and the e-mail will be sent out.

The third Program is called "Setting the Record Straight" and if you are already signed into the Commander's Action Call, you will

automatically receive the e-mail message. The last one I received asked for positive experiences (in 200 words or less) with the VA Hospital Care. The first day that the DAV National sent out, it received 2,500 positive responses by DAV members. The second day, it received 4,000 positive responses.

John Plahovinsak
Executive Committeeman



DAYTON CHAPTER #9

Dayton Chapter #9 members, including Executive Committeeman and Chapter # 9 Commander David Weeks, VAVS Representative and Chapter #9 Service Officer Vincent Dec and Chapter Member Clyde Travis met First Sergeant Melvin Morris Medal of Honor Recipient at the Dayton Airport. He spent the day at Stivers School for the Arts and had dinner with the VA staff. Photo credit: Robert Kincses the photographer.

Mr. Melvin Morris was commanding a strike force on a mission near Chi Lang, South Vietnam, when his Special Forces group came under attack and a fellow commander was killed near an enemy bunker. Despite massive enemy fire directed at him and his men, hitting him three times, the 72 year old Morris told The Associated Press that he was able to get to his fallen comrade and recover the body. He also retrieved a map that included strategic information that would have been trouble if it fell into enemy hands.

More than four decades later, as a way to try to correct potential acts of bias spanning three wars, President Barack Obama will bestow the Medal of They come after a decade long congressional mandated review of minorities who

Honor on Mr. Melvin Morris and 23 other veterans. They come after a decade long congression may have been passes over for the U.S. military's highest honor because of long held prejudices.

David Weeks
Executive Committeeman

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE VETERANS FOR THE OH VETERANS HALL OF FAME IS JUNE 30TH

Honoring Veterans for their service to community following their military service

COLUMBUS – Don't miss the chance to honor veterans who have served their communities following military service – the deadline for nominations for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2016 is June 30.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to recognize the achievements of veterans in community service after their military service ended. Charter members of the Hall's Class of 1993 included the six Ohio military veterans who were elected President of the United States and all Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees include astronauts, government officials, police officers, community leaders, and veterans' advocates.

The Hall of Fame Executive Committee, made up of veterans, selects not more than 20 inductees annually. Men and women chosen for induction into the Hall come from all eras, all branches of service and all walks of life.

Please help us honor veterans who have served their communities following military service – the deadline for nominations for the Class of 2016 is June 30.

Nomination guidelines and forms are available at: http://dvs.ohio.gov/VETERANS HALL OF FAME

A video of the recent enshrinement ceremony is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeDWMSQxy9M

For more information contact - Eileen Corson or Karen Kish @ 614-644-0898, <u>Eileen.Corson@dvs.ohio.gov</u> or karen.kish@dvs.ohio.gov.

95th ANNUAL JUNE CONVENTION

REMINDER: If you are planning to attend the 95th Annual Convention being held June 24-26, 2016 please make sure to mail in your Pre-Registration form and check by **June 17th** to Department Headquarters, PO Box 15099, Columbus, Ohio 43215-0099.

Please not the cost of pre-registration is \$15.00, the cost of one (1) boxed lunch for Friday is \$15.00, one (1) boxed lunch for Saturday is \$15.00 and the cost of one (1) banquet ticket is \$40.00. To purchase pre-registration, two (2) boxed lunches (Friday and Saturday) and one (1) banquet ticket by **June 17, 2016** the cost of the package deal will be \$65.00, saving you \$20.00 per package. After June 17, 2016 the package cost will be \$85.00.

If you have any questions or need the Pre-Registration form please contact Department Headquarters at (614) 221-3582.