



Disabled American Veterans Department of Florida Newsletter



By Al Linden, Executive Director

February 29, 2016

As of February 29, 2016 our membership was 61,035. The goal for life membership for this year 892 are needed.

STATE COMMANDER RICKMAN MESSAGE

Greetings fellow members: As you know the Mid-Winter C & A Conference was held in Washington DC on February 20th to 23rd and Florida was well represented even though I was hoping to see more members present. We discussed several issues pending before Congress which included the Care Givers support, women's services, the appeals pilot program, reforming the health care system and adequate funding for Veterans' programs and benefits. Our National Commander Moses McIntosh gave a great speech to the members of the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, the US Senate and House of Representatives. Commander McIntosh reported the accomplishments as an organization that covered the past year for injured and ill veterans.

There were many other questions answered while speaking with our National Officers and staff in addition to individual Congress representatives. If you have never been to the Mid-Winter Conference, I encourage you to do so. Have a great year. Remember, we need new members.

Andy Marshall Announces for National Office

Andy Marshall is retiring as National Service Officer in February 2016 and it was announced at the Florida DAV Mid-Winter conference that he will be running for National Office at the upcoming National Convention. Andy has over 40 years as a National Service Officer and is well respected leader of veterans. Any donations for the Committee to Elect Andy Marshall for National office should be sent to:

Dan Anderson
3449 Fairchild Trail
Clearwater Florida, 33761

Let's all get on board and support Andy Marshall.

Also be reminded that **Chapter Annual Financial Reports are due by September 30 each year.** **Chapter Officers Reports** are due within 10 days after installation each year or when changes are made. ALL chapters make \$50,000 and less and do not file any other IRS form must file a N990 by November 15 each year. Last year 4 chapters failed to do so and their tax exempt was removed and it cost them over \$400 to get it reinstated.

Reminder

All financial disbursements of the chapter must be made by check. All checks must include the signature of at least two officers. **There should be no debit or credit utilized by the chapter.**

Source: National Chapter Officers Guide

BALANCE SHEET		
As Of Feb 29, 2016		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,353,074	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$110,476

TOTAL LIABILITIES&FUND BALANCES	\$1,353,074	

Bay Pines VAVS	\$2304
Gainesville VAVS	\$1000.00
Tampa VAVS	\$1950
Lake City VAVS	\$2225
WPB VAVS	\$1000
Miami VAVS	\$2200
Orlando VAVS	\$7550
Eglin CBOC	\$0



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drivers license application,
then they know you care!

FROM: Douglas K. Wells, Jr.
National Membership Director

DATE: February 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Monthly Activity Report Mailings

In an effort to modernize operations, DAV National Headquarters is discontinuing the Monthly Activity Report mailing following the March 2016 distribution. The Chapter Activity Report and Direct Deposit Advice Register are available online via the Membership Portal for review and print.

To follow up on the February 9th memo announcing that DAV National Headquarters is discontinuing the Monthly Activity Report mailing, we have included the DAV Membership System Guide to Reports. This user guide provides detailed instructions on how to generate the Chapter Activity Report and Direct Deposit Advice Register report. In addition, a full list of instructions to run additional reports can be found on the DAV Members Only webpage using the following link https://www.dav.org/wp-content/uploads/MembershipSystemGuide_Reports.pdf.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the Membership Department at (888) 236-8313.

Statement from VA Secretary McDonald on Budget Request to Modernize Appeals Process

Current Process is 'Complicated and Ineffective'

WASHINGTON – A few weeks ago during a [hearing](#) on VA's transformation strategy, I made clear that we would need the help of Congress and our Veterans Service Organization partners in legislating a fair, streamlined and comprehensive process for new appeals, as well as providing much-needed resources to address the current pending inventory of appeals.

We have also engaged with Veterans and their representatives, and have heard them loud and clear that the experience they expect is a simple and understandable process with a personal touch that is capable of responding to their changing needs.

This week's [budget request](#) represents a down payment toward that effort. Our budget proposes legislation to simplify the appeals process that will enable VA to provide most Veterans with an appeals decision within one year by 2021. The \$156 million request, which is \$46 million more than last year, and the 242 additional full-time appeals employees we requested are a down payment on a long-term, sustainable plan to provide Veterans with timely decisions.

The appeals process we have in current law is failing Veterans—and taxpayers. Over the years, laws have been changed to add layers of process, which, at the time, was perceived as being necessary to protect the interests of Veterans. Those perceived protections have crippled the system to the point where it is now broken. Most importantly, it is now so antiquated that it no longer serves Veterans well. Many find it confusing and are frustrated by the endless process and the length of time it can take to get an answer.

Veterans deserve an appeals process that is simple, timely, fair and transparent, and one that preserves their rights. We look forward to working with the Congress, Veterans Service Organizations, our state and federal partners and other key stakeholders to accomplish this important goal for Veterans and for American taxpayers.

The Leesburg Community-Based Outpatient Clinic will close its doors Feb. 12 in preparation for the opening of the VA's Tavares Outpatient Clinic on Feb. 16.

Orlando VA Medical Center (OVAMC) employees will officially close the doors at Leesburg at noon on Friday, Feb. 12.

The Tavares Outpatient Clinic (OPC) will open for business at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The new OPC, located at 1390 East Burleigh Blvd. in Tavares (32778), provides both extended clinical space and parking for Veterans. It is located approximately 12 miles east of the Leesburg location.

A formal ribbon-cutting and open house will take place on Friday, March 11 at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public.

For more information visit the Orlando VAMC webpage at <http://www.orlando.va.gov/>, or contact the Orlando VAMC

INCOME / EXPENSES VS BUDGET
Feb 29, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference	% of
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
6001 · Convention Income	550.00	740.00	-190.00	74.32%
6030 · Midwinter Income	14,800.00	8,156.00	6,644.00	181.46%
6050 · Dues from National	149,185.00	148,208.00	977.00	100.66%
6140 · National Fund Raisers	183,006.00	176,668.75	6,337.25	103.59%
6200 · Chapter & Unit 10%	49,317.58	25,923.73	23,393.85	190.24%
6300 · Department Publication	0.00	178.75	-178.75	0.0%
6310 · Chapter Closeouts	9,072.38	7,949.50	1,122.88	114.13%
6315 · Orange City Income	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.0%
6330 · Lake Panosofkee	2,391.76	3,075.12	-683.36	77.78%
6331 · Lakeland Bldg Mortgage	10,920.00	9,433.27	1,486.73	115.76%
6332 · Sarasota rent	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
6350 · Drivers License Income	17,995.62	37,091.14	-19,095.52	48.52%
6410 · 2015 Service Officer's	14,631.00	11,705.00	2,926.00	125.0%
6411 · Service Program Donations	1,055.99	2,531.72	-1,475.73	41.71%
6413 · Service Income	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
6450 · VAVS Donations	21,032.75	5,351.00	15,681.75	393.06%
6800 · Miscellaneous	34,631.18	33,357.88	1,273.30	103.82%
Total Income	520,589.26	500,369.86	20,219.40	104.04%
Gross Profit	520,589.26	500,369.86	20,219.40	104.04%
Expense				
Testimonial Expenses	0.00	120.60	-120.60	0.0%
7000.2 · Convention Expense	336.01	0.00	336.01	100.0%
7030.1 · Midwinter Expenses	16,960.58	20,472.24	-3,511.66	82.85%
7040.1 · Service Expenses	427,958.18	394,548.67	33,409.51	108.47%
7570.1 · Legislative Expenses	459.09	0.00	459.09	100.0%
8000.3 · VAVS Expenses	6,960.00	4,600.00	2,360.00	151.3%
8260 · Headquarters Expense	33,154.98	18,872.29	14,282.69	175.68%
8545 · chapter 30 trustee legal	0.00	28,375.90	-28,375.90	0.0%
8562.2 · National Convention Expense	0.00	6,457.26	-6,457.26	0.0%
9500.1 · Foundation expenses	614.58	725.00	-110.42	84.77%
Total Expense	486,443.42	474,171.96	12,271.46	102.59%
Net Ordinary Income	34,145.84	26,197.90	7,947.94	130.34%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
11001.4 · Testimonial Income	0.00	4,230.00	-4,230.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	4,230.00	-4,230.00	0.0%
Other Expense				
11000.4 · Testimonial Expenses 2015	4,983.50	4,552.90	430.60	109.46%
Total Other Expense	4,983.50	4,552.90	430.60	109.46%
Net Other Income	-4,983.50	-322.90	-4,660.60	1,543.36%
Net Income	29,162.34	25,875.00	3,287.34	112.71%



**MEMBERSHIP
FOR
FEB 29, 2016**

Chanter	Last yr	trial	part life	full life	total	Goal	% goal	needed	chanter name 1/	
001		1,923	4	170	1,695	1,869	1,757	96.47%	-62	JACKSONVILLE #1
002	G	10,503	1,568	904	8,212	10,684	8,182	100.37%	30	EVERGLADE STATE #2
004		2,544	1	155	2,378	2,534	2,429	97.90%	-51	JOHN C MCCARTHY II #4
005		572	0	61	504	565	532	94.74%	-28	THE TALLAHASSEE #5
006		271	1	27	253	281	259	97.68%	-6	ST AUGUSTINE #6
007		748	0	239	580	819	683	84.92%	-103	W WASHINGTON #7
011		1,679	1	88	1,568	1,657	1,590	98.62%	-22	CLEARWATER #11
012		1,472	0	97	1,372	1,469	1,405	97.65%	-33	CORAL GABLES #12
013		2,486	0	109	2,349	2,458	2,383	98.57%	-34	BAY PINE HLDY ISL #13
014		310	0	21	285	306	294	96.94%	-9	JOHN D STROUD #14
016		2,765	0	185	2,538	2,723	2,593	97.88%	-55	CENTRAL #16
017		730	0	33	696	729	704	98.86%	-8	PANAMA CITY #17
018		1,716	1	155	1,564	1,720	1,607	97.32%	-43	MANATEE COUNTY #18
020		348	0	19	327	346	333	98.20%	-6	LAKE CITY #20
022		312	0	16	289	305	295	97.97%	-6	JACKSON COUNTY #22
023		2,131	1	99	2,028	2,128	2,055	98.69%	-27	AL GRAY #23
029		592	1	44	552	597	558	98.92%	-6	PEMBROKE PINES-MIRAMAR #29
030		1,305	0	101	1,165	1,266	1,195	97.49%	-30	SEMINOLE #30
032		1,351	2	88	1,232	1,322	1,244	99.04%	-12	J L GOLIGHTLY #32
038		1,527	0	198	1,271	1,469	1,345	94.50%	-74	ORANGE PARK #38
042		1,818	0	83	1,720	1,803	1,738	98.96%	-18	WEST PALM BEACH #42
049		313	0	23	284	307	288	98.61%	-4	RIDGE #49
050		234	0	10	220	230	222	99.10%	-2	CENTRAL BREVARD #50
057		431	1	32	393	426	401	98.00%	-8	CRESTVIEW #57
063		166	0	9	152	161	157	96.82%	-5	TRI-COUNTY #63
065		542	0	30	505	535	512	98.63%	-7	ZEPHYRHILLS #65
067		1,265	0	61	1,162	1,223	1,184	98.14%	-22	HERNANDO COUNTY #67
070		611	0	29	549	578	562	97.69%	-13	GERALD A SHONK #70
073		354	2	24	326	352	329	99.09%	-3	TAMARAC #73
078		1,201	0	45	1,123	1,168	1,132	99.20%	-9	NEW PORT RICHEY #78
082		1,094	0	61	1,039	1,100	1,048	99.14%	-9	R L COCHRAN JR #82
083		958	1	137	862	1,000	887	97.18%	-25	C W BYERS SR #83
084		1,325	0	57	1,201	1,258	1,219	98.52%	-18	GREATER DAYTONA #84
085		1,150	0	45	1,084	1,129	1,101	98.46%	-17	SOUTH MARION #85
086		605	0	59	551	610	566	97.35%	-15	JIM BOOE #86
087		740	0	34	693	727	701	98.86%	-8	SGT WM E HILL #87
090		880	0	76	796	872	822	96.84%	-20	GATOR #90
094		1,069	0	43	1,008	1,051	1,017	99.12%	-9	C GUSTAFSON #94
097		545	0	34	514	548	521	98.66%	-7	BEE RIDGE #97
098		242	0	10	227	237	230	98.70%	-3	EUCHEE VALLEY #98
101		796	0	41	753	794	763	98.69%	-10	VENICE GULF #101
108		589	0	56	562	618	572	98.25%	-10	JAMES D RADER #108
109		498	0	27	473	500	479	98.75%	-6	TITUSVILLE #109
110		483	0	27	461	488	464	99.35%	-3	SUN CITY CENTER #110
111	G	89	0	2	85	87	85	100.00%	0	PEACE RIVER #111
112	G	755	1	41	721	763	721	100.00%	0	BAY AREA #112
113		687	1	36	646	683	652	99.08%	-6	PORT ST LUCIE #113
119		383	0	15	350	365	354	98.87%	-4	ANTHONY P DADDI #119
122		499	0	64	457	521	467	97.86%	-10	MARATHON #122
123	G	620	0	18	606	624	600	101.00%	6	SPACE COAST #123
125		542	0	20	519	539	520	99.81%	-1	CPL P D LYON JR #125
126		176	0	9	166	175	169	98.22%	-3	SUWANNEE MEM #126
129		365	0	15	338	353	344	98.26%	-6	SO BREVARD BCHS #129
133		922	0	78	850	928	874	97.25%	-24	THE GOLD COAST #133
144		97	0	7	89	96	91	97.80%	-2	LA BELLE #144
148		803	1	66	737	804	753	97.88%	-16	AGNES M TAYLOR #148

150	G	788	0	40	868	908	835	103.95%	33	ORANGE BLOSSOM GDNS #150
152		692	0	32	651	683	658	98.94%	-7	SOUTH PALM BEACH #152
155		369	0	9	347	356	351	98.86%	-4	SEBASTIAN RIVER AREA #155
158		118	0	33	155	188	161	96.27%	-6	CRYSTAL RIVER #158
Dept. Total		61,099	1,587	4,347	55,101	61,035	55,993	98.41%	-892	



Legislation FOR FEB 29, 2016

VA Makes Awards Totaling up to \$4.6 Billion to Streamline its Medical Surgical Supply Chain

Makes Good on MyVA Commitments to Improve Service Delivery to Veterans and Transform VA's Supply Chain

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the awarding of four major contracts that will bolster its ability to deliver timely health care to the nation's Veterans. The contracts make up a \$4.6 billion [Medical Surgical Prime Vendor Next-Generation Program](#) (MSPV-NG) acquisition, and represent a major step forward in supply chain modernization – a “breakthrough priority” of the Department's [MyVA](#) transformation effort.

“When MyVA was launched in September 2014, we made a commitment to the Veterans who served our nation and the American public to change the way VA operates,” said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. “To accomplish this, we had to look at our processes – from the way we deliver care – to the way we order the products that provide care. This Next Generation program improves the acquisition process of surgical supplies, and ensures a speedier delivery to Veterans. It is one of many efforts underway to transform our supply chain to provide the service our Veterans deserve and potential cost savings to American taxpayers.”

Contracts were awarded to the following firms:

- American Medical Depot, Miramar, FL – Small Business
- Kreislers, Inc. Sioux Falls, SD – Small Business
- Cardinal Health, Dublin, OH – Large Business
- Medline Industries, Inc., Mundelein, IL – Large Business

The contracts are being awarded for a period of 20 months with two, 20-month options, with an aggregate ceiling of \$4.6 billion. The contract will be managed by VA's Strategic Acquisition Center based in in Fredericksburg, VA.

SR. VICE Commander Johnson Membership Info

After over a year of reading mine, and many others I'm sure, emails, I felt it was about time I listened to all the feedback I'd been getting.

The reality of it is this, I just want to help. And I hope you'll permit me just a few minutes of your time to explain how.

Like I said before, we've gotten loads of feedback and the most common discussion seemed to always point back to two things, price and size.

So after a lengthy conversation with the developers they have agreed to take a handful of their prime oceanview lots and drop the price and increase the size.

Now I could give you a long laundry list of reasons why Costa Rica is growing in popularity with people looking to escape their otherwise stress-filled lives in exchange for a little pura vida...but I won't.

Instead I hope you'll simply [head over here and see for yourself](#) just how great of a deal this really is.

Cheers,

FROM: Moses A. McIntosh, Jr., National Commander

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

DATE: November 24, 2015

As each DAV and DAVA Department and their Chapters and Units should be aware, the practice of soliciting contributions via the internet, social media or any other way which reaches donors outside of their geographic boundaries is strictly prohibited. DAV and DAV Departments, and their subordinate entities are limited to operate within the boundaries of their chartered territories in accordance with *Article 15, Sections 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4 of the National Bylaws.*

As I have become aware of instances where DAV and DAVA Departments and their Chapters and Units are operating outside their geographic boundaries, and it is my responsibility to oversee and enforce the National Constitution, Bylaws and National Executive Committee (NEC) Regulations, I must require all online solicitations be terminated immediately.

As a reminder, any and all fundraising activities of a Department must first meet with the prior approval of the NEC in accordance with *Article 15, Section 15.2, Para. 1 of the National Bylaws.* Chapter fundraisers which appeal to the general public must meet with the prior approval of their Department in accordance with *Article 15, Section 15.3, Para. 1 of the National Bylaws.* DAVA Department and Unit fundraisers are governed by *Article 15, Section 15.4 of the National Bylaws.* As the DAV Department has overall authority to approve or disapprove fundraising requests by DAV Chapters and DAVA Units, in no instance should a Department approve any such fundraising activity which involves solicitation via the internet, social media or in any other way which gains access to support outside of their geographic boundaries.

VA Announces Appointment of Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the appointment of Dr. Richard A. Stone to the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health. Dr. Stone will serve as the second-in-command to Dr. David Shulkin, VA's Under Secretary for Health. Dr. Stone began work today.

"We are excited to bring Dr. Stone on board as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health," said Dr. Shulkin. "Dr. Stone's keen ability to provide oversight of complex healthcare systems, programs and services has been truly remarkable and his experience in leadership roles within health care validate his skills as an innovative and dynamic leader who will benefit VA as a whole as we continue transformational initiatives." A practicing physician in a career that as spanned three decades, Dr. Stone has served in both the uniformed military service and civilian clinical practice. In the military, he served as commander of military medical units at all levels of command – from detachment to medical command – including multiple recalls to active duty. Prior to that, he was the Director of the Health Care Operations for the Defense Health Agency (DHA) transition team, overseeing the complex and historic transition to DHA from the Military Health System. In this role, he served as the Chief Medical Officer and led a joint services team that provided business case analysis and business process re-engineering to 10 major shared services encompassing more than \$30 billion in annual expenses. He also previously served as Deputy Surgeon General and Deputy Commanding General of Support to the Army Surgeon General.

In the private sector, Dr. Stone has owned and led an ambulatory medical and surgical practice, and served as senior medical officer for a community healthcare system in his home state of Michigan.

I am pleased to announce the names of eight dedicated veterans' advocates being honored for their outstanding efforts and achievements on behalf of the men and women who served. Federal executives, senators, representatives and congressional staffers are eligible for the honors that recognize commitment and excellence in service to veterans, their families and survivors.

The recipients of this year's advocacy awards have shown a true commitment to fighting for the best interests of veterans and their families. The past few years are a clear reminder that veterans deserve strong leaders who will go above and beyond in fulfilling the nation's promise to them. It is a great honor to present the following individuals with awards that recognize their critical contributions in the areas of veterans health care, benefits, policy and legislation.

DAV Veterans Champion Award: The Honorable Patty Murray, Member, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Ranking Member, Senate Budget Committee for her extraordinary leadership, commitment and accomplishments that meaningfully contributed to fulfilling our promises to men and women who served, and for their families and survivors.

Outstanding Federal Executive of the Year: The Honorable Carolyn M. Clancy, Department of Veterans Affairs, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Organizational Excellence, for her efforts to strengthen and improve veterans' access to the VA health care system.

Outstanding House Legislator of the Year: Representative Beto O'Rourke, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for his efforts to enact innovative legislation to improve the appeals process for veterans seeking earned benefits.

Outstanding Senate Legislator of the Year: The Honorable Mark Kirk, Chairman of the Senate MilCon-VA Appropriations Subcommittee, for his efforts to ensure sufficient funding for veterans programs, benefits and services.

DAV Special Recognition Awards: Ms. Amanda L. Meredith, Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for her longtime efforts to ensure veterans receive all the benefits they have earned; Mr. Ryan C. Pettit, Senior Advisor to Senator Patty Murray, for his efforts to advance legislation supporting caregivers and women veterans; Dr. Patricia M. Hayes, VHA

[DoD and VA kick off new Interagency Coordination of Complex Care Effort](#)

ASHINGTON -- The Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced its ongoing effort to ease the transition for service members who require complex care management as they transition from the DoD system of health care to VA or within each system. The effort is designed to ease the burden for service members and Veterans, who have suffered illnesses or injuries so severe as to require the expertise provided by multiple care specialties throughout both Departments.

“More than a decade of combat has placed enormous demands on a generation of service members and Veterans – particularly those who have suffered wounds, injuries, or illnesses which require a complex plan of care,” said Dr. Karen Guice, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and Co-chair of the DoD-VA Interagency Care Coordination Committee (IC3). “These individuals require the complex coordination of medical and rehabilitative care, benefits, and other services to successfully transition from active duty to Veteran status, and to