



Disabled American Veterans Department of Florida Newsletter



By Al Linden, Executive Director

September 30, 2016

As of September 30, 2016 our membership was 61,381. Needed to make goal are 1,560 life members.

State Commander Jack Johnson Message

Membership will remain a priority for all Chapters. The membership letter is still working, I received (2) new members in the mail today as a result of the mailing. It is the simple way to prospect without leaving your Chapter. I'm also proud to say that Chapter #150 just exceeded the 1000 member mark, the results of daily prospecting in the community, and mailing 100 letters weekly. 6 years ago Chapter 150 had 269 members. When you order the names from your property Appraisers office, be sure to get them on disk, not paper. Once you receive them, download on your computer, put your letter on the computer and use the merge feature. You can print, stuff and mail 200 letters in ½ hour or less. In addition to new members you will get your share of transfers. Transfers could be former chapter and department leaders from another state who have moved into your area, who could be great mentors to new officers.

Many chapters have not sent their officers reports and or their financial reports. It seems like it's the same chapters every year. This is a leadership problem in the chapter. I will be in contact with those chapters in the near future, and hope you call tell me you've completed your reports. All Commanders should have read their By-laws to prepare for the new year. Chapters who read and follow their bylaws stay out of trouble with Department and usually have a successful year.

If you would like a Chapter Officer to attend a function in your chapter, send your correspondence to Department and we will try to oblige. If I can be of any assistance feel free to call me or email me. Jack Johnson, dav150jack@gmail.com

IRS 990-N Report Due by November Each Year

The IRS has complicated the filing of the 990N for those chapters who have total income of less than \$50,000. Login on to <https://www.irs.gov/.../new-form-990-n-submission-website>. Then follow instructions for first time users. You must follow the instructions and create a username and a password. If you have any questions, please call me as I did it successfully for my chapter.

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

Service School and Midwinter Conference

The Service School and Midwinter Conference will be held January 16-22, 2017 at the Lake Mary Marriott.

BALANCE SHEET		
As Of July 31, 2016		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,300,087	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$110,346

TOTAL LIABILITIES&FUND BALANCES	\$1,300,087	

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



about
Disabled
American
Veterans

on your next
drivers license application,
then they know you care!

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Many of these authorities expire as early as September 30, 2016. Should these authorities lapse, VA may suspend their operations and thereby deny veterans a number of vital services.

Please write your Senators today using the prepared letter, or by drafting your own message, urging them to cosponsor and vote for final passage of this important legislation at the earliest possible date.

As always, DAV appreciates your grassroots activism and participation in the Commander's Action Network. Your advocacy makes DAV a more effective organization in protecting and advancing the rights and benefits of veterans.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/8kolZfDFEHdjowPriZlHeQ>

VA now taking health benefits applications by phone

By: [Patricia Kime](#), September 12, 2016 (Photo Credit: (AP Photo/Russell Contreras))

Veterans can now apply for Veterans Affairs health benefits over the phone.

The VA published a final regulation on Monday that allows former service members to complete VA health care applications by calling 877-222-8387.

The line is manned by VA employees who walk the veterans through the process, including providing them information on copayment requirements and third party insurance.

Previously, VA required veterans to apply in person at a VA medical center or submitting a paper application to the department. But the system was beset with problems, creating a backlog of 847,882 applications that stretched back nearly 15 years and included submissions from more than 300,000 deceased veterans.



A JOINT MESSAGE FROM

DAV and the DAV Auxiliary

Thank you for your quick response to the action alert on H.R. 3216, the Veterans Emergency Treatment Act.

Thousands of emails were sent by DAV grassroots advocates and we are pleased to inform you the House passed the measure, which has now been sent to the Senate for consideration.

We will continue to work on the enactment of H.R. 3216 to ensure the statutory requirements of the Emergency Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) are applied to emergency care furnished by the VA to, among other things, provide access to emergency care for pregnant women veterans, and to recognize emergency behavioral conditions. EMTALA is a federal law that requires anyone coming to an emergency department to be screened, stabilized and treated.

Again, thank you for all you do for ill and injured veterans and their families.

INCOME / EXPENSES VS BUDGET
Sept 30, 2016

Actual Budget Difference

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

6001 · Convention Income	1,540.00	5,680.00	-4,140.00
6030 · Midwinter Income	0.00	8,700.00	-8,700.00
6050 · Dues from National	149,080.00	140,000.00	9,080.00
6100 · Donation fr Service Fd-Principl	0.00	383,695.00	-383,695.00
6140 · National Fund Raisers	0.00	180,000.00	-180,000.00
6200 · Chapter & Unit 10%	22,148.77	40,000.00	-17,851.23
6310 · Chapter Closeouts	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00
6311 · Donations	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
6315 · Orange City Income	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
6330 · Lake Panosofkee	683.36	4,000.00	-3,316.64
6331 · Lakeland Bldg Mortgage	2,720.00	12,000.00	-9,280.00
6333 · Orange City Mortgage	0.00	13,000.00	-13,000.00
6350 · Drivers License Income	4,316.93	50,000.00	-45,683.07
6410 · 2015 Service Officer's	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
6411 · Service Program Donations	0.00	100.00	-100.00
6450 · VAVS Donations	1,857.50	20,100.00	-18,242.50
6800 · Miscellaneous	16,917.27	1,000.00	15,917.27

Total Income	202,263.83	877,275.00	-675,011.17
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Gross Profit	202,263.83	877,275.00	-675,011.17
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Expense

7000.2 · Convention Expense	1,835.94	16,100.00	-14,264.06
7030.1 · Midwinter Expenses	0.00	19,700.00	-19,700.00
7040.1 · Service Expenses	174,485.99	686,800.00	-512,314.01
7570.1 · Legislative Expenses	0.00	5,100.00	-5,100.00
8000.3 · VAVS Expenses	3,040.00	28,250.00	-25,210.00
8260 · Headquarters Expense	14,034.69	120,600.00	-106,565.31
9500.1 · Foundation expenses	118.34	725.00	-606.66

Total Expense	193,514.96	877,275.00	-683,760.04
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Net Ordinary Income	8,748.87	0.00	8,748.87
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Other Income/Expense

Other Income

11001.4 · Testimonial Income	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
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Total Other Income	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
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Other Expense

11000.4 · Testimonial Expenses 2015	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
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Total Other Expense	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
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Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net Income	8,748.87	0.00	8,748.87
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MEMBERSHIP

FOR

Sept 30, 2016

Chanter	Last yr	trial	part life	full life	total	Goal	% goal	needed	chanter name 8/31/16
001	1,906	8	149	1,711	1,868	1,779	96.18%	-68	JACKSONVILLE #1
002	11,164	1,406	984	8,478	10,868	8,479	99.99%	-1	EVERGLADE STATE #2
004	2,567	3	143	2,397	2,543	2,463	97.32%	-66	JOHN C MCCARTHY II #4
005	583	1	59	519	579	548	94.71%	-29	THE TALLAHASSEE #5
006	291	1	26	262	289	274	95.62%	-12	ST AUGUSTINE #6
007	849	2	243	624	869	741	84.21%	-117	W WASHINGTON #7
011	1,681	1	76	1,534	1,611	1,574	97.46%	-40	CLEARWATER #11
012	1,497	1	93	1,377	1,471	1,420	96.97%	-43	CORAL GABLES #12
013	2,503	0	108	2,348	2,456	2,396	98.00%	-48	BAY PINE HLDY ISL #13
016	2,777	1	161	2,550	2,712	2,629	97.00%	-79	CENTRAL #16
017	761	0	35	725	760	738	98.24%	-13	PANAMA CITY #17
018	1,780	1	142	1,621	1,764	1,682	96.37%	-61	MANATEE COUNTY #18
020	356	1	21	332	354	343	96.79%	-11	LAKE CITY #20
022	309	0	14	289	303	296	97.64%	-7	JACKSON COUNTY #22
023	2,151	3	94	2,014	2,111	2,056	97.96%	-42	AL GRAY #23
029	617	1	48	569	618	590	96.44%	-21	PEMBROKE PINES-MIRAMAR #29
030	1,303	0	100	1,181	1,281	1,228	96.17%	-47	SEMINOLE #30
032	1,361	2	94	1,204	1,300	1,244	96.78%	-40	J L GOLIGHTLY #32
038	1,502	1	188	1,295	1,484	1,388	93.30%	-93	ORANGE PARK #38
042	1,834	0	83	1,732	1,815	1,772	97.74%	-40	WEST PALM BEACH #42
049	322	0	21	296	317	305	97.05%	-9	RIDGE #49
050	238	1	9	222	232	226	98.23%	-4	CENTRAL BREVARD #50
057	445	5	28	403	436	413	97.58%	-10	CRESTVIEW #57
063	164	0	7	151	158	155	97.42%	-4	TRI-COUNTY #63
065	555	0	31	509	540	524	97.14%	-15	ZEPHYRHILLS #65
067	1,249	0	55	1,162	1,217	1,190	97.65%	-28	HERNANDO COUNTY #67
070	597	0	36	541	577	560	96.61%	-19	GERALD A SHONK #70
073	367	2	26	333	361	343	97.08%	-10	TAMARAC #73
078	1,205	0	55	1,116	1,171	1,141	97.81%	-25	NEW PORT RICHEY #78
082	1,120	0	53	1,060	1,113	1,082	97.97%	-22	R L COCHRAN JR #82
083	1,042	2	139	910	1,051	969	93.91%	-59	C W BYERS SR #83
084	1,282	3	67	1,187	1,257	1,213	97.86%	-26	GREATER DAYTONA #84
085	1,141	0	41	1,063	1,104	1,080	98.43%	-17	SOUTH MARION #85
086	632	0	71	553	624	587	94.21%	-34	JIM BOOE #86
87	759	2	39	707	748	723	97.79%	-16	SGT WM E HILL #87
90	891	1	76	808	885	845	95.62%	-37	GATOR #90
94	1,059	0	37	1,001	1,038	1,021	98.04%	-20	C GUSTAFSON #94
97	564	0	38	499	537	518	96.33%	-19	BEE RIDGE #97
98	243	1	12	229	242	233	98.28%	-4	EUCHEE VALLEY #98
101	809	0	43	755	798	774	97.55%	-19	VENICE GULF #101
108	658	0	62	606	668	633	95.73%	-27	JAMES D RADER #108
109	509	0	27	478	505	488	97.95%	-10	TITUSVILLE #109
110	507	0	30	479	509	490	97.76%	-11	SUN CITY CENTER #110
112	790	6	39	742	787	760	97.63%	-18	BAY AREA #112
113	710	1	42	652	695	673	96.88%	-21	PORT ST LUCIE #113
119	368	0	12	352	364	357	98.60%	-5	ANTHONY P DADDI #119
122	540	0	68	460	528	493	93.31%	-33	MARATHON #122
123	637	0	17	592	609	596	99.33%	-4	SPACE COAST #123
125	548	2	22	526	550	536	98.13%	-10	CPL P D LYON JR #125
126	179	0	8	169	177	173	97.69%	-4	SUWANNEE MEM #126
129	358	0	15	336	351	343	97.96%	-7	SO BREVARD BCHS #129
133	951	0	78	875	953	909	96.26%	-34	THE GOLD COAST #133
144	99	0	9	86	95	91	94.51%	-5	LA BELLE #144
148	834	4	83	757	844	795	95.22%	-38	AGNES M TAYLOR #148
150	945	0	35	951	986	961	98.96%	-10	ORANGE BLOSSOM GDNS #150
152	708	0	40	656	696	674	97.33%	-18	SOUTH PALM BEACH #152
155	367	0	15	345	360	350	98.57%	-5	SEBASTIAN RIVER AREA #155
158	201	0	32	188	220	202	93.07%	-14	CRYSTAL RIVER #158
159	20	0	22	0	22	11	0.00%	-11	Miami Springs Chapter #159
Dept. Total	62,405	1,463	4,401	55,517	61,381	57,077	97.27%	-1,560	



Legislation
FOR
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The House of Representatives recently passed H.R. 5985, the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2016, a bill that if enacted would extend a number of crucial statutory authorities that govern VA health and benefits programs. These authorities support the delivery of family caregiver services for service-disabled veterans, authorize VA to provide nursing home care to service-connected veterans, provide important programs for women veterans, underwrite VA's homeless assistance efforts, extend several VA benefits programs, and continue a number of other programs that are important to DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and its supporters.

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[VA Announces Several Caregiver Partnerships](#)

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced several new and expanded partnerships to support the VA Caregiver Support Program. The VA Caregiver Support Program supports the-often unsung heroes of wounded or ill Veterans - the ones who take care of them. Announcement of the partnerships, made during a summit co-hosted by VA and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. The daylong event, Empowering Hidden Heroes: Pathways to InnoVAation, attracted 400 leaders from government, the non-profit sector, private industry, academic and stakeholders from the Veteran and caregiver community.

Ask A Pharmacist Web App

A new web app called Ask a Pharmacist gives Veterans easy access to trusted VA sources for information on VA medications and pharmacies. Ask a Pharmacist helps Veterans answer basic pharmacy and medication questions, such as "where is my nearest VA pharmacy located?" or "how can I identify my pills by sight?" Veterans can also access the app on any mobile device, making it easy to have their questions answered quickly. "With Ask a Pharmacist, Veterans have VA pharmacy and medication information at their fingertips," said Dr. Eric Spahn, Pharm D., a VA Pharmacist with VA Pharmacy Benefits Management, who has been instrumental in the app's development. "Putting all of these resources in one place means Veterans have quick and convenient access to the information that they need when they need, and they know it's reliable and comes from sources they can trust." The app also provides a direct link to certain resources within My HealtheVet, VA's personal health record, for Veterans with Advanced or Premium My HealtheVet accounts. Any Veteran who receives VA health care is eligible for a My HealtheVet Advanced account, which allows them to sign up to refill prescriptions online. Besides prescription refill, Veterans with a Premium Account can also use Secure Messaging to communicate with their VA care teams. Visit My HealtheVet to learn more about how to obtain or upgrade a My HealtheVet account. Additional information and supplemental materials for the Ask a Pharmacist App can be found at the VA App Store. For more information about available VA Mobile Apps. - See more at: <http://www.northflorida.va.gov/NORTHFLORIDA/features/20160928askpharmacist.asp#sthash.nghKOEIB.dpuf>

