

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS



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February 2010

From the Commander's Desk

Freddie Swint

DAV Department Commander

Commander's Newsletter

TO: All Disabled American Veterans

FROM: Freddie Swint, Commander

DATE: February 1, 2010

We attended the Ninth District meeting on January 22-24, 2010, where I gave a report on the status of the department. We had approximately forty-eight members to attend. Although the turnout was low, it was great to see the support from Georgia. Furthermore, it tells me that there are a lot of members who want to help build better lives for our disabled veterans and their families.

The department is moving forward; but we still have a long way to go. Now we must turn our attention to the Mid-Winter Conference. If you plan on attending, please notify the Sr. Vice Commander. He can provide you with information that may be Georgia specific.

Chapter Commanders and Adjutants, now is the time to take a look at your Constitution and Bylaws to ensure your election goes smoothly. February is the month commanders should appoint their nominating committee. March is the election and April is the installation month. An officer's report is due to the department and national ten days after the installation. I want to stress that all members in good standing are eligible to run and hold office. In addition to the upcoming elections, the Spring Conference is fast approaching, make your reservations now and I look forward to seeing representatives from every chapter. The focus will be training.

Just as a reminder, we are the host state for the National Convention and as the host state it would be great if we have met our membership goal. I would like to thank the chapters that have donated to the National Convention and ask the chapters that have not to please consider donating. Again, if you've never been to a National Convention, now is the time to start planning to attend. You can find hotel and reservation information on the web at www.dav.org.

In closing, I would like to thank all chapters and members who donated to the van fund. We are not there yet. Therefore, again I'm asking any chapter that has not contributed to this worthwhile cause to please consider doing so.

Sincerely,

Freddie Swint
State Commander

From the Commander's Desk

Ann Wilner

DAVA Department Commander

Well, the New Year is getting off to a good start. We had our 9th District Meeting and during the Auxiliary meeting, we had 90 members of the Auxiliary take part in the strategic planning meeting where some questions were asked about membership and other areas of interest. Our National Representative was 4th Jr. Vice Commander Lee Anne Karg. We also had a person come in and talk about social media presentations and how the Internet could boost our organization and pull in the other people that we are not currently reaching.

Our Spring Conference is coming up, the first weekend in March, at the Holiday Inn in Perry GA. During this time, we will have a discussion about the National Convention, and also discuss some things that National would like for us to do. So bring your ideas to make this the best National Convention ever. Also, Officer Elections for the units are coming up for the month of March and installations for April. Please make sure that you get your paperwork in to State Adjutant Ruth Koon and National Headquarters as soon as you can, so that your unit is not put on hold. If your unit is put on hold for the State Convention, you will not be eligible to vote. This is something I do not want to happen to any member. Please inform me of who will be attending the Spring Conference and the State Convention. As well, remember that we do have a Face Book Page and the e-mail system convenience for the purpose of getting things out to the membership quicker. If I don't have your e-mail address please make sure you get it to me, or send it to me via email at unit10auxiliary@comcast.net, or by a representative that you are sending to one of the Conferences or Conventions. I hope to see many of you there, because we have a lot to cover in just a short amount of time.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, State Adjutant Ruth Koon, or Asst. State Adjutant Barbara Williams.

Ann Wilner
DAV Auxiliary
Georgia State Commander

From the Adjutant's Desk

Kevin Hill

Department Adjutant

From the Adjutant

Greetings my fellow comrades, we are past the halfway mark for the 2009-2010 term. The department has made many improvements and there are many new things still to come. These improvements have been put in place to better assist the Georgia Disabled American Veterans (DAV) chapters and the veterans we serve. I ask all Georgia DAV members to give us feedback on things we can do, to better serve you.

Chapter Commanders and Adjutants, now is the time to prepare your members for Chapter Officer Elections. Adjutants, at your February chapter meeting, please provide your members with the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws. Let all members in good standing know that they are eligible to seek a nomination for a position on the line. Members need to know that they have a vote. Members with fresh ideas should speak up and share their thoughts. Remember, comrades, our job is to continue to move forward in our efforts to build better lives for disabled veterans across the great state of Georgia.

Comrades, I have sent out a survey for chapter members to give feedback on various questions. If you have not done so, please complete and return the survey so that we can give a report of the results at the Spring Conference. All Chapter Adjutants, I ask that you attend the upcoming Spring Conference. Your attendance is important to the DAV and the Conferences, now we are providing training that is crucial to your development as well as your chapter's development. The training offered will enable you to conduct business better and will encourage comradeship between fellow adjutants.

To all my fellow comrades, I will always maintain an open door policy. Please feel free to contact me, if you need help, or wish to report news of interest or report sickness and distress to the DAV members.

Mr. Kevin C. Hill, Adjutant
Department of Georgia
Disabled American Veterans
478-972-5024

From the Office of the Chaplain
Franklin Brown
Department Chaplain

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12

Department Officers for 2009 – 2010 Term

Commander:	Freddie Swint
Adjutant:	Kevin Hill
Sr. Vice Commander:	Michael P. Dover
1st Jr. Vice Commander:	Howard D. McIntyre
2nd Jr. Vice Commander:	Emanuwel Dixon
3rd Jr. Vice Commander:	Glenn Martin
Treasurer:	Madison Price

Schedule of Events

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 15, 2010 – Presidents' Birthday

February 28th – March 3, 2010 - Mid-Winter Conference
Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy,
Arlington, VA, contact # 703-920-3230, \$189.00 Single/Double

March 5 – 7, 2010 – Spring Conference, Holiday Inn
Perry, GA: Make Reservations Now

March 28th – April 2, 2010 24th National DAV Winter Sports
Clinic, Snowmass Village, CO

May 2, 2010 – GA War Nursing Home
Milledgeville, GA

May 31, 2010 – Memorial Day

June 3 – 6, 2010– State Convention, Holiday Inn
Perry, GA

July 5, 2010 – Independence Day

July 31 – August 3, 2010 – National Convention
Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Peachtree St. NE, #404-577-1234,
\$129.00 Single/Double, Make Reservations Now

Notes of Interest

- DAV drivers are desperately needed within the state to support our Transportation Network. If you are willing to volunteer in support of our transportation program, please contact your Augusta HSC at 1-800-836-5561, your Decatur HSC at 1-800-224-4087, or Dublin HSC at 1-800-595-5229 for further instructions.
- Please send any distressed, sickness, or deaths to Mr. Franklin Brown, P O Box 583, Shellman, GA 39886, or 229-679-5021, or 229-869-2120, or email him at franklin@mchsi.com.



Spring Conference 2010
March 5th – 7th, 2010 Pre-Registration

Disabled American Veterans Dept. of GA
“Building better lives for America’s Disabled Veterans and their families.”

Holiday Inn, Perry, GA
Reservations (Cut-Off 2/25/2010) 1-800-808-8804 or 478-987-3313

NAME & TITLE to appear on badge. **(Please print or type) Separate form for each attendee.**

If you have a badge, please state no badge.

Name	
Chapter#, City- State	
Auxiliary Unit# , City-State	
Telephone (home)	
E-Mail	

Pre-Registration must be received by February 26, 2010

AFTER February 26, 2010, ALL REGISTRAION FEES ARE \$60.00 FOR FULL REGISTRATION OR \$30.00 FOR MEETINGS AND FRIDAY EVENING HOSPITALITY SUITE.

Please check one box

	I will be attending the 2010 Spring Conference @ \$55.00 for pre-registration. This will include fee for registration, admission to all events, Hospitality suite and Saturday banquet.
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SATURDAY BANQUET
BUFFET MEAL ONLY

	I will be bringing a Guest @ \$35.00 to the Conference Banquet (Please fill out a separate form for your guest.)
	I only plan to attend the 2010 Spring Conference Meetings and Hospitality Suite. @ \$20.00

Acknowledgement Information

I understand that should an emergency arise and I am unable to attend to provide notice in writing to the Department Headquarters before February 26, 2010 all advance registration will be refunded. No refund will be given within 48 hours of the event or after the event. I also release the DAV Dept. of GA of any and all liability should I choose to consume alcohol at the conference.

This is confirmed by my signature below.

Signature(s)
Date

Please make checks or money order, payable to: Disabled American Veterans Department of Georgia. Please mail to:

Disabled American Veterans Dept. of GA
4462 Houston Avenue
Macon, GA 31206

DAV
2010 Mid-Winter Conference
And
Commanders and Adjutants Association Meeting
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA
February 28-March 3, 2010

<u>Schedule of Events</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Saturday, 2/27/10</u>		
Registration	Grand Registration Desk	12-4pm
<u>Sunday, 2/28/10</u>		
DAV HQ Office	Alexandria Room	8am-5pm
Registration	Grand Registration Desk	8am-12pm
Business Session	Grand Ballroom- Salon ABJK	9am-12pm
Legislative Workshop	Grand Ballroom- Salon ABJK	1:30pm-2:30pm
<u>Monday, 3/1/10</u>		
DAV HQ Office	Alexandria Room	8am-4pm
Membership Interim Comm.	Jefferson	8am-9am
Legislative Interim Comm.	Lee	8am-9am
Health Fair	Salon C	8:30am-4pm
Service Workshop	Salon ABJK	9am-10:30am
VAVS Workshop	Salon ABJK	10:30am-12pm
Membership Workshop	Salon ABJK	1pm-2pm
Adjutants Workshop	Salon ABJK	2pm-3pm
Communications Workshop	Salon ABJK	3pm-4:30pm
Guild Meeting (NSOs)	Salon H	4pm-6pm
<u>Tuesday, 3/2/10</u>		
DAV HQ Office	Alexandria Room	8am-4pm
DAV National Service Foundation	Salon A	9am-10pm
DAV Charitable Service Trust	Salon A	Immediately following National Service Foundation
National Commander Presentation To Joint Session of Veteran Affairs Committee	Canon House Office Building on Capitol Hill	2pm
National Commanders Reception	Salon ABJK	6:30pm-8:30pm
<u>Wednesday, 3/3/10</u>		
DAV National Board of Directors	Salon 4	9am-10am
DAV National Executive Committee	Salon 3	10am-12pm



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INVOLVED
IN YOUR DAV**

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NEW DEPARTMENT WEBSITE:

<http://www.davmembersportal.org/ga/default.aspx>

Thought for the Day

“Children are life’s vital treasures.”

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