



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

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FROM THE DESK OF PHILLIP ALEXANDER

Greetings comrades: I hope and pray that all have had a prosperous and healthy month. Our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren are heading back to school and just like us, they are going through the learning process as well. Instead of ABC it's DAV! Every day we wake up giving thanks to the Almighty and start our joyful task-how can I help another Veteran today, this is what we do and judging from the attendance at the National Convention in Denver Colorado for State of Ohio (Home of the National Champions) we represented well. Our attendance was great with members from Chapters, Districts, Line Officers as well as National Officers from DAV and DAVA Ohio.

From opening session to closing was interesting, informative as well as historical. Never before have we had a service and legislative seminar question and answer session. Department of Veteran Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald and Chairman of the House of Veterans Affairs Committee Jeff Miller presented their version for the future of the VA healthcare and benefit systems and participated in a question and answer session.

We elected a new National Commander for the upcoming year, Moses A. McIntosh Jr. from the State of Georgia. PDC Herman Morton successfully completed his term as National Executive Committee Member and we are proud to announce our new National Executive Committee Member for State of Ohio PDC Robert Bertschy.

I appreciate all my Line Officers for stepping up to the plate and a special thanks to two Executive Committee Members, John Plahovinsak and David Weeks who went above the call of duty in the absence of my Senior Vice Commander David Bilinovich who was unable to attend due to pressing family business. Their help made my job as Commander easier.

State Adjutant Ken Marcum and I need all of your help. Please encourage each Chapter to have representation at our upcoming District meetings and State Conventions and Conferences. We are also inviting every Chapter in the Ft. Thomas/Cincinnati VA Hospital area to attend the annual State VAVS cookout picnic and bingo on September 5, 2015. Enjoy yourself while helping a World War II Veterans by putting a smile on their face. I guarantee the information you receive won't come from any history book (smile).

BE OF SERVICE

Please send prayers for Executive Committee Member Samuel Kimmerly and his family whose father passed this week.

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,		
Henry Snodgrass	(614) 257-5487	<i>Monday- Friday</i>
Harold Mitchell	(614) 257-5687	<i>Tuesday, Wednesday</i>
Parma Clinic DSO,	(216) 739-7000	<i>Monday-Thursday</i>
Richard Healy	Ext. 2405	



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 5, 2015	Annual VAVS Cookout & Bingo, Cincinnati VA Hospital, Cincinnati, OH.
Sept. 11, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Alliance Chapter #50, Thornes Grocery Store, Alliance, OH.
Sept. 11, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Sparkle Market, Cortland, OH.
Sept. 11-12, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Santisis IGA, Girard, OH.
Sept. 11-12, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Willie Marcum Chapter #72, Buehler's Grocery Store, 9a.m.-6p.m., Medina, OH.
Sept. 11-12, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Thorold Heinlen Chapter #100, Crestline, OH.
Sept. 12, 2015	District Five (5) Meeting, American Legion 1544, US Hwy W. 20, Norwalk, OH 1p.m.
Sept. 17-20, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Adams County Chapter #71, Old Timers Day Festival, Peebles, OH.
Sept. 18, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Walmart, Cortland, OH.
Sept. 19, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Sparkle Market, Champion, OH.
Sept. 19, 2015	District Two (2) Meeting, Clark County Chapter #13, 2410 Mechanicsburg Rd., Springfield, OH 11a.m.-2p.m.
Sept. 19, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Wayne County Chapter #44, Walmart, Wooster, OH.
Sept. 25, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Trumbull County Chapter #11, Walmart, Liberty, OH.
Sept. 26, 2015	District Three (3) Meeting, VFW Banquet Hall, 111 N. Shannon St., Van Wert, OH 3 p.m.
Sept. 26, 2015	Welcome Home Celebration, Classic Car Show, presented by Gillingham Ford and hosted by Parma VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, 8787 Brookpark Rd. from 10a.m.-3p.m., Phone: (216) 398-1300
Oct. 10, 2015	District Nine (9) Meeting, Ross County Chapter #18, AMVETS 317 E. Main St., Chillicothe, OH Lunch at 12p.m., Meeting at 1p.m.
Oct. 11, 2015	District Four (4) Meeting, The Buddy Chapter #43, 606 Fistlock Ave., Findlay, OH at 2p.m.
Oct. 11, 2015	District Eight (8) Meeting, Bellaire Chapter #117, 3134 Guernsey St., Bellaire, OH with Lunch at 1p.m., Meeting at 2 p.m.
Oct. 18, 2015	District Six (6) Meeting, Trumbull County Chapter #11, 2044 Youngstown Rd., Warren, OH, Lunch at 1p.m., Meeting at 2p.m.
Oct. 18, 2015	District Seven (7) Meeting, Alliance Chapter #50, 9540 McCallum Ave., Alliance, OH at 2p.m.
Oct. 30, 2015	Chapter Commanders, Adjutants & Treasurers Training at 10a.m., Crowne Plaza, Dublin, OH. More Information to follow.
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2015	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
November 10, 2015	Forget-Me-Not, Wayne County Chapter #44, Buehler Food Market, Orrville, OH.
November 11, 2015	Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, 2 Hour Train Ride, FREE TO ALL VETERANS & FAMILY. Leaving for Akron on Track #1, <i>No reservations needed</i> , Boarding at 9AM, 7900 Old Rockside Rd., Independence, OH
February 21-24, 2016	Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA.
June 23-26, 2016	Department of Ohio Convention, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
November 4-6, 2016	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2017	Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA.
July 29, Aug. 1, 2017	National Convention, New Orleans, LA.
February 25-28, 2018	Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA.

NOTES FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT KENNETH MARCUM

OPERATION BOOTS TO BUSINESS

From service to startup

Sponsored by the American Legion Department of Ohio Employment Commission

TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO STARTING A BUSINESS AFTER YOUR MILITARY SERVICE



IS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERSHIP FOR YOU?

Entrepreneurship and small business ownership is a key opportunity for transitioning service members and veterans as they transition to civilian life. Returning veterans are natural entrepreneurs, possessing the skills, experience and leadership to start businesses and create jobs. According to the most recent U.S. Census Data, veteran-owned firms represent 9 percent of all U.S. firms. These 2.45 million veteran-owned businesses employed 5.793 million individuals. If you have a passion and the drive to start a business, this intensive training workshop is a perfect fit for you!

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The Boots to Business Self-Employment Intensive Training Workshop is offered in collaboration among the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University (IVMF), the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We are recruiting interested transitioning service members and veterans to participate in the workshop, you will learn if starting a business is right for you, if your business idea is feasible and much more!

WHERE: Reynoldsburg Division of Police, 7240 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068, phone: (740)362-7478 ext. 2

WHEN: September 19th, 2015, Doors open at 8:00a.m., Register from 8:30 to 9:00, Event from 9:00-3:00

TO REGISTER: Email your Name, Address & Phone to legionemployment@gmail.com by 9/16/2015 or call The American Legion Department of Ohio, Suzette Price, at 740-362-7478 x2

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

After the workshop you will have created a Feasibility Analysis Deliverable that will serve as the basis for future business planning efforts. It is designed to assist you in developing an 'actionable' plan for subsequent efforts focused on launching a new venture.

Kenneth Marcum
State Adjutant

Awareness Opportunities

Last month I wrote about how our members and our Chapters should take advantage of opportunities to increase awareness the DAV in their local communities. These opportunities sell the DAV locally and may help with membership recruitment. I would like to provide a recent example from my Chapter, Willie Marcum Chapter #72 that may be relevant to yours.

As far as I know, all 88 counties in Ohio have a County Fair each summer. Medina just started their fair and it annually makes the first Monday of the fair as a free military and veterans admission day. All active duty military, National Guard, reservists and veterans are allowed in free. Family members must pay the modest admission fee. What a great opportunity to increase awareness about the DAV in your community to our target membership audience, as well as to our civilian neighbors.

As our County Veterans Service Officer has a booth at our fair, along with several other county agencies, our CVSO has for several years extended an invitation to man veterans groups tables in the pavilion. He is able to get a table for each veterans group that asked for one on the free military and Veterans Day at no cost to the organizations. I know that at least one other county allows for veterans groups to help man the CVSO booth on a rotating shift basis. Either option allows for us to help promote the DAV and to solicit for membership.

It is important to not just see this opportunity as a membership drive nor should it be used as a Forget-Me-Not drive. Most fairs will only allow veterans groups in as a way to promote their organizations. Vendors, businesses and fund raisers must pay for their booth spaces. Instead, use this opportunity to promote your Chapter's activities in your community and to answer any questions about the DAV. Claims work should not be done at a public venture like this. Rather you should have the business cards for our NSO offices and even for the local DSO, should you have one, to pass out upon request. This can be done by a telephone call to the NSO office.

While it is important to show the DAV presence in your community to all fair goers, it is also important that our fellow veterans groups recognize that the DAV is active in the community and that it can be counted on to support joint community veterans events. Take the time to visit the other veterans groups and introduce yourself. Be happy to explain what the DAV is and how it differs from their group, but also remind them that we are all trying to help veterans. Mutual cooperation and respect will benefit all. Perhaps you may find an individual or two whom is eligible to join the DAV or one that is already a non-participating member that can be coaxed into attending your next meeting. Also, do not forget that almost every veteran and most non-veterans are eligible for DAVA membership. County fairs offer an excellent opportunity to help with DAV awareness. DAV and DAVA memberships may result from this activity. However, the biggest benefit is that your local community is reminded that there is a local vibrant DAV that should be thought of as an



equal to the other more visible veteran's posts. This is just an example of an awareness opportunity that you should try and take advantage of.

David Bilinovich
Senior Vice Commander

Veterans are getting more respect, honored more and thanked more for their service to their country more now than in the past. After the attack on the United States on 9/11, there was a distinct change in attitude toward those who put their lives on the line to preserve our freedom. Many police and fire and other first responders died that day and thousands of our military also in the "War on Terror" that followed. Because of these events a celebration was held on July 3rd at the football stadium in Brilliant, Ohio. Police, firemen, and military veterans participated in the event. I marched with the Color Guard and other veterans to the ladder truck manned by firefighters where the American Legion 573 Commander and I presented the firemen with a large 40 x 25 foot American Flag. What an honor. The firemen then raised the flag with the ladder truck high over the stadium as the National Anthem was played. Other patriotic songs followed to the delight of the large crowd. The experience was extremely moving and very enjoyable.

I also participated in a July 4th celebration held in Wheeling, WV. Cabela's "Star Spangled Banner" celebration in one of the largest veterans' programs in the tristate area. DAV Chapter #117 was well represented as Robert Kish, a life member of Chapter #117 who also is the State Senior Vice Commander of the West Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars, and I participated in the event. Robert also strongly supports veterans and veterans' programs. Also Present was a well-known local supporter of veterans and active duty military, Gail Van Vranken of Boatsie's Boxes, Inc. Gail started Boatsie's Boxes to send boxes of personal items to our active duty military. You can reach Gail at (304) 232-0585 or at www.boatsie.com to learn more about this fantastic program. It was very enlightening to meet with Gail and talk about the Boatsie's Boxes program.

Also, participating at the "Star Spangled Banner" celebration were members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and other organizations representing the tristate area. I, along with other military veterans, was called up front to be recognized for our service to our country. Great speakers, patriotic music, and songs made this a celebration to remember. Held every year, you should make plan to attend the next "Star Spangled Banner" celebration. You'll be glad you did.

James Bailey
1st Jr. Vice Commander

ANNUAL NATIONAL DISTRICT 11 NEC MEETING

94th DAV & DAVA National Convention
Sheraton Hotel, Denver, CO

Thanks to the Department of Ohio for the privilege to serve as District 11, National Executive Committee Member (NEC). I was fortunate to work with DAV members who served in their positions with a "sense of duty to give more, and expect less" and with pride that our organization is functioning at the highest level - "being of service to veterans."

Department Adjutant Kenneth Marcum served as recording secretary, and NSO Supervisor Steve Strodbeck verified the delegate-eligibility of election and committee assignments. To reiterate, chapter members are encouraged to attend National District Meetings. The governing of our organization rest not only in leadership, but also with shared input from members at the grassroots level. It is important to note that members must be registered delegates to the National Convention, and be present at the District Meeting during elections.

The following Department of Ohio members added their voices serving the 94th DAV National Convention, and they deserve our appreciation.

Elected Positions

<u>2015-2017 NEC</u>	Robert Bertschy (#47)
<u>2015- 2017 Alt. NEC</u>	David Uetterling (#36)
<u>2015- Columbia Trust Advisor</u>	William Caine (#116)

Committees Assignments

Credentials
Resolutions
Legislation/Veterans Rights
Constitution/By-laws
Finance
Employment
Hospital/VAVS
Nomination

Primary Delegate

Michael Stith (#35)
David Weeks (#09)
John Parker (#35)
James Bailey (#117)
Will Davis (#144)
Kenneth Marcum (#89)
David May (#38)
Joseph Lenhart (#73)

Alternate Delegate

Dennis Hanneman (#07)
Phillip Alexander (#15)
Barry Hopkins (#40)
Robert Bertschy (#47)
David Uetterling (#36)
John Plahovinsak (#63)
Raymond Hutchinson (#63)
Andrew Gerhart (#35)



In comradeship,
Herman W. Morton, PDC

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My Fellow Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary Members of the Great State of Ohio.

Commander Phillip's motto for 2015-2016 is "BE OF SERVICE"

Let us never abandon the time-honored principle – **"Commitment to Service."**

Disabled American Veterans will never stop serving:

Service, to make America strong.

Service, to keep America free.

Service, to preserve America, the home of the brave.

America is a place where free men and women can hold their heads high, proud of their country and the **Disabled American Veterans** who served in the past, those who are serving at present, and those who will indeed serve in the future.

As a new member of this **Veteran Service Organization** 11 years ago, I asked myself, why should I join the DAV? After some in-depth and careful consideration, I came to the conclusion: the DAV requires my **service**. I threw myself totally and your encouragement, my **service** to the **Disabled American Veterans** of this state and of this nation will continue. God bless America, and God bless the DAV.

Robert Habern
Department Chaplain



A Community says Goodbye to a Son, Grandson, Friend, Teammate, Husband, Daddy & HERO



Jim Bowers/Paulding County Progress Emergency responders raise an American flag over Water Street in front of Paulding High School on Saturday morning prior to Randall Smith's memorial service. The flag was suspended from two aerial ladder trucks from Paulding and Defiance fire departments, creating a stunning setting for a later motorcycle procession.

By JIM LANGHAM, Feature Writer
PAULDING – When Robert Habern, District III Commander for Disabled American Veterans, gave the "final roll call" at the memorial service for Randall Smith on Saturday morning, silence and an occasional muffled sob was all that could be heard in the Paulding High School Gym.

Habern first called the names of a few Navy soldiers that were present in the gym and they gave a resounding response. He then called out Smith's name once, twice and eventually a third time with no response. Finally, Paulding County Sheriff Jason Landers stood to his feet and responded in Smith's behalf; "Sir, he is not with us today. He lost his life to terrorism, while serving the United States of America."

"This is a solemn day for all of us," commented Navy Commander Meghan Michael. "But this is also an opportunity to celebrate thoughts of Randall Smith. We are a family that helps each other, whether it's a long deployment or during a difficult time like this."

Michael said that she never had the opportunity to actually serve with Smith, but she is proud of him and proud of the way he served the Navy.

"He was a petty officer that sang Disney songs with his daughters. Whether he was a husband, friend, son or neighbor, he was part of the Navy family," added Michael.

Although the memorial service was scheduled for 11 a.m., a large number of grieving residents and friends gathered at the entrance of the Paulding High School gym by 9:30 a.m., when the gym was slated to open.

As a backdrop to the stage located at the south end of the makeshift sanctuary, a huge American flag proudly displayed its colors. The stage was surrounded by various family pictures and mementoes belonging to the fallen sailor.

Outside the gym, another enormous American flag was suspended over Water Street between two fire department aerial ladder trucks from Paulding and Defiance. The Stars and Stripes waved in the gentle morning breeze.

The presence of multiple law enforcement vehicles and ambulances reflected the concern and preparedness for the day's events.

About a mile north on Emerald Road, hundreds of motorcycles representing various veteran interest organizations were gathering in the parking lot of the First Christian Church. At approximately 10:15 a.m., the roar of the cycles could be heard approaching en masse to honor and pay tribute to Smith's passing.

With the presentation of the military wreath and the posting of the colors, the sound of a bagpipe could be heard at the rear of the large sanctuary. As the bagpiper entered the gym, several hundred motorcycle riders and veterans filed into the gym for nearly 25 minutes. Many of the cyclists paid homage by saluting the military wreath that graced the center of the stage honoring Smith.

Those in attendance stood for the playing and singing of the Star Spangled Banner prior to those who came to the podium to speak.

The Rev. Drew Gardner, former pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Paulding and Smith's former family pastor, led the service. He said that of all his great acts, Smith will undoubtedly be remembered for the way he protected his fellow man when the terrorist entered Navy Operational Support Center building in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"When the terrorist came in, other people fled the building," said Gardner. "Randall headed toward the terrorist. His action saved at least 10 seconds, a lot of time in military action. Randall proved to be a real American hero."

Gardner said that Smith wasn't supposed to be at the office the day of the incident, but had come in to work on a project.

Gardner, who had made two trips to Chattanooga since that fateful day, said that it has been "incredible" the way the Chattanooga community has given back to Smith's wife and children in appreciation.

State Rep. Tony Burkley referred to a "wall of honor" ceremony recently held at the Paulding County Courthouse recognizing those from Paulding County who have given their lives to their country. He noted that no one realized that another life would be recognized so soon. We prayed that we would never have to add another name," said Burkley, "but that's not the case. As long as there is evil in the world, young people are going to find themselves in harm's way.



"We are proud of Randall, proud of his service and commitment to his country and family. We are proud of the way he has represented Paulding County," added Burkley.

Three local residents who knew Smith as an athlete growing up also shared memories of a young man who was a normal kid growing up in a small town but had a knack for playing baseball at a high level.

Greg Reinhart, recalled being Smith's baseball coach and how he played with natural instincts that made him a good player. "I believe it were those kinds of instincts that kicked in that day. I wish I knew why the good Lord took him from us though. I know He has a plan."

Jeff Dye, a neighbor to Smith's grandparents, said Smith made an impact on people's lives. "He never had it easy growing up but he knew the importance of knowing Jesus as his Savior," said Dye, who went on to point out what was written on the memorial card given to those who entered the gym, "I know I'm going to heaven, Papa. I trusted Jesus as my Savior."

Those were Smith's words he shared with his grandpa in 2007.

Joel Parrett, who coached Smith when he wore the Paulding Panther baseball uniform, often times had to fight back the tears as he spoke about his former player.

"He (Smith) was a quiet leader on the field who led through his actions. He was disciplined and I feel he used those qualities as he served the Navy," said Parrett.

Parrett concluded, "I'm proud of Randall Scott Smith, not only for the life he gave but for the life he lived."

In his closing comments, Gardner impressed upon those listening how the nation needs to be gospel strong, not just Chattanooga or Fort Oglethorpe strong.

Quoting John 15:13, Gardner said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." He praised the life of Smith and how on that day, July 16, his willingness to lay down his life for a friend.

"There is beauty in all of that. He (Smith) lived his life for a cause bigger than himself. He lived his life for his family, for his country and he lived his life for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The service closed with the traditional 21-gun salute followed by the playing of Taps. The final act of the memorial service took place at the gravesite of Smith's grandparents, Hiram and Cathrin Smith, where a spent shell from the 21-gun salute was buried.

DAV Buddy Chapter #43.

We are pleased to advise you that Buddy 43 is nearing the completion of its renovation project on Fishlock Ave. Our plan is to have a dedication ceremony on October 11, 2015. This will occur in conjunction with a District Meeting at our Facility. The affair will begin at noon. We expect a number of local dignitaries to be present and would hope that a representative number of state DAV officials will be able to attend as well. Other DAV Chapters are also invited to send representatives. Our goal is to make this family oriented, so spouses and children are welcome. More details will be forthcoming in the near future, but we anticipate a picnic type of environment with some light entertainment.

In order to make the day a success, we believe that it is important that those planning to attend rsvp on or before September 30, 2015, with the number of people coming. We will arrange parking in advance so it is imperative to know the numbers to insure adequate accommodations.

The road to this point has had its bumps, but we are delighted to have a facility which will represent the DAV in a very favorable light. Home Depot has been a great partner in accomplishing this work and we expect to give them due credit for this at the ceremony.

Hope to see you here.

William Johns
Chapter #43 Commander

Capital City Chapter #3 1st Annual Chapter Picnic

Sunday, September 20th, VFW Post 4719 Shelter House, 75 W. Johnstown Rd., Gahanna, Ohio 43230 Post Phone: (614) 475-9111

Starts 1 PM until ??? Eat at 2 PM

ALL MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES, & VETERAN GUEST ARE WELCOME

Menu: Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Corn on the Cob, Dessert, Cold Drinks, HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

DAV National Service Officers will be On-Site.

Please RSVP for Head Count Call or Email: Laurie Kline (402) 305-7715 or DAV3PICNIC@gmail.com

Cut-Off Saturday, September 12

BOUNCE HOUSES FOR THE KIDS, Yard games: Corn Hole, Hillbilly Golf, Horse Shoes, Croquet, or Just Sit Around.

VA Mobile on Site, Sunday, September 20th ENROLLMENTS & EXAMS

NOON UNTIL 4 PM

Appointment or Walk-in

Eligibility for VA (bring copy of DD-214) 1. OEF/OIF 2. Vietnam Veteran in Country 3. Purple Heart Recipient 4. POW 5. Service connected disability 10% or more. 6. Low Income (bring information on 2014 income)

Call Christine Alley at 614-584-7865 for appointment

THE VA MOBILE IS COMING TO US. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS!!!

Veterans Helping Veterans

September 2014 Hospice called Merle Pratt a member of Capital City Chapter 3 that a Veteran in Hospice could not get a power Chair from Medicare or the VA. He needed just to improve the quality of his life. I delivered a power chair the next day to Willie Barrett. He passed away from the effects of cancer less than 60 days later however he enjoyed having the chair and knew we cared about him.

Thomas Cunningham
Chapter #3 Commander

