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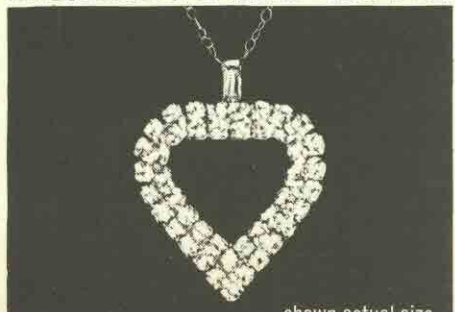
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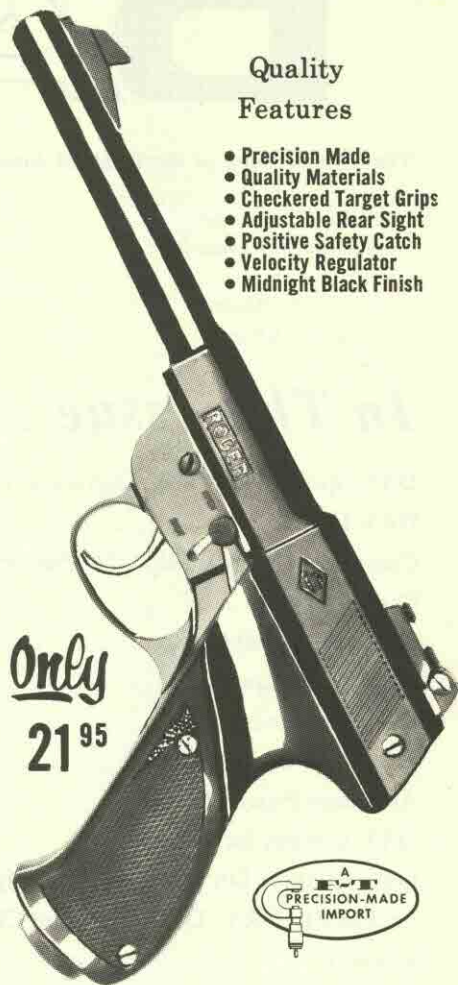
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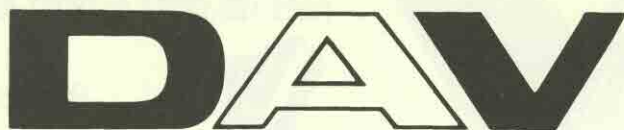
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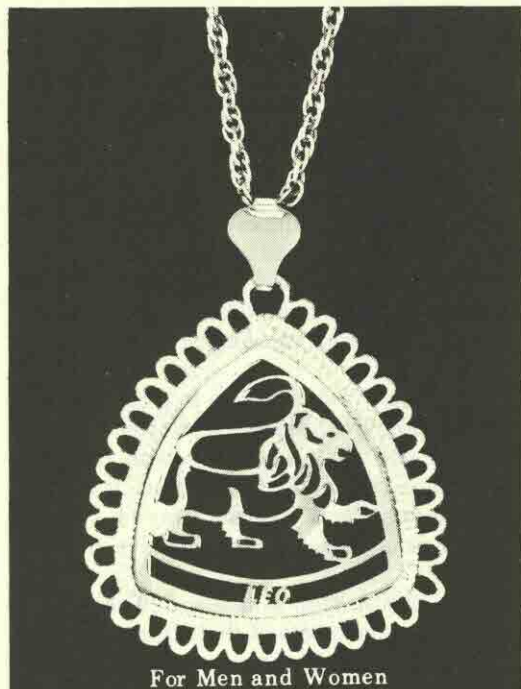
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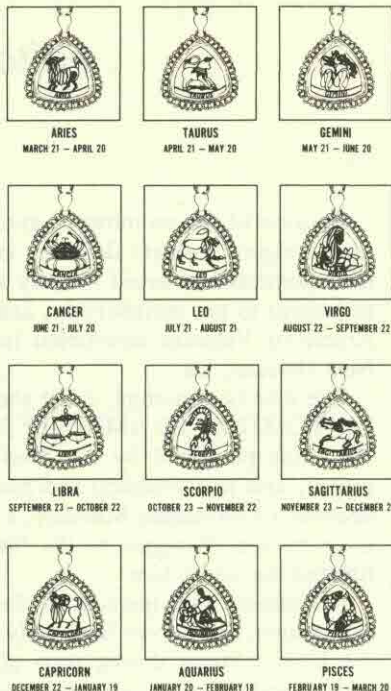


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Our Opposition To Amnesty!

DAV SPEAKS OUT

... editorial comment

Because of the prominence given to the subject of "Amnesty" to be granted to draft dodgers, military deserters and those citizens who fled beyond the borders of their homeland to avoid military service while their country was at war, we wish to present to our membership, and to our public, the action taken by the Disabled American Veterans assembled in a National Convention August 5-9, 1974, at New Orleans, La.

The date is important, for it shows that the DAV was not late in presenting our "OPPOSITION TO AMNESTY," and we quote from the title of Resolution 248. This was presented by our Convention Legislative Committee, with their approval, and was accepted and passed unanimously by the Convention. It thereby became a Convention Mandate, a command to act in a particular way on a public issue by the electorate to the National Commander and administrative officials functioning under him.

Resolution 248 opens with the fact that 2½ million American citizens were called upon and served honorably in Vietnam as members of the Armed Forces of the United States during time of war; and that 56,234 died or were killed in action, and 303,000 were wounded, with 600 incarcerated in prison camps, and 1,300 missing in action. It is important to note that the delegates voting on this resolution were disabled veterans of our nation's wars — including many Vietnam War veterans with serious combat disabilities.

The very thought of a general amnesty being extended to draft dodgers and military deserters, and those who have surrendered their citizenship and sought protection in other lands to avoid military service in time of war, is repulsive to any American Veteran who has a record of honorable service in our nation's military forces during time of war. It is indeed an act of disrespect, if not contempt, to the memory of the 56,234 who gave their lives that this nation might live. They answered their nation's call.

Who asks that we lay down the green carpet of welcome to those who refused to answer their nation's call, and to invite them back home again, so they can, in turn, make a laughingstock of some 303,000 wounded in action in the Vietnam War — as they greet one in a wheelchair with a "hello sucker."

Instead of offering clemency and compassion to those who have by their traitorous conduct broken the moral, the civil or military laws of the land, let us console the parents, the widows and the orphans of those thousands killed in action, and who will never return to their home, asking them to try to take comfort in the fact that their absent loved one leaves an unsullied record of duty fulfilled at a "sacrifice acceptable unto God."

To those who favor a selective and not a general amnesty, we can best quote here the last two paragraphs of Resolution 248, for it states the case of and for the DAV clearly and without equivocation:

"Therefore, be it resolved, by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at New Orleans, Louisiana, August 5-9, 1974, that (1) we sustain total opposition to both general and selective amnesty for draft dodgers and military deserters; and (2) that they should be required to stand trial for their crimes and shall pay such penalties, upon conviction, as the law prescribes; and

"Be it further resolved, that the Disabled American Veterans National Department continue a total commitment to pursue the 'no amnesty doctrine' through our membership, and the U.S. Congress and the American people, and to be firm in our stand, not to relinquish, dilute, or compromise this position."

As stated at the beginning, Resolution 248 is a Convention Mandate. Our membership can be assured that National Headquarters will carry out the orders of the National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans.

Editor's Note: Please see Commander's Comments in this issue for further discussion of Amnesty.

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DAV SPEAKS OUT ON VA ADMINISTRATOR REQUIREMENTS

The Disabled American Veterans has served official notice that it expects the new VA Administrator's "first and foremost loyalty would be to the veterans of this nation, and to the agency created and committed to fulfilling their needs." This word of advice was delivered September 19th by Charles L. Huber, National Director of Legislation, to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs which was holding confirmation hearings on the appointment of Richard L. Roudebush as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

It was a precedent-setting occasion, since this is the first time in history that a nominee for the top VA post has been subject to confirmation hearings by the Senate Committee.

The DAV statement made it very clear to committee members that there can be no further "politicizing" of the Veterans' Administration, which, "if unchecked, would sound the death knell for the Veterans' Administration as we have known it and as it ought to be."

The Senate committee was cautioned that the new VA Administrator "not allow himself to be inhibited by the 'die-hard' element within the OMB, which uses every pretext to circumvent, delay, and avoid the spending of funds appropriated by Congress."

Other DAV Expectations of the new Administrator as emphasized in Mr. Huber's message included:

- prior notice of any policy changes affecting the VA Rating Schedule, the opening and closing of VA Regional offices, hospitals and outpatient clinics.

- promotion of a candid, open working relationship with Congress and all major veterans' organizations...and encouragement and suitable rewards for VA employees who show quality of productivity, dedication to duty and honest dissent.

- utilization of a nonpartisan concept and staff members of high competence and a genuine understanding of veterans' needs.

Mr. Huber asked for an explicit commitment from the nominee to the principles presented by the DAV "in order to assure that the VA never again strays from the path leading to its stated purpose." He concluded the DAV position statement by saying: "with such a commitment, the Disabled American Veterans can and will support Mr. Roudebush as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs."

DAV RAKES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Once again, Peter J. Brennan, Secretary of Labor, and his policy-making officials within the Manpower Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, have betrayed their trust to employment programs established by Congress for the benefit of veterans!

Case in point: The Manpower Administration failed to authorize the Director of the Veterans' Employment Service to attend the recent 38th Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies... the first time in the history of the Conference this top-level position has not been represented.

Furthermore, and to compound the affront, not a single reference was made to the employment problems of veterans in the 5,500-word speech delivered by William H. Kolberg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Manpower, to the Conference audience. This omission was particularly flagrant in view of the special significance of veterans' employment problems to those attending the Conference.

In a harsh letter of criticism to Secretary Brennan, DAV National Employment Director Norman B. Hartnett accused Manpower Administration policy makers of reducing the veterans employment program "from low profile to no profile." Hartnett added: "It is quite apparent to the Disabled American Veterans that the Assistant Secretary's actions belie your oft-repeated statements and assertions that veterans are the number one priority in the Labor Department."

The same letter applauded Senator Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) for his insistence that the position of Director of the Veterans' Employment Service be elevated to rank of Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment. In a recent message to the White House, Senator Thurmond told President Ford that he was greatly concerned over the fact that "the Director's position is located at such a low level in the Department of Labor that it is impossible to carry out effectively the Congressional mandates."

"I am disturbed that the employment needs of veterans, particularly the disabled and younger Vietnam era veterans, have not been met," Senator Thurmond emphasized. He has also indicated in correspondence to the DAV that he is presently considering options for the initiation of legislation aimed at raising the Director's position to that of an assistant cabinet member.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE DATES SET

The 1975 Mid-Winter Conference has been scheduled for February 23-26 in Washington, D.C. More complete details will appear in the next issue of DAV MAGAZINE.

A President's Contrary Views

By WALTER T. GREANEY
National Commander



Following his address to our National Convention in August, I felt supremely confident that Gerald R. Ford, then Vice President of the United States, was wholly in accord with the desires and principles of the Disabled American Veterans.

Only three days later . . . on the same day that I was elected your National Commander . . . Mr. Ford took the Oath of Office as President of the United States. Since that time, in light of his attitude towards amnesty and increased educational benefits for Vietnam-era veterans, particularly the disabled, I have come to the regretful determination that the President's views are contrary to the views of the Disabled American Veterans.

In a September 6th telegram to the White House, I urged President Ford to reconsider his pending decision on the matter of amnesty, as well as his opposition to necessary increases for education programs. Attached to my telegram was a copy of the resolution adopted at our National Convention, which emphatically stated the DAV's "total opposition to both general and selective amnesty for draft dodgers and military deserters."

My telegram was worded as follows:

"We of the Disabled American Veterans find it extremely difficult to reconcile the remarks which you made at our National Convention as Vice President with those which you have made more recently as President of the United States.

"The attached resolution adopted at our 1974 National Convention states emphati-

cally that the Disabled American Veterans is unalterably opposed to amnesty. We think it is morally wrong and indefensible that draft dodgers and deserters would be invited back to this country and provided jobs when so many of those who served honorably and suffered severe disability are presently unemployed.

"It is even more difficult for us to reconcile your recent position on the Vietnam-Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, which you implied the measure was too costly and would be vetoed in contrast to your statement at the DAV National Convention: 'This country has the same obligation to the former serviceman of this war as it's had for those who served in other wars. We must and we will see that this obligation is honorably discharged to those who so served.'

"History has proven, and continues to prove, that the best investment this country ever made was the educational benefits granted to World War II and Korean Veterans. We fully endorse the House/Senate Conference Report of the Vietnam-Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974 as opposed to the diluted version adopted by the House of Representatives on August 22, 1974, which substantially reduced education and training benefits for the disabled veteran.

"We strongly urge you to reconsider your position on amnesty and the proposed educational benefits now pending in Congress. Your affirmative action in support of the wishes of the 450,000-member Disabled American Veterans organization will be consistent with the desires of this nation's

more than 2.5-million disabled veterans, their families and dependents, and the American public as a whole."

I think we made it unmistakably clear in the telegram that the Disabled American Veterans is extremely concerned with employment opportunities for disabled veterans during a period when the national unemployment rate continues to soar.

Fortunately, I find some merit in the President's September 11th decision to release \$415 million for creation of 85,000 public service jobs in areas of high unemployment. Most of us will also agree that there is probably basis for his proposal that outlays of up to \$4 billion should be spent to hire a maximum of 800,000 unemployed persons at \$100 per week for work in state and local governments, if the national unemployment level reaches 6 percent.

In neither case, however, can we ever permit the disabled veteran to receive less than special consideration for employment opportunity. And, by "special consideration," I mean solid guarantees that qualified disabled veterans go to the head of the line for placement in these Federally subsidized jobs.

There is no doubt that the present economic crunch will continue to be reflected in Administration attempts to forestall any increased educational or employment benefits for the disabled veteran. Therefore, it is my duty . . . your duty . . . to let the President and Congress know that when priorities are being established, the highest priority must be given to the nation's disabled veteran.

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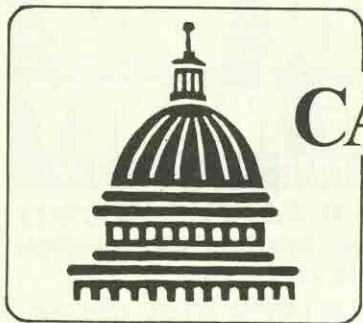
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CAPITOL REPORT

By Charles L. Huber

National Director of Legislation



On August 5th, the House of Representatives passed and referred to the Senate H.R. 15912, a bill that would improve several basic provisions of the Veterans Home Loan program.

Prior to that action, the DAV National Department of Legislation had offered supporting testimony during hearings conducted by the Subcommittee on Housing of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. At that time, Subcommittee Chairman Charles J. Carney of Ohio, who is the prime sponsor of H.R. 15912, gave full and sympathetic attention to the remarks of the DAV.

This is evidenced, I am pleased to say, by the fact that the Subcommittee, in making its favorable recommendations to the full House Committee, acted on a DAV request to include a provision in the bill that would authorize a substantial increase in the special adapted housing award payable to wheelchair-bound service-connected veterans. Such a provision had not been included in the bill as originally introduced.

H.R. 15912 is designed to accomplish the following major objectives:

- It would permit the Administrator to restore a veteran's entitlement to a guaranteed, insured or direct loan, provided that any prior GI loan has been paid in full, and the property has been disposed of by the veteran. The law presently provides that the VA may restore entitlement previously used, if the property is taken, through condemnation or otherwise, by a governmental agency, or is lost or destroyed by a natural hazard, or is disposed of for some compelling reason, devoid of fault on the part of the veteran.

This provision would tend to increase the availability of loan benefits to vet-

erans, as the present "compelling reasons devoid of fault" provision is susceptible to varying interpretations, and hence, uneven application throughout the system of VA field stations.

- It would authorize the Administrator to permit any lender to process GI conventional home or mobile home loans on an automatic basis, pursuant to standards established by the Administrator. At present, only supervised lenders, e.g., banks, savings and loan associations, and insurance companies, are authorized to automatically guarantee loans. Because of this limitation, consumer credit and finance companies, which are non-supervised, have been precluded from such automatic guarantee status.

- It would increase the maximum loan guarantee from \$12,500 to \$15,000. With the recent rapid increases that have occurred in the prices of homes, the present maximum \$12,500 guarantee does not afford a reasonable opportunity for a veteran and his family to purchase a home, unless he is able to make a substantial down payment. This \$2,500 increase in the maximum loan guarantee should provide relief to a veteran in this regard.

- It would authorize the making of VA loans to acquire individual condominium units without the present prerequisite that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must have issued insurance on at least one loan in the project. Housing experts have noted the rapid growth of condominiums throughout the country, and have offered the opinion that such construction is not a temporary trend. The removal of this requirement pertaining to the Department of HUD

should increase the availability of VA financing for veterans who choose this type of living shelter.

- The bill would increase the maximum loan guarantee for mobile homes from 30 percent to 50 percent, bringing it more in line with the guarantee for conventional home loans. The present maximum of \$10,000 for mobile homes largely relegates the VA program to a level serving only the most modestly priced segment of this home market. H.R. 15912 would increase the maximum loan for a single-wide mobile home to \$12,500, and establish a loan maximum of \$15,000 for double-wide mobile home units.

- The bill would establish the mobile home loan program on a permanent basis by deleting the provision of current law that would prohibit the Administrator from making loans to purchase mobile homes and mobile home lots on or after July 1, 1975.

- The bill would provide authority, for the first time, to guarantee a loan for the purpose of acquiring a lot and making necessary site preparations upon which to place a mobile home unit already owned by a veteran.

- In accordance with the DAV request, the bill would increase the maximum amount of the grant payable for special adapted housing to wheelchair-bound service-connected veterans from the present \$17,500 to \$20,000.

Positive action in the Senate is expected shortly. In addition to the receipt of the House-passed bill, H.R. 15912, by that body, Senator Vance Hartke, chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, has recently introduced a similar measure, S. 3883, and has indicated that Senate hearings on this legislation will soon be forthcoming.

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SERVICE COMMENTS

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I have previously given you the complete statistical report of the activities of the National Service Department for the fiscal year 1973-74. I would like to also share, with those of you who were unable to attend the New Orleans National Convention, other portions of my report to that convention.

My report began "... Any report of the National Service Department for the year just completed must, from the course of events, reflect continued sustained progress. Giant steps have been taken to carry out the original purpose of this organization, and I am pleased to say that this continued forward movement has met with great success ..."

Certainly, the Convention, itself, showed additional forward movement in furthering the purpose of our organization, as consideration of resolutions by committees and the adoption of the committee reports showed remarkable clarity in adhering to the principles of our organization.

I commented further "... This past year has been a difficult one in many other aspects. These have been troubled times, but we face the future with renewed vigilance and confidence. I don't wish to take time unnecessarily reflecting on the practices of the past, but rather to expound on preparations for the future. Our record speaks for itself ..."

I did recall for the delegates, however, "... Within the past year this great organization, for the first time in its history, found it necessary to call for the resignation of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs. Interrelated has been the resignation of the Chief Medical Director, and several of his top staff officials. We will be called on to parry other attacks. There are many ongoing studies of veterans benefits,

and I am reminded of a study by the Twentieth Century Fund, which is in process right now at this very moment ..."

This Twentieth Century Fund study is one that we are watching carefully, and I concluded my comments on their program by stating "... I am here to say that I would almost guarantee to you that their recommendations would be tending more to eliminate services rather than embodying suggestions for improvement in others ..."

To set the tenure and general attitude of the past year, I felt it necessary to state "... I have seen more articles on the front pages and editorial columns, of our major newspapers within the past year, commenting about the lack of sincerity and consideration for veterans and their dependents by the leaders of this Nation, than in the almost three decades since World War II.

"Surely, something is wrong—radically wrong, if the news media, the veterans organization, and others must fight an uphill battle just to maintain dignity and equity for those who were injured while defending their country. Yes, the DAV has disagreed with the President of the United States, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, and many others, and I, for one, hope we continue to disagree with anyone who would tear down what has taken 200 years to build—an adequate program of benefits and assistance for our Nation's veterans ..."

While last year's activities certainly were of an aggressive nature, there were progressive accomplishments. It was with pleasure that I reported "... I repeat, however, progress has been made this past year. The Department of Veterans Benefits of the VA has opened new offices, and the Department of Medicine and Surgery has opened additional independent out-

patient treatment clinics to better treat our veterans.

"Responding to the reopening of a Regional Office in San Diego, Calif., by the Veterans Administration this past year, the DAV has enlarged its service staff at that office. The mileage rate for beneficiary travel has been increased, but again, begrudgingly, and only after continuous agitation by this organization. The Veterans Administration is currently in a transitional phase, and I, for one, will be pleased to see a firm hand once again presiding over this second largest Government agency, so that all of us can get on with the job at hand ..."

Once again, I voiced our concern "... As an organization, however, we must insist that the VA remains an independent agency, and that it function for the purpose for which it was initially created by Congress. Congress has not asked that the Office of Management and Budget or that the White House, itself, oversee the welfare of our veterans. The Veterans Administration was created for that purpose, and they should be permitted to do their job without undue interference or restraint.

"If, as has happened before, the Office of Management and Budget continues to interfere, as the VA seeks to carry out its assigned duties, the outcries that you have heard this past year will only be a prelude to symphonic reverberations in the future ..."

Finally, my report ended on a note of pride in the accomplishments of the DAV and in our thrust for the future, a thought with which I am sure you will agree, "... It is my personal belief that the DAV is the greatest organization on the face of the earth, and that without reservation, its service program is without equal, not only in technical ability but also in empathy for mankind. I am proud to be a part of it!"

Winning at the Races May Not Be Your Idea of Fun, But...

Here I sit, trying to write about Larry Voegelé. And all the while I'm working and sweating, the guy I'm writing about is out at the racetrack. Not a worry in the world—and probably making more money in a day than I make in a week.

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What's more, he went on a live radio show (The Pete Smith Show on KMPC, February 20, 1971) and did something that had never been done before. Mr. Smith really threw it to him: asked him to pick the winners in the 7 races that were being run at Santa Anita, while the program was on the air. Two out of seven would have been good enough to show a profit. Three would have been phenomenal. Larry Voegelé picked *five*!

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Larry Voegelé doesn't look like a race-track tout. He's not.

He's a college graduate. He was the editor of a newspaper. He was a legislative assistant to a congressman.

He was a stockbroker, working for a major Wall Street firm. Was because he found out that investing in horse races was *safer*—and more profitable—than trying to beat the Bulls and the Bears at their own game.

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Back at Headquarters

By DENVEL D. ADAMS
National Adjutant

Prospects are looking mighty bright for a significant increase in DAV membership this year . . . but not so bright that any of us can afford to lapse into a state of complacency. As of September 16th, only two and one-half months into the membership year, our records show a membership tally of 405,526 . . . 36,001 more than on the same date last year when we were at a total of 369,625.

Even more encouraging is the fact that one state, the Department of Michigan, is already 133 members over its quota of 31,412. And, Department leaders have already given notice that Michigan has only started in its drive to capture the DAV's coveted General Jonathan M. Wainright Trophy for the third year in a row. This award is presented annually to the Department which racks up the greatest numerical increase in membership. Last year, the Department of Michigan scored an increase of 4,168 members.

No other Departments have yet reached their quota, although several are closing in fast. Among these on the September 16th print-out were Nevada which was only 23 shy of the mark, followed closely by Delaware with a minus 53 of its total 1974-75 quota.

Lagging at the tail end of the column during the initial membership push are several of the larger Departments, including New York whose quota is only 394 more than Michigan's. There is no doubt, however, that the race between these two traditional rivals will become hotly-contested in the near future.

In every Department and in every Chapter, membership drives should continue without let-up. Give Michigan a good run for the trophy!

Record Growth

The last decade has been a time of unprecedented growth for the DAV. And the last five years have been especially impressive. The DAV first went over the 100,000 member mark in 1947-48. It was 23 more years before the DAV was able to double its membership to over 200,000, in 1970-71. But we have already doubled that figure again, in 1974-75. This is record growth, by anybody's standards.

At the same time, we have continued our pattern of greatest growth in times when veterans benefits are most threatened.

But we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. The emerging pattern of slashing funds from veterans programs in the name

of reduced Federal spending will undoubtedly become more pronounced as government tightens its purse-strings to meet the current economic crunch.

A critical case in point is the recent adoption by the House of Representatives of a diluted version of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974. A more realistic and more adequately funded version of the act had been reported out of the House/Senate Conference Committee but President Ford hinted he would veto the House/Senate version because it was too costly. The version of the bill adopted by the House substantially reduced education and training benefits for the disabled veteran.

We can look forward, in the months immediately ahead, to a constant nibbling away of funds from veterans programs. This trend will hit especially hard at disabled veterans and their families who are forced to depend on fixed income payments such as disability compensation and DIC payments.

Economists vary in their predictions for the National economy in days to come, but they only vary as to the extent of their negative predictions. Some say we face a deep recession. Others say we are in the throes of the recession and that we face a severe depression. They all agree that unemployment above the six per cent level and continuing inflation to all-time record levels could be here as soon as December.

The same general National psychology is building that led to the "Economy Act" of the 1930's, an act that nearly emasculated

the effectiveness of veterans benefits programs of that era and which was bitterly fought by the DAV and other veterans groups.

We must attain and hold the highest possible level of DAV membership during this critical period. Primarily because it gives us legislative clout that we would not otherwise enjoy, or be able to use.

But also because the years have proven that when all the parades and platitudes of post-war speeches are over, the disabled veteran is pretty much left to look after himself. This is really why the DAV came to be formed and why it is still the most valid and most dynamic of all American veterans groups.

If we don't take care of our less fortunate comrades and ourselves, *nobody else will!*

One Million Strong!

If we continue to grow at our present rate, we will pass the half million member mark sometime within the next two years. We already have a higher proportion of eligible members to actual members than any other major veterans group.

But we have got to actively strive for ONE MILLION MEMBERS. If we even come close to this goal we will have achieved a plateau of effectiveness and influence that will be hard to beat.

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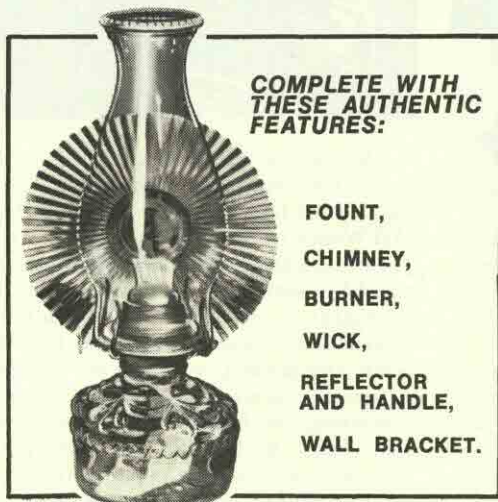
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Up until 18 months ago, there was only one movie available that attempted to tell the DAV story. This film, "Walk with Me," was produced nearly 10 years ago. And, since that time, several million viewers have seen it on television, as well as at hundreds of special showings arranged by Chapters, Departments and National Service Offices.

"Walk with Me" has done the job it was designed to do. But, it's starting to show its age. Demand for it has dropped considerably. As a result, "Walk with Me" is being moved into semi-retirement, even though it will still be available for anyone who requests a print.

However, this doesn't mean that the DAV film library has suddenly become non-existent. Far from it, in fact. Because, there are now eight other films to choose from, all of them having been produced within the past year and a half. All are 16-mm, sound-and-color documentaries, varying in length from 8 to 24 minutes. Each has a specific message to relate about one or more programs carried out by the DAV at local, state and national levels.

Here is a brief thumbnail preview of each film, as well as instructions on how they may be obtained and suggestions for use in order to obtain as broad coverage as possible.

2 "YOU CAN HELP"



"You Can Help" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 2 minutes. A true-life documentary showing what several Chapters have done for themselves and others less fortunate

in making the DAV a strong force within their communities. The film has been widely acclaimed by those who have already seen it, and a number of Chapters have been inspired by "You Can Help" to start community projects, such as Scouting for the Handicapped and others. The film is ideally suited for showing to non-DAV audiences, and several Chapters have arranged for the film to be aired by local television outlets. All Departments and all National Service Offices already have a print of "You Can Help." Requests for prints should be made of these sources before contacting National Headquarters.

3 "MID-WINTER CONFERENCE '73"



"Mid-Winter Conference '73" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 15 minutes. Documents what takes place at a typical DAV Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, D.C. The camera picks up business sessions, special NSO seminars, the Commanders and Adjutants conferences, the National Commander's annual message to both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs and committee members' remarks concerning the DAV's legislative recommendations. Another film that every DAV member should have an opportunity to see. All Departments and National Service Offices have a print of "Mid-Winter Conference '73." Requests should be made to these sources before contacting National Headquarters.

TELL "THE DAV STORY"!



1 "OVERVIEW '74" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 21 minutes. Focuses on major DAV events taking place during the first six months of 1974. Highlights include numerous scenes from the 1974 Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.; colorful footage of the ceremonies marking the start of the DAV Field Service Unit program at DAV National Headquarters and Columbia, S.C., kickoff city for the nationwide tour; and on-the-spot coverage of the tornado disaster in Xenia, Ohio, where a DAV mobile unit moved in to provide assistance to homeless disabled veterans and their families. Available from National Headquarters.

4 "SAL D'AMICO"



"Sal D'Amico - 1974 Outstanding Disabled Veteran" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 11 minutes. An uplifting message of how one man conquered severe physical and mental handicaps to become an inspiration for veteran patients (and their families) at the VA Hospital in Newington, Conn. Although he suffered the loss of both hands and his sight, Sal D'Amico completed his education and now serves as a valuable friend and counselor to veterans who need his help. Film has universal appeal for any audience. Available from National Headquarters.

5 "MIKE JOHNSON"



"Mike Johnson - 1973 Outstanding Disabled Veteran" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 8 minutes. Mike Johnson fought his way back despite the loss of both legs and other serious injuries suffered in Vietnam to become assistant Scoutmaster, Sunday School teacher, wheelchair basketball team coach, ardent outdoorsman, college student, draftsman and father. No one can view this film without admiring the determination of this young man, and hundreds of others like him, whose first duty was to their country. A timely message for those who favor amnesty. Available from National Headquarters.

FILMS TO TELL "THE DAV STORY"!

6 "SERVICE PROFILES"



"Service Profiles" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 11 minutes. Gives viewers a concise look at the role played by DAV National Service Officers in assisting disabled veterans and their families, as well as their other duties in hospitals, community, etc. An excellent film for TV public service time. Should also be of major interest to DAV members, civic groups and other organizations. Available from National Headquarters.

7 "VAVS IN ACTION"



"VAVS in Action" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 21 minutes. A heart-warming insight to the VAVS worker as portrayed by DAV and DAV Auxiliary members. "VAVS in Action" was first premiered at the 1974 DAV National Convention in New Orleans to enthusiastic response from delegates and ranking VAVS officials. Employs a unique audio-visual technique that captures the personal commitment of volunteers to patients in Veterans Administration hospitals. Produced primarily to recruit additional volunteers, the film also serves to make viewers relate more closely to the physical and mental needs of hospitalized veterans. A strong presentation for use by Chapters and Departments to members and other interested audiences, including television. Available from National Headquarters.

8 "CONVENTION '73"



"Convention '73" — 16 mm, sound-and-color, 22 minutes. Takes viewers behind the scenes to see what really makes a DAV National Convention tick. Filmed during the 1973 National Convention in Miami Beach, the movie highlights business sessions, committee meetings, speeches by visiting dignitaries, the camaraderie between old friends, special award presentations and other convention events. Ideal for showing at Chapter meetings to help members understand the purposes of a DAV National Convention. Available from National Headquarters.

9 "WALK WITH ME"

And, don't forget "Walk with Me." The film still makes its point as the viewer follows an amputee veteran through his return to civilian life with the help of the Disabled American Veterans' National Service program. This 24-minute film may be ordered from National Headquarters.

None of the DAV film library does the organization much good if the movies aren't put to use for the benefit of the membership and those other audiences who should know the DAV story — particularly veterans who are eligible for membership. All of these movies are now available.

To order any DAV movie, please comply with the following instructions to assure immediate service:

1. Requests should be submitted *only* by Chapter/Department officers or adjutants; National officers and committee members; and National Service Officers.

2. Requests should be sent to National Public Relations Dept., Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

3. Requests should specify date needed. Please list an alternate date in the event that the first date cannot be met due to prior film commitments.

4. Requests should stipulate how long the film is needed and on what date it will be returned.

Included with each film print sent out will be a description of the movie, instructions and a return shipping label for the film laboratory, which inspects and cleans each print before further use.

Also included will be a simple report form that requests information concerning the event, type of audience, number of viewers and audience reaction. This report will be returned to DAV National Headquarters to determine how effective the

films are in helping Chapters, Departments and National Service Offices tell the DAV story throughout their communities.

Sponsoring units should make sure that DAV members and/or other audiences are notified of the film showings through special bulletins, as well as advance publicity in newspapers and on radio and television. The DAV Publicity Handbook, available from the DAV National Public Relations Department, can help in the preparation of news releases and radio/TV announcements.

Please remember . . . prints of all films *other* than "You Can Help" and "Mid-Winter Conference '73" should be ordered through the DAV National Public Relations Department. However, if a Department or National Service Office cannot provide a print of these two movies when needed, then make a request directly to the DAV National Public Relations Department.

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THE BEGINNING . . . A youthful **Albert Cuervo**, seated right, signs up as the first trainee in the DAV's National Service Officer program after World War II, marking the beginning of a successful 30-year career in the DAV's National Service Department. With him on that memorable day of Oct. 16, 1944, are Dr. Paul Douglas, seated left, then president of American University; Milard W. Rice, standing right, then DAV National Service Director and a Past National Commander, and J. B. MacCarran, Chief of the VA's Rehabilitation Program.

AL CUERVO RETIRES:

A 30-Year Span Of Service!

THE CONCLUSION . . . A noteworthy highlight of Al Cuervo's 30-year career with the DAV came with the presentation of a special Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation. Cuervo, center, receives the award from Francis X. Plant, left, Special Assistant to the Undersecretary of the Army, and Raymond J. Williams, Executive Secretary of the Army Board of Correction of Military Records. Cuervo is retiring this month because of his health.

The first World War II ex-G.I. to enroll as a trainee in the Disabled American Veterans' National Service program is retiring.

Albert Cuervo, Associate Deputy National Service Director in Washington, D.C., will complete 30 years of DAV service on Oct. 16, 1974. He is the oldest employee in the Service Department in years of service, having signed up on Oct. 16, 1944, as the first NSO trainee from World War II.

During this span of 30 years, Cuervo has faithfully served the DAV where ever he has been called, including academic training at American University in Washington, D.C., on-the-job training at the DAV's Regional National Service Office in Los Angeles, and as an NSO in Bay Pines, Fla., Pass-A-Grille Beach, Fla., and at the Regional National Service Office in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was an NSO in charge of DAV National Service Offices in Florida for 17 years before being appointed Associate National Appeals Officer in Washington, D.C., in April 1962. Cuervo was promoted to Military and Naval Affairs Officer in December 1964, and was named Associate Deputy National Service Director in December 1967, a post he has held since.

Born Dec. 11, 1916, in Tampa, Fla., Cuervo attended local schools and Tampa University. He served in the Army Air Corps from May 10, 1942, to Dec. 1, 1943, when disability retirement was necessary. He joined the DAV in December 1943, and is a Life member of Tampa Chapter 4 and an annual member of Arlington-Fairfax, Va., Chapter 10.

Cuervo has been an active DAV member, serving as Chapter 4 commander for two terms and Chapter 4 adjutant for three terms. In 1949, he became the first World War II veteran to be elected Florida Department commander. He was elected to the National Executive Committee for 1957-58 and National 4th Junior Vice Commander for 1959-60.

An example of Cuervo's dedication is found in something he wrote after his first 10 years as a National Service Officer:

"Recognizing the task confronting us, I decided to give everything I had in helping my fellow man to the very best of my ability. In so doing, I have experienced the best years of my life — the most fascinating and the most interesting."

After 30 years, he still maintains that his years with the DAV have been "most rewarding and most fulfilling."

Cuervo has been the guest of honor at several parties and luncheons recently, honoring him for his 30 years of service to America's disabled veterans. One of the most significant moments, however, came at the Pentagon, when the Secretary of the Army presented Cuervo with a Certificate of Appreciation inscribed with these words:

"In recognition of over 10 years of service as counsel representing veterans, widows, and survivors in appeals before the Army Board of Correction of Military Records. In his capacity as Associate Deputy National Service Director of the Disabled American Veterans, Mr. Cuervo has presented thousands of appeals to the Board and has distinguished himself by his outstanding skill, diligence, and efforts to obtain substantial justice for those he represented. His ethical conduct, professionalism, and expertise in his appearance before the Board reflect great credit upon himself and the organization he represents."

A fellow DAV member, Dallas R. Blewins of Valdosta, Ga., wrote a tribute to Cuervo upon learning of his plans to retire this month, and perhaps it conveys the sentiments of all DAVers:

"I have met Mr. Cuervo but once; however, I feel that I know him very well. I know his diligence in the pursuit of truth. I know his tenacity in the cause of justice. I know his patience in the face of delay. I know his kindness. The DAV will lose a great champion of the cause of law and compassion when Mr. Cuervo is forced to leave. Perhaps, in some small measure, it will mitigate his physical agony to know how very much we appreciate his tireless devotion."



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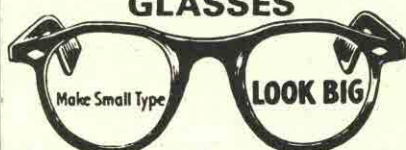
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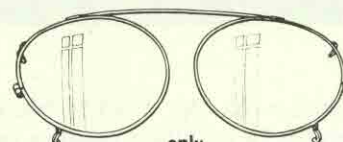
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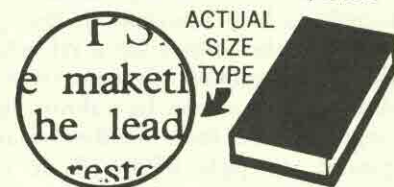


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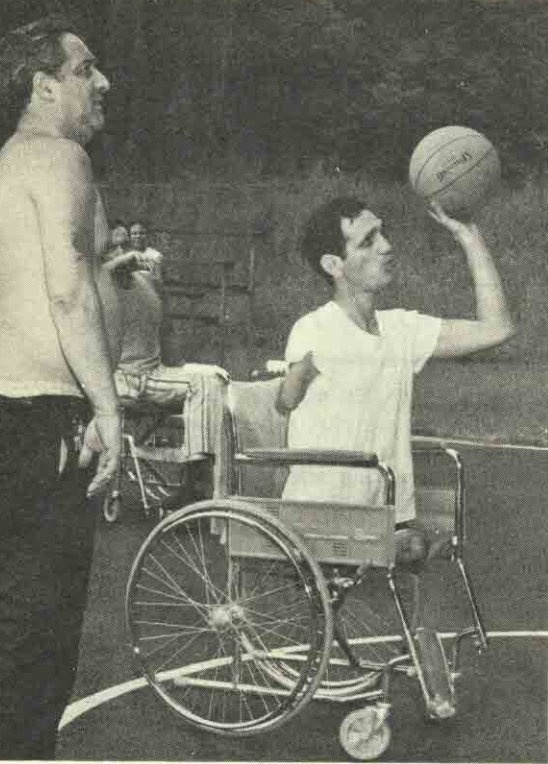
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Amputees, Families Enjoy Outdoor Fun!

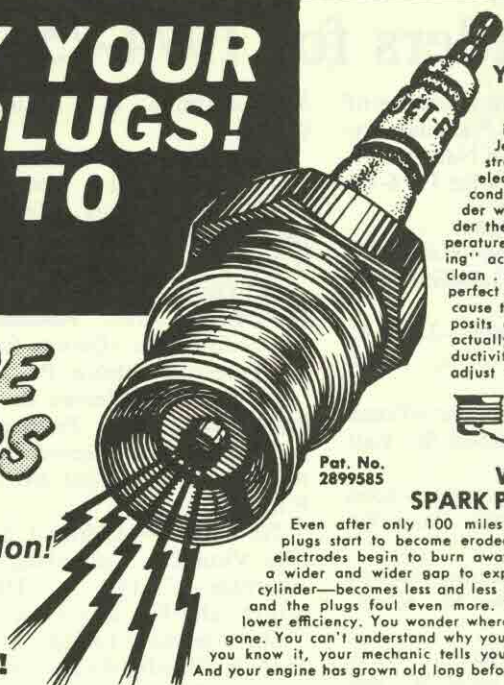


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Task Force Tackles Vets' Unemployment

Ricky L. Garmon, a National Service Officer at St. Louis, Mo., has been loaned by the DAV to the National Alliance of Businessmen (NAB) for one year.

Garmon will be in a task force of 50 Jobs for Veterans managers for areas that show strong trends in veterans' unemployment. The program is being funded by a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, and is a cooperative effort of the Veterans Administration, National Alliance of Businessmen and Department of Labor.

Garmon will serve as Manager, Disabled Veterans Affairs, for the NAB in Washington, D.C., and has been assigned the specific tasks of identifying job-seeking disabled veterans, obtaining job pledges for them, and effecting placements in jobs or training opportunities.

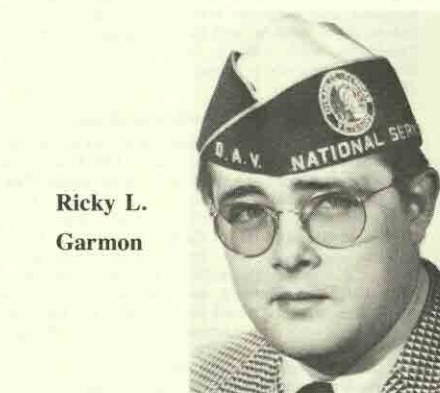
In a letter to John P. Condon, NAB president, DAV National Employment Director Norman B. Hartnett said:

"We know that Mr. Garmon will contribute materially to this public agency/private

sector joint effort to enhance employment and training opportunities for this nation's disabled veterans, as he has already proven to be quite capable in these areas in the St. Louis, Mo., area."

Garmon, 23, is a native of Decatur, Ill. He served as a weapons and demolition specialist in the Army, and was severely injured in a fall from a helicopter Dec. 19, 1969, in South Vietnam. He completed the DAV's National Service Officer training program earlier this year.

"While serving in our St. Louis Office," Hartnett said in his letter to Condon, "he has maintained almost daily contact with employers, Local Veterans Employment Representatives, Bureau of Apprenticeship officials, VA and State Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists, Postal officials, and many others in his efforts to effect job or training placements for disabled veterans. His results are considered to be superior, and he has established the ability to bring together job-ready disabled veterans and



Ricky L.
Garmon

employers . . ."

Garmon, his wife, Marcie, and two-year-old son, Billie, are residing in the Washington metropolitan area during this temporary assignment.

The VA and the DAV Don't Always See Eye-to-Eye on What Constitutes A Service-Connected Disability!

Questions often arise as to what truly constitutes eligibility for membership in the Disabled American Veterans. The article that follows is intended to help answer most of those questions.

The basic DAV policy statement on eligibility is straightforward, terse and explicit:

"Any man or woman, who was wounded, gassed, injured or disabled in line of duty during time of war, or conflict, while in the service of either the military or naval forces of the United States of America, and who has not been dishonorably discharged or separated from such service, or who may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States of America is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans. Others, who are disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of any nations associated with the United States as Allies during any of its war or conflict periods, who are American citizens and who are honorably discharged, are also eligible."

The statement is intended to insure that only veterans disabled to any extent in military service be admitted into membership in the DAV — the Congressionally chartered voice of this Nation's disabled veterans.

It is not intended to be restrictive in any other sense.

"During Time of War"

Service in all wars, conflicts and expeditions since the Mexican War is considered as wartime service for eligibility in the DAV. Obviously, the great majority of the membership of the DAV is made up of veterans of World War I, World War II, and subsequent involvements.

Eligibility period for World War I is from April 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921. Eligibility for World War II and subsequent involvements is all-inclusive, beginning with Sept. 16, 1940.

Continuing world tensions since World War II and the high level of readiness required to maintain a balance of powers contributing to general world stability in the post-war period have combined to necessitate on-going eligibility dates for servicemen of this period.

Specific Eligibles

Persons specifically eligible for DAV membership include:

- Those wounded, gassed, injured or disabled in line of duty during time of war or conflict, as substantiated by official notation on armed forces medical reports; on discharge certificates; on A.G.O. records.
- All persons awarded the Purple Heart.
- All persons with a SCD (Surgeon's Certificate of Disability), CDD (Certificate of Disability Discharge), or BMS (Board of Medical Survey) discharge.

The DAV realizes that all of these persons do not have disabilities recognized by the VA as incurred in or aggravated by service. These types of cases present an inequity to the veteran. You can find as many doctors agreeing that there is an increase of disability aggravation as you can those who disagree.

- All persons with wartime service-connected disabilities of any degree (even less than 10 percent) officially rated by the VA.
- All persons who are receiving or ever did receive compensation from the VA for disability incurred during any of the previously defined periods.
- All persons awarded vocational training because of injury or disability.
- All officers retired for disability incurred during time of conflict.
- All persons drawing the statutory award for arrested or cured tuberculosis of wartime service origin.
- All persons suffering from an apparent disability of wartime service origin for which there is hospitalization or treatment record or other proof satisfactory to the DAV.

If there is any question as to eligibility details, such as dates of service, circumstances of disability onset or aggravation, a description of disability, including diagnosis, if known, should be furnished to National Headquarters for a determination as to eligibility. The absence of hospitalization or treatment records does not necessarily deny entitlement to eligibility.

- All prisoners of war.

Some Definitions

WOUNDED, as defined for DAV eligibility purposes, means: sufferance of injury

Let's Examine DAV Membership Eligibility

to the body due to external violence. Gun-shot, shrapnel, intense heat, concussion or other extreme measures employed in waging war can all cause wounds.

INJURED means experiencing an accident or incident in service requiring hospitalization or treatment and from which it can reasonably be assumed there is a residual disablement.

DISABLED means physical deterioration due to disease or debilitating effects of circumstances unique to military service during time of war or conflict from which there is residual disablement.

AGGRAVATION means an appreciable increase in disablement due to a recurrence of a pre-service condition or the onset of a secondary condition causing adverse effects to the pre-service condition.

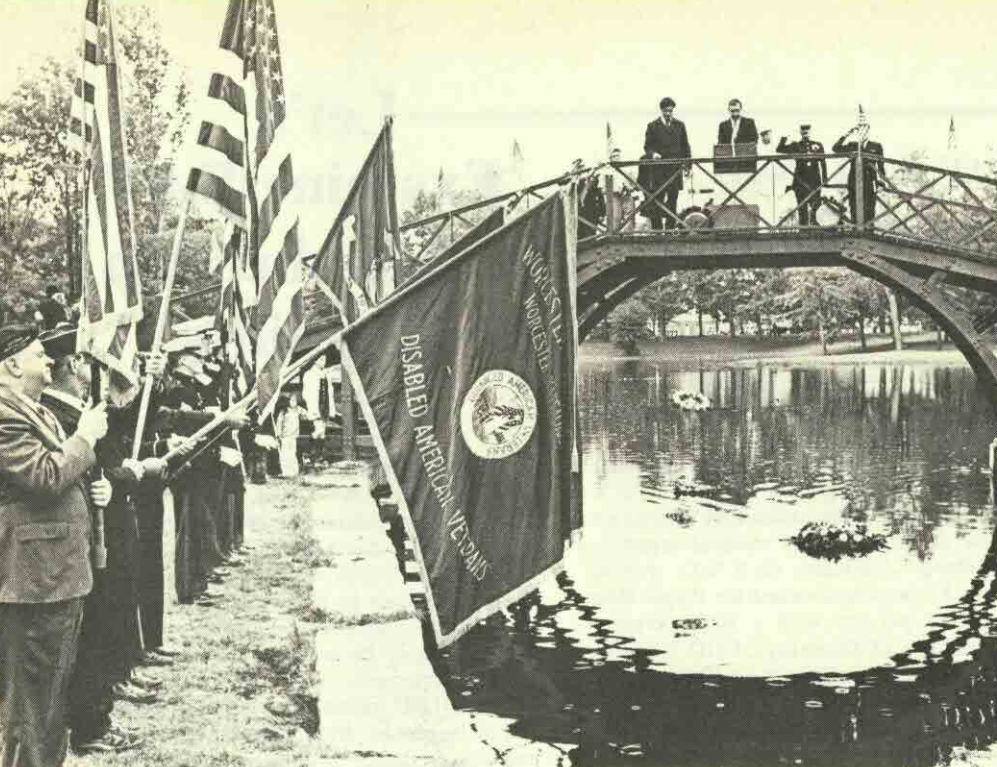
Also included as eligible are persons who have suffered mental illness, injury or other condition that incapacitates in any way.

If the chapter is satisfied that an applicant for membership is eligible as listed above — he should be accepted. An adverse ruling of the VA will not in itself preclude eligibility for membership. Neither will the absence of the filing of a claim or the absence of complete information on a discharge preclude eligibility.

By the same token, the existence of a "C" number does not establish eligibility. Claim numbers have been assigned for many reasons not related to disability benefits claims (application for educational benefits, for example).

Once accepted, a member has the automatic right and privileges of membership renewal. No member can be expelled or limited in any of the privileges of membership, except as specified in Article XVI of the DAV Constitution and By-Laws, which provides the mechanics through which charges may be preferred, trials conducted and disciplinary measures imposed.

Obviously, DAV eligibility requirements are well defined. Should a question regarding eligibility arise that cannot be settled at the chapter level — using the guidelines above — contact the DAV Membership Department, DAV National Headquarters, for a determination.



Water Ceremony . . .

Members of Worcester, Mass., DAV Chapter 4 conduct their annual water ceremony in Elm Park, honoring all those who have lost their lives at sea. It is the only such ceremony in the U.S. Philip Condon, Chapter senior vice commander, at podium, was master of ceremonies for this event this year. Wreaths are stewn on the water by various veterans' organizations.

Hospital Sign . . .

Roy Gerow, left, retired bricklayer of Bricklayers Local 14, and Richard Kaiser, Michigan Department Aide de Campe, place dedication plaque at base of new sign erected in front of Ann Arbor, Mich., VA Hospital. Sponsors of the sign are DAV Chapter 13, Bricklayers Local 14, Gerow and Kaiser, Supreme Cootiette Club, Veterans of World War I, Blue Star Mothers, National Catholic Community Services, Moms of America, and Military Order of Purple Heart and Auxiliary.

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DAV Chapter Strength Continues to Increase

Five more DAV Chapters have been organized, according to National Membership Director George H. Seal. They are:

Stanfield Chapter 7, located at Stanfield, Ariz., with John Richling Jr., 230 N. First Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85025, as temporary officer.

Lost River Chapter 19, located at Arco, Idaho, with Robert H. Lenham, 550 W. Fort Street, Box 044, Boise, Idaho 83702, as temporary officer.

Ramseur Chapter 38, located at Ramseur, N.C., with Jack Ingram, P.O. Box 366, Rockingham, N.C. 28379, as temporary officer.

Golden Isles Chapter 36, located at Brunswick, Ga., with Joseph M. Swynadro, Route 1, Box 116, Brunswick, Ga. 31520, as adjutant.

Cecil Co. Chapter 28, located at Conowingo, Md., with Paul L. Thompson, DAV Department of Maryland, Room C, War Memorial Bldg., Baltimore, Md. 21202, as temporary officer.

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New Hampshire Awards . . .

David L. Nixon, second from left, and Mrs. Alma F. Daugherty, receive special DAV awards from Manuel Trindade, left, New Hampshire Department adjutant, and National Service Officer Robert P. Cromer. The certificate to Nixon, who is a life member, was for service to the organization in aiding with the many programs for disabled veterans. Mrs. Daugherty received the plaque for her service as a VAVS worker in the VA Hospital at Manchester, N.H.

For 7,500 Hours . . .

Louis Sasso, right, VAVS Representative to the West Haven Conn., VA Hospital, receives the Dedicated Service Award plaque for his more than 7,500 hours of volunteer service from Willis O. Underwood, hospital director. Sasso, a Connecticut Department past commander, is popular with patients and staff members at the hospital.

Annual Ceremony . . .

Officers of DAV Chapter 29, Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and military leaders at the Army post conduct ceremony of placing American flags on markers along the Avenue of Memories. Each marker bears the name, rank and unit of the Signal Corps member who was killed in the service. Pictured are, kneeling, left to right, Col. Charles M. Milam, Deputy Post Commander; Lew Davis, Chapter 29 commander, and Lt. Col. Robert Jackson; and standing are Claude Graham, trustee; Eugene Cook, junior vice commander; William A. Smith, past commander and adjutant, and Dave Selakoff, trustee. This is the 8th year of the ceremony.

For Service to DAV . . .

Norman B. Hartnett, left, DAV National Director of Employment, presents the National Commander's plaque to Edward L. Binder, center, for his many years of service to the DAV regarding Social Security disability claims. Arthur Hess right, Deputy Commission of the Social Security Administration, congratulates Binder. Binder recently retired as technical advisor to the Director, Bureau of Disability Insurance, Social Security Administration. He is a World War II veteran and a DAV member, and has completed 30 years of Federal service.



Volunteers Her Time . . .

Ollie Perry, Newberry, S.C., nightclub owner and entertainer, each year joins with members of Saluda DAV Chapter 37 to present a party of treats and entertainment for the patients at the Augusta, Ga., VA Hospital. Miss Perry has contributed herself and her nightclub band for the party for several years. Chapter Commander C. C. Riddle has promised that such parties will continue in future years.



Forget-Me-Not Days . . .

Warren, Pa., Mayor Wayne R. Painter, center, makes the first contribution for the Warren Co. DAV Chapter 75 Forget-Me-Not fund drive. With him are Robert Fitch, left, Chapter service officer, and Edward Noziglia, Chapter delegate. Chapter 75 has also started Boy Scout Troop 3 for handicapped boys, with Howard Anderson as scoutmaster.



Vietnam Vets Honored . . .

A monument honoring the memory of three men who died in Vietnam is dedicated by Baltimore Co., Md., DAV Chapter 8. The monument was contributed by the DAV, VFW, Catholic War Veterans and various civic organizations and individuals. Pictured, left to right, are John Giancontiere, Chapter 8 past commander; VFW honor guard, and Paul P. Zawacki, Chapter 8 commander.



Last Official Act . . .

The late Mayor Chuck Hall of Miami Beach, Fla., center, in his last official act in behalf of the DAV, presents to the Miami Beach-Surfside Chapter 24 a proclamation of the City of Miami Beach declaring the Chapter's annual fund-raising drive as "DAV Forget-Me-Not Day." The late Mayor Hall was a member of Chapter 24 and a loyal friend of the DAV. He died suddenly in early August. Pictured with him here are Chapter 24 Commander Harold G. Spalding and Chapter Judge Advocate Minnie Hofmann.



In Appreciation . . .

Connie Gilbert, second from right, past commander of L. L. Merrill Sr., DAV Chapter 3, Annapolis, Md., presents an award of appreciation to new Chapter Commander Neil Thompson. Witnessing the ceremony are, left to right, Maryland Department Commander John Braun, Congresswoman Marjorie Holt and Annapolis Mayor John Apostol, right.

Legislative Award . . .

Congressman James A. Burke of Quincy, Mass., center, receives a special commendation plaque "for outstanding and unselfish service" to disabled veterans from DAV National Legislative Director Charles L. Huber, right. At left is DAV Assistant National Legislative Director William J. Flaherty. The ceremony took place in the Rayburn Room of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.



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DAV Chapter 5 of Los Angeles, Calif., presents an electronic reading aid for visually handicapped patients at Wadsworth VA Hospital. The instrument consists of a TV scanner mounted over a free floating horizontal viewing surface, supported by multi-directional bearings, a zoom lens system attached to the scanner, and a 17-inch TV viewing screen. In use, a picture of the book or other object placed on the viewing surface appears on the TV screen. The lens system permits magnification of any written image up to more than 30 times its original size. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Anday, Chief of Member-Patient Service; Orlando Santy, Chapter 5 past commander; Charles D. Vincent Jr., Department past commander and service officer; Dorothy Neiman, chief librarian at Wadsworth; Florence Hillstead, Chapter 5 adjutant and service officer, and Jacob Wexler, Chapter 5 commander.

VAVS Representatives, Deputies Named to Posts

Three VAVS Representatives and six VAVS Deputy Representatives have been appointed by National VAVS Representative George H. Seal, with the direction of the National Commander.

VAVS Representatives appointed are Virgil J. Cooper, Tampa VA Hospital, Tampa, Fla.; Frank M. Rose, Lexington VA Hospital, Lexington, Ky., and Donald Lindhe, Phoenix VA Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz.

VAVS Deputies appointed are Marilyn H. Nordquist, Sioux Falls VA Center, S.D.; Arthur J. Christianson, Fargo VA Center, N.D.; Hyman Yourman, Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital, San Antonio, Tex.; Ben E. Herren, San Diego VA Hospital, Calif.; Ernest E. DeForrest, San Diego VA Hospital, Calif., and John T. Johnson, Washington, D.C., VA Hospital.

VAVS Report Shows Growth

Nearly 50,000 DAV volunteers gave more than 355,000 hours of their time to the VAVS hospital program during the past year, according to the annual VAVS Report submitted by Stuart J. Cody, National Deputy VAVS Representative.

Cody's report shows that the number of volunteers totaled 48,167, including 14,835 on regularly scheduled visits and 33,332 on group visits.

Regularly scheduled volunteers gave 216,871 hours of their time, group volunteers gave 70,471 hours, VAVS representatives gave 34,238 hours, and VAVS deputies gave 34,224 hours. The

total number of hours given by all volunteers was 355,804.

A total of \$230,680.83 was spent at VA hospitals by DAV members and chapters, and items contributed to VA hospitals totaled \$42,731.86 in value, according to Cody's report.

"One of the most interesting and exciting activities of the year on the VAVS Program was the preparation, editing and development of a film on VAVS activities for the purpose of improving recruitment methods for DAV VAVS volunteers through the various VA hospitals," Cody said.

He said that the DAV VAVS identification badges now have 13 categories,

DAV Scholarship Pays Off Again!

One of the recipients of a DAV Scholarship recently expressed her appreciation to DAV officials with a letter of thanks.

Mrs. Joan M. Rich of Bay City, Mich., formerly Joan M. Van Ochten, said in her letter:

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for the help you gave me during my college years. Without the financial aid I received from the DAV Scholarship Program, I may not have been able to complete my education."

She reports that she has now graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree, and is employed at the Bay Medical Center as a medical technologist in the laboratory.

"I am proud of my degree, I enjoy my job, and I will be forever grateful for your help in making it possible," she said in her letter.

Reunions

157th INFANTRY, November 2, 1974, Denver, Colo. Contact Melvin H. Almire, 409 Florence, Aurora, Colo. 80010.

WASHINGTON COAST ARTILLERY Association, November 9, 1974, University Post, American Legion, 911 Northeast 50th St., Seattle, Wash. Contact Floyd Oles, 1018 So. 60th St., Tacoma, Wash. 98408.

USS LEXINGTON (CV-2), June 25-28, 1975, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Contact Walter D. Reed, 5410 Broadway, Oakland, Calif. 94618.

490th BOMB SQUADRON (M), The Burma Bridge Busters, WWII, August 1975. Contact Ivo Greenwell, 3849 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Okla. 74105.

102nd AAA AIRBORNE BATTALION, WWII. Contact W. Lee Hunter, 4807 Wilwyn Way, Rockville, Md. 20852.

937th FA BTN. HEADQUARTERS (155 mm), Korean War, 1950-53, November 1974, Denver, Colo. Contact Del Gurule, Ft. Lyon, Colo. 81038.

ries, with the addition of a badge for 20,000 hours of volunteer time. He said the VAVS shirts are no longer being issued, but since Jan. 1, 1974, DAV national caps are being furnished to every person certified as a Hospital Representative, Deputy, Associate or State Chairman. The cap indicates his official title and term of certification.

"DAV VAVS volunteers are to be commended for their tremendous devotion to their duty through adversities, such as remodeling the hospital, the parking lot problem, transportation difficulties, gas shortages, and many other problems that have been encountered and overcome," Cody said.



Special Plaque . . .

National Service Officer Jesse Brown, right, presents a special plaque to Dr. A. R. Yusuf Ibn-Tamas "for outstanding service to the disabled veterans." Dr. Ibn-Tamas gained a reputation "as a doctor who would help the veterans in any way he could" while at the VA Hospital in Miami, Fla. He counselled his patients about their problems and provided medical facts and statements to NSOs. He since has set up a private practice in Washington, D.C., but still furnishes evidence to veterans he treated while with the VA.

Building Barriers' Handbook Available

A new handbook about eliminating architectural barriers in buildings for the physically handicapped has been written and published by a Fayetteville, N.C., man.

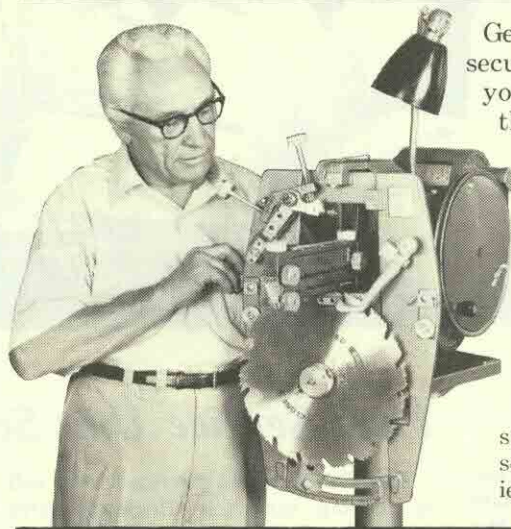
Ron Mace, an architectural instructor at Fayetteville Technical Institute, wrote and illustrated the handbook primarily as a guide for architects, engineers and building inspectors in interpreting the new handicapped section of North Carolina's State Building Codes.

Mace, who has an added insight into the needs of the handicapped because he is confined to a wheelchair himself, served as architectural consultant to the Governor's Study Committee on Architectural Barriers while it revised the State Code last year.

His handbook, reported to be the first in the nation, has been sought by many states that plan to revise or clarify their own building codes regarding the handicapped.

Needless to say, this is a subject that is dear to the hearts of many DAV members and chapters. For those who are actively participating in such projects, copies of the handbook can be obtained for \$1.50 by writing to: Fayetteville Technical Institute, P. O. Box 5236, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303.

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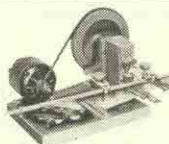
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Flags Presented . . .

Congresswoman Ella Grasso of Connecticut presents five U.S. flags that have flown over nation's Capitol to the Disabled American Veterans. Accepting the flags are, left to right, Joseph Majersky, commander of Bristol, Conn., Chapter 5; Bristol Mayor Frank Longo; Arthur Pipke, past Department commander; Bill Stockell, National Service Officer, Hartford; Mrs. Grasso, and Daniel Shpak, Department commander. The presentation was the highlight of the Chapter's annual Sunday afternoon outing.



For Crippled Children . . .

George Sloan, left, former Vermont House of Representatives and member of DAV Chapter 7, Rutland, Vt., and Thomas French, right, Chapter 7 senior vice commander, present American flags to Pam Harlow, a reading teacher for the Vermont Association for the Crippled, Inc. Chapter 7 each year provides the flags for use in the Children's Rehabilitation Center classrooms.

Field Service Unit Schedule

The DAV's Field Service Units will be touring the New England states during October. After joining together for kickoff ceremonies in each of the state capitals, the six units will fan out in each state for stops in six different cities each day, as they seek veterans who desire assistance with veterans' benefits. The daily schedule is as follows:

New York

Sept. 30—Albany, kickoff ceremony for New York.

Oct. 1—Ithaca, Utica, Elmira, Jamestown, Saratoga Springs, Riverhead.

Oct. 2—Newburgh, Watertown, Hornell, Lockport, Lake Placid, Brentwood.

Oct. 3—Poughkeepsie, Ogdensburg, Rochester, Oswego, Malone, Middletown.

Oct. 4—Kingston, Massena, Binghamton, Richfield Springs, Plattsburgh, Hudson.

Vermont

Oct. 7—Montpelier, kickoff ceremony for Vermont.

Oct. 8—Bennington, St. Johnsbury, Brattleboro, Rutland, St. Albans, Burlington, Montpelier.

New Hampshire

Oct. 10—Concord, kickoff ceremony for New Hampshire.

Oct. 11—Nashua, Conway, Keen, Claremont, Littleton, Laconia.

Oct. 12—Exeter, Berlin, Concord, Rochester, Colebrook, Portsmouth.

Maine

Oct. 15—Augusta, kickoff ceremony for Maine.

Oct. 16—Livermore Falls, Presque Isle, Bangor, Skowhegan, Houlton, Rumford.

Oct. 17—Biddeford, Millinocket, Rockland, Lewiston, Machias, Portland.

Massachusetts

Oct. 21—Boston, kickoff ceremony for Massachusetts.

Oct. 22—Hyannis, Peabody, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Worcester, Athol.

Oct. 23—Orleans, Plymouth, Greenfield, Newburyport, Pittsfield, North Adams.

Oct. 24—Falmouth, New Bedford, Milford, Ayer, Great Barrington, Springfield.

Rhode Island

Oct. 25—Providence, kickoff ceremony for Rhode Island.

Oct. 26—Newport, Bristol, Woonsocket, Westerly, Kingston, Chepachet, Warwick.

Connecticut

Oct. 28—Hartford, kickoff ceremony for Connecticut.

Oct. 29—New London, Danielson, Waterbury, Norwich, Hamden, Torrington.

Oct. 30—Old Saybrook, Middletown, Norwalk, Milford, Greenwich, Danbury.

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Young NSO Trainee Dies

Romeil A. Crochet, 27, a recent appointee as a National Service Officer trainee in Houston, Tex., died suddenly July 29.

Crochet, a native of Houston, had served in the U.S. Army from May 14, 1968, to Nov. 30, 1971, primarily with missiles. He attended Northwestern Louisiana State University for a time and at the time of his DAV appointment earlier this year was attending San

**Romeil A.
Crochet**



A Governor's Thanks . . .

Oklahoma Gov. David Hall, left, congratulates John McCarthy, NSO who was Vanmaster for the DAV's Field Service Units touring Oklahoma, while Heloise Wilson, Department Auxiliary commander, and Eugene Wilson, Department DAV commander, look on. Gov. Hall was impressed with the touring vans, and expressed his appreciation to the DAV for its efforts in offering assistance to veterans, including disabled veterans, in the rural areas.

Jacinto College in Pasadena, Tex.

Crochet was a three-year football letterman in high school, and an All-City team member his senior year. He had worked as an employment interviewer and Veterans Employment Representative for the Texas Employment Commission for a year before joining the DAV staff.

"Although he had served only a short period of time with the DAV, he was sincerely looking forward to his career as a National Service Officer with the Disabled American Veterans," National Service Director John J. Keller said.

Crochet is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, Grant, and a daughter, Stephanie.

Disabled American Veterans National Headquarters Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

	June 30 1974	1973
ASSETS		
Operating and Special Purpose Funds:		
Current assets	\$ 12,026,203	\$ 9,286,522
Investments in securities	8,164,859	7,884,667
Property leased to others (Less Depreciation)	1,641,140	1,752,379
Land, building & equipment (Less Depreciation)	3,553,878	3,040,560
Total operating and special purpose funds	25,386,080	21,964,128
Life Membership Fund:		
Current assets	189,694	428,982
Investments	10,072,680	8,935,174
Total life membership fund assets	10,262,374	9,364,156
Total assets	\$ 35,648,454	\$ 31,328,284
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Operating and Special Purpose Funds:		
Current liabilities	\$ 1,535,198	\$ 1,653,438
Operating and special purpose fund Balances:		
Operating fund:		
Unappropriated	12,797,502	18,645,737
Appropriated for expansion	3,395,440	-0-
Total	16,192,942	18,645,737
Fixed Asset Fund	5,195,017	-0-
Scholarship Fund	1,385,656	1,005,884
Disaster Fund	643,445	233,668
Emergency Relief Fund	433,822	425,401
Total	23,850,882	20,310,690
Total operating and special purpose funds	\$ 25,386,080	\$ 21,964,128
Life Membership Fund:		
Current liabilities	17,839	791,741
Fund balance	10,244,535	8,572,415
Total life membership fund liabilities and fund balance	10,262,374	9,364,156
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 35,648,454	\$ 31,328,284

Richard B. Pender Former NSO, Dies

Richard B. Pender, 75, Boise, Idaho, a former DAV National Service Officer and a veteran of World War I and World War II, died recently at Boise.

Pender was born June 29, 1898, in Manistee, Mich., and moved to Idaho as a child. He attended school in Troy, N.Y., returning to Idaho to work on a railroad. He married Thelma Boyer at Rupert, Idaho, on July 14, 1924.

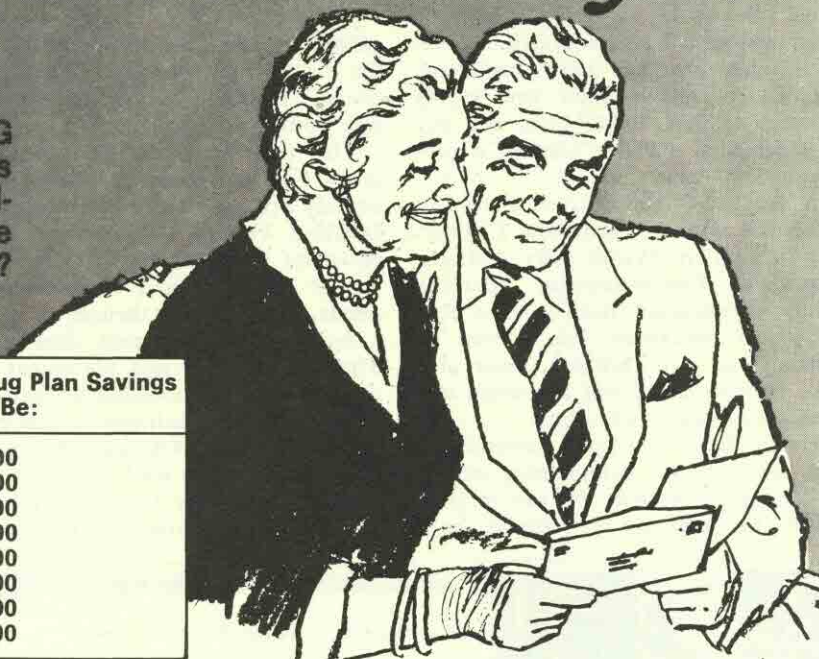
He worked for 13 years in Ontario, Canada, with the Employment Service, and served in the Navy during World War II. He attended American University in Washington, D.C., in the DAV's National Service Officer program after World War II, and was stationed in Seattle, Wash., and Boise as an NSO.

Pender served on the Governor's Committee for the Handicapped and the Mayor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped in Boise. He is survived by his widow, Thelma, in Boise, and several cousins in New York and California.

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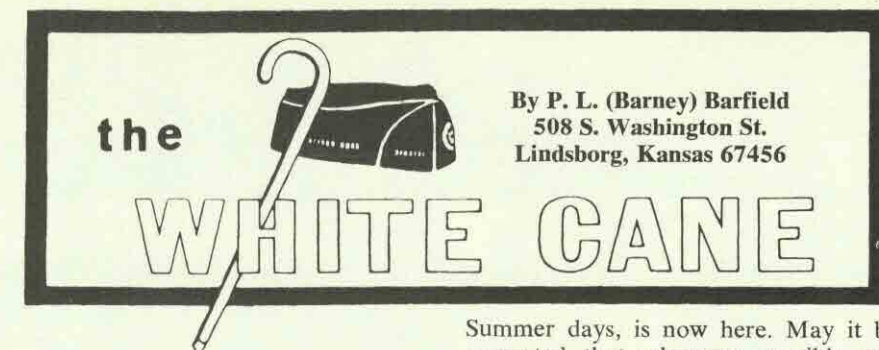
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Readers of this column will note a new editor's name—the tune will be the same, but a new voice will be sounding it. Actually, this is a sort of retread for the columnist, as he has written it before. It is hoped that little or no reiterations will be noted. News items and comments are invited, and should be sent to the above.

At this writing, we have just returned from attending the 53rd National Convention and the Annual Reunion of the Blind Chapter of the DAV. The staff and management of the Marriott Hotel were most gracious and considerate. Surely, our organization can highly recommend this establishment and city as a desirable place to conduct a convention.

A new set of officers was elected to direct the affairs of the Blind Chapter. Top officers are: Walter Rohr, National Executive Committeeman; Bernard Frank, Commander; Bill Cameron, Senior Vice Commander; Bob Wilson, Ed Tillman and Bob Dawson, junior officers. Others elected will be named at a later time—space permitting.

Henry Bernstein (well remembered and admired) was unanimously elected as Chaplain Emeritus. We join in good wishes, belatedly, on his birthday; he is



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either "dragging" 80 or "pushing" 90, the exact year unknown. Sick list included "Paddy" Driscoll and Bob Carroll, both missed by all.

This Chapter wishes to add to the many congratulations and good wishes already extended to the recipient of the Disabled Veteran of the Year award, Salvatore D'Amico. Surely, after learning of this man and his accomplishments, many will ask themselves what is a handicap and wherein does it lie? Those counsellors and placement officers are to be commended, as they must have worked unstintingly to guide and place Comrade D'Amico. Again, Sal, our hats are off to you!

Ah! This lovely month of October, with its crisp morning air and its Indian

Summer days, is now here. May it be suggested that whenever possible one should go out and enjoy the beauty with which Our Land has been so richly endowed. Mother Nature adorns the foliage of the trees with such magnificent coloring. With the company of a sighted guide, a blind person can appreciate the Autumn Spectacular.

Some recommended drives are through the North Woods country, the Rockies, Appalachians, or the Great Smokies. Other parts of our beloved country display their unique charms, but the above listing is from firsthand experience.

This Chapter is grateful to those who remember us and make it possible for the financial needs to be met. The one-percent from Forget-Me-Not sales and other contributions go toward these endeavors. Send such to Calvin D. Venable, Adjutant, BVNC, 2785 Skyline Drive, Westminster, Colo. 80030.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In stepping down as Editor of The White Cane column, Walter Rohr penned a final tribute to his loyal readers:

I am very thankful for the chance to be able to help and serve the DAV and Blind veterans. It means so much to me to receive letters from all over the U.S.A., from people wanting more information about the articles I have written. I thank God that I was able to help you.

I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to help as many people as I could in this White Cane column. I hope this column means as much to you as it did to me. The thought of writing this column filled my heart with joy.—**Walter Rohr, 3026 87th Street, Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11369.**

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Sylvia R. Berger, 53, Miami Beach, Fla., reports that she would like to do housekeeping work for a disabled veteran or a group of disabled veterans in return for her room and board.

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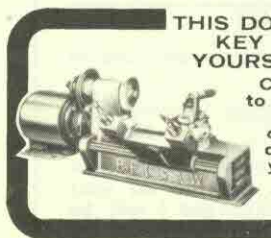
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2	18,858	Florida	20,845	90.46	2
3	29,790	Ohio	33,445	89.07	4
4	25,199	California	28,391	88.75	3
5	20,783	Massachusetts	23,685	87.74	5
6	17,003	Pennsylvania	19,536	87.03	6
7	17,807	Texas	20,742	85.84	7
8	26,393	New York	31,806	82.98	8

DIVISION II - (9,000 to 17,999 Members)

1	8,508	Missouri	9,624	88.40	4
2	10,899	New Jersey	12,430	87.68	1
3	10,042	Illinois	11,501	87.31	2
4	9,433	Washington	11,016	85.62	3
5	9,306	Indiana	11,042	84.27	5
6	8,458	Kentucky	10,228	82.69	6
7	7,548	N. Carolina	9,138	82.60	7

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1	6,211	Virginia	6,696	92.75	1
2	6,630	Maryland	7,243	91.53	4
3	6,269	Wisconsin	7,015	89.36	6
4	5,695	Connecticut	6,386	89.17	2
5	6,983	Minnesota	7,858	88.86	5
6	7,385	Colorado	8,315	88.81	3
7	4,464	Arizona	5,062	88.18	11
8	5,427	Arkansas	6,247	86.87	7
9	5,318	Georgia	6,190	85.91	8
10	5,884	Oklahoma	7,059	83.35	10
11	5,427	Tennessee	6,546	82.90	9

DIVISION IV - (3,000 to 4,999 Members)

1	2,865	Iowa	3,060	93.62	1
2	2,920	Oregon	3,198	91.30	2
3	4,200	New Mexico	4,719	89.00	3
4	3,757	Louisiana	4,235	88.71	7
5	2,698	Rhode Island	3,062	88.11	4
6	2,975	Kansas	3,422	86.93	6
7	4,304	West Virginia	5,013	85.85	8
8	3,810	Utah	4,458	85.46	10
9	3,099	Puerto Rico	3,697	83.82	9
10	3,186	Alabama	3,849	82.77	11

DIVISION V - (2,000 to 2,999 Members)

1	2,771	Nebraska	3,029	91.48	2
2	2,416	Washington, D.C.	2,667	90.58	1
3	1,927	Maine	2,169	88.84	3
4	2,323	Montana	2,699	86.06	6
5	2,558	S. Carolina	2,994	85.43	4
6	2,252	N. Dakota	2,717	82.88	5
7	2,474	Mississippi	3,009	82.22	8
8	2,312	New Hampshire	2,825	81.84	7

DIVISION VI - (Less than 2,000 Members)

1	1,715	Hawaii	1,789	95.86	1
2	851	Nevada	893	92.29	2
3	1,496	Idaho	1,632	91.66	4
4	573	Delaware	649	88.28	3
5	749	Wyoming	862	86.89	6
6	867	Vermont	1,022	84.83	7
7	222	Alaska	269	82.52	5
8	1,514	S. Dakota	1,888	80.19	8

National Total, 383,063; National Quota, 88.32.

Memberama Winners!

Memberama Contest drawing winners for July 1974 are:

Category A—First, Gilbert Mabrey, Allenville, Mo.; second, William M. Crockett, Wasco, Calif. Category B.—First, Jerry Woosley, Grand Junction, Colo.; second, Chester Gough Jr., Columbus, Ga.

Memberama Contest drawing winners for August 1974 are:

Category A—First, Leo Wheeler, Utica, N.Y.; second, George Turberville, St. Petersburg, Fla. Category B—First, Charles D. Vincent Jr., Alhambra, Calif.; second, Chester Gough Jr., Columbus, Ga.



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 **Arlene and Alex Husak** of DAV Chapter 122, Flint, Mich., recently were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for hours of volunteer service at the Saginaw, Mich., VA Hospital. Husak is Deputy VAVS Representative at the hospital, Chapter service officer and Department of Michigan Aide de Camp. Mrs. Husak is commander of Auxiliary Unit 122. **Vincent Parrish**, VA hospital director, presented the awards to the husband-wife team, a first for the hospital.





Left to right: Arlene Husak, Vincent Parrish, Alex Husak

 **Mrs. Ardythe P. Rawlings**, who served the VA Hospital at Marion, Ind., as a volunteer since the early 1930s, died recently at Marion General Hospital. She was 93. She was honored for more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in May. Her hours totaled far more than 10,000, but records were not kept until 1953. Mrs. Rawlings planted marigolds in a Gold Star flower bed on the Grant County Courthouse lawn each year for 37 years. She was an officer and active member of Marion DAV Auxiliary Unit 5, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Spanish American War Veterans Auxiliary, as well as many civic organizations. She served for more than 50 years on the election boards, last serving in May 1974.




Left to right: Rushing, Hester and Dickson


 Members of **Louis O. Gravely Jr., DAV Chapter 85**, Summerfield, Fla., have been given the use of a church building that was founded by the late **Nathan Mayo** in 1916. The building has been named the **Nathan Mayo Veterans Memorial Hall** in memory of the man who was Commissioner of Agriculture in Florida for 37 years and who was credited with prison reforms and promotion of the state's natural resources, which led to the state's development and growth. The donation was made by the Mayo heirs, **Nathan T. Mayo, William T. Mayo and Gertrude Mayo Gravely**, widow of the late General **Louis O. Gravely Jr.**, after which the DAV Chapter was named. He devoted most of his life to military service, graduating from ROTC University of Florida, in 1931, and serving in World War II as special assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.


 Newly elected officers of **Oahu DAV Chapter 1** in Honolulu are **Bruce Swafford**, commander; **John Lessary Jr.**, senior vice commander; **Alfonso Bareno**, junior vice commander, and **Henry Izuka**, treasurer. This is the home chapter of former DAV National 4th Junior Vice Commander **Ah Kee Leong**. Chapter members are already gearing for the DAV's 1975 National Convention at the Waikiki Outrigger Hotel in Honolulu.



Left to right: Swafford, Lessary, Bareno, Izuka


 An Independence, Ore., woman who is a member of **DAV Chapter 6**, Salem, Ore., has purchased a van equipped with a power lift, and is donating its use especially for transporting the handicapped. **Mrs. Nancy Rosenbaum**, who picked up the crippling arthritis disease while serving in the Army in Australia during World War II, purchased the van to help others like herself. She says that any man or woman who cannot get around and any crippled veteran is welcome to ride with her. There is room for three wheel-chairs and three persons sitting, as well as space for packages of supplies and groceries. She says the van was purchased because she vowed many years ago to help others as much as she could if she ever had the money.

 **Memorial Chapter 194**, Pasadena, Tex., opened its 1st annual Forget-Me-Not drive recently with a Kick-off Breakfast attended by local officials, headed by Mayor **John Ray Harrison**. DAV officials at the affair included Chapter Commander **Sherman O. Dickson**, Auxiliary Commander **Annie Hester** and **Earl Rushing**, Forget-Me-Not chairman.

 **Col. John Glenn**, the first man in space and now a candidate for the U.S. Senate from Ohio, was a surprise speaker at the Ohio Department Convention in Columbus. On hand to greet the former Marine Corps officer and astronaut were Past National Commander **Jack O. Hicks** of LaRue, Ohio, and Assistant National Adjutant **Frank O. Wood** of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was the principal speaker at the Convention. Glenn spoke to both the DAV and Auxiliary members at their separate meetings.




Left to right: Hicks, Glenn and Wood

 **DAV Charities of Greater Los Angeles** and VA officials at the Brentwood VA Hospital in West Los Angeles, Calif., have worked out an agreement for a special on-the-job vocational training program. Patients at the hospital on extended convalescence or rehabilitation are given the opportunity to learn the furniture upholstery and refurbishing trade while earning wages on a piece-work basis. The VA employs the instructors to teach the course, and provides the use of buildings at the Brentwood VA Hospital complex for classrooms and storage for items used in the course. DAV Charities of Greater Los Angeles is providing the wages to the veteran students while they are learning the trade, as well as the furniture needed for the training project. These funds come from earnings at the DAV Thrift Stores in Pasadena and Burbank, according to **Norma Yocum**, president of DAV Charities of Greater Los Angeles. Each trainee completing the 52-week course is given a certificate, verifying his qualifications as an upholsterer. A board of directors was set up at the hospital and incorporated under the name, Veterans on the Job, Inc., so the project could be carried out as a separate entity from the hospital administration.





Left to right: Tully, Winters and Burns

 As a part of its 51st anniversary celebration this year, members of **Dorchester, Mass., DAV Chapter 13** presented special citations to two units at the Boston VA Hospital—**Dr. William O. Duane**, chief of the Physical Medicine Service, and each member of his staff "for the personal dedication to the physical and mental well being of disabled veterans placed in their care," and to **Dr. Salvator Espisito**, director of the Dental Medicine Service, "for his life-long dedication to the oral hygiene of veterans." Making the presentations for Chapter 13 were **Charles Atkinson**, chapter commander; **Luigi Melanese**, outgoing Hospital chairman; **William J. Newman**, Awards Committee chairman, and **Samuel B. Mullin**, incoming Hospital chairman. Dr. Espisito surprised the delegation by presenting a framed American flag with the motto, "This Is Our Flag. Be Proud of It." He said, "I know of no group in the United States that holds the flag in higher esteem, and I am proud to present this plaque to the members of Chapter 13. I know it will always be displayed in a place of honor."



Lily and Virgil Tyler

 A husband and wife team, **Virgil and Ella Tyler**, has been elected commanders of **Elmer Pond DAV Chapter and Auxiliary Unit 1** in Ft. Wayne, Ind., for the 1974-75 year. Other Chapter officers are: James Klein, senior vice commander; Robert Black, junior vice commander; Lawrence Sablic, adjutant; Wilbur Hire, chaplain, and Earl McCagg, treasurer. Other Auxiliary officers are: Mrs. Kathy Groves, senior vice commander; Mrs. Charmaine Ortleib, junior vice commander; Mrs. Adaline Whetsel, adjutant; Mrs. Lillie Gosney, chaplain, and Mrs. Iris Guethe, treasurer.

 **Robert Winters**, assistant director of the Togus, Me., VA Center and a member of **John F. McPherson DAV Chapter 1**, has recently been promoted to director of the Des Moines, Iowa, VA Center. Winters, who was severely wounded in Vietnam, thus becomes the first Vietnam veteran in the nation to be appointed as a VA director. DAV National Service Officers **Gary Burns** and **David Tully** recently sponsored a going-away party for the young director at the DAV's office in Togus.

Testimonials of Service . . .

The flood of testimonials on the tremendous performances of service by DAV National Service Officers continues to flow into National Headquarters.

Again, we have received so many from grateful people that we will publish them here as a group, appropriately labeled, "Testimonials of Service . . ."

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Sir: I have a service-connected disability and have received compensation for the past 25 years, rated at 10 percent. All these years I have been going to our private doctor. I had never heard of the DAV. About two years ago, a friend who is a DAV member, talked me into joining. I thought it was just another veterans' organization. After joining I was surprised to learn how wonderful the DAV is. They helped me to raise my disability compensation to 30 percent, and have given me help in a lot of other matters. What I am trying to say is that it's a shame that there is a lot of vets walking around not knowing how much the DAV can help them. I am asking you to please thank my NSO, **Walter F. Zomont Jr.**, Philadelphia, Pa., as he and his staff are the most dedicated people I know. — **William J. Kane, Philadelphia, Pa.**

Editor: DAV has just provided me excellent assistance in a claim with VA. Myself and my wife were very impressed with the efficiency of the **St. Louis Office**. I would like to express my appreciation for a job well done, and assure you my regards of the DAV are the highest. I have already told many people here in my area of the great service. — **Bill Mathis, St. Robert, Mo.**

Sir: I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the DAV for the fast, friendly and extremely efficient personnel in your Seattle, Wash., office. Most especially I would like to thank Service Officer **Norman Brown**. Through his swift and untiring efforts, my appeal for re-evaluation of my VA compensation was expedited through the red tape that normally accompanies most governmental activities. Mr. Brown hand carried my appeal through the necessary channels, and I was granted an increase in my compensation in only two weeks. The DAV is doing a great job for veterans, and I will always be thankful to them. Thank you, and thank you, Norman Brown. — **Stephen F. Hogan, Kent, Wash.**

Editor: I would like to first thank the DAV National Officers at the **VA Hospital in Miami, Fla.**, for the fine work that they are doing. Just to further emphasize some of the problems that the veteran experiences, who, while serving his country, has become 100-percent disabled, we, the disabled, know exactly how the wives feel. I know, for I am totally disabled also. However, my disability came in the worse form. I was injured in 1960 at the age of 19, and now I'm

33. I have been in and out of hospitals. I was able to work for perhaps two months, then spend another two in the hospital and two or three convalescing at home. I'm sure you know the bills keep coming. Now, I'm 100-percent disabled, thanks to the National Service Officers at the VA Hospital in Miami. I thank the DAV for assisting me and my family. — **Edward R. Lyles, Riviera Beach, Fla.**

Sir: Am wanting to thank DAV for the state of Wyoming being supplied with a National Service Officer such as **Lowell McGowan**. I am a 100-percent disabled veteran of WWII, thanks to the efforts of Mr. McGowan. And now, after an 18-month standoff with Social Security, Mr. McGowan again came to my aid, a distance of 350 miles, appeared with me at my Social Security hearing, and in just a few short weeks, I received word I had been given a favorable hearing. Mr. McGowan is a soft spoken man, but sure carries sharp scissors for the red tape that gets in the way. The DAV can never be outclassed as far as I am concerned, as long as we have men like this fighting for us. — **Don C. Toay, Thermopolis, Wyo.**

Editor: Two of my best friends are **Verne Nygaard** and **George Kolesar**, National Service Officers in Cleveland, Ohio, where I worked for years in the Federal Building for FHA and Navy Finance Center. George Kolesar personally saw to it that I retained my 100-percent disability rating, which was in jeopardy. He came out to VA Hospital, Cleveland, and worked with me on it. For this, I am very grateful. The DAV is one of the finest organizations in the country. It is by far superior to any other service organization dedicated to the welfare and well being of veterans. — **Eric B. Benjamin, Toledo, Ohio.**

Sir: I would like to take this opportunity to comment on one of the National Service Officers, namely **Jerry Steelman** of San Francisco. I was in Letterman Army Medical Center after having had a heart attack. I tried for several days to get some kind of contact with the local VA people (seems that due to lack of funds they could no longer keep a rep. in the hospital). My need was for information concerning my benefits, since this was my second attack and I was medically retired for a heart condition. My wife even went to the VA Office and received no help, information or what have you. Imagine the feeling, passing through a strange city, on your way home after retiring, suffering a heart attack, and no one can help you. I mentioned casually to a hospital volunteer my need for some information, and the next thing I knew there was Jerry. He not only answered all of my questions, he gave me facts I had never heard about, and also filed my claim for me. Needless to say, he also got my DAV application then

and there, without asking, I might add. I must say in closing that if it weren't for the DAV, veterans would have one heck of a rough road to go. NSOs like Jerry are worth their weight in gold. The DAV can be justly proud. — **Robert K. Toepke, Anchorage, Alaska.**

Editor: I would like to say that we have one fine DAV National Service Officer in Syracuse, N.Y., by the name of **Harry G. Erway III**. He should be commended for his fine work for the veterans. Thanks. — **Arthur S. Pynsia, Orwell, N.Y.**

Sir: I'm writing these few lines to let you know of my personal feeling of gratitude for my National Service Officer, **Alexander M. Zbylut**, Newark, N.J. I'm sure Mr. Zbylut's efforts on my behalf were the reason I received a 20-percent increase in my compensation. I was formerly receiving 10 percent. When I went to Newark to see Mr. Zbylut, I was given prompt attention by the staff and Mr. Zbylut. I'm most grateful. Without any question, the DAV is the only organization that is concerned for the veteran, and fights for their just cause. — **Anton Vasil, Camden, N.J.**

Editor: Not having received satisfaction about a problem regarding my G.I. Insurance, I handed this matter over to **David Gorman** and **Bruce Hansen**, National Service Officers of the DAV in Providence, R.I. They immediately went to work, and within two weeks the situation was resolved the way it should have been. This is not the first time I have turned to the DAV for assistance, and it is a good feeling to know that when one is powerless to help himself he can always turn to an organization as the DAV for guidance and successful solution. I am proud to be a Life member of the DAV and to know that we have such competent officers in our organization. — **Ralph B. Rustigan, North Providence, R.I.**

Sir: This is a letter for thanks to **Richard W. Anderson**, NSO at St. Petersburg, Fla. He has helped me and my family on many occasions in the past. Without his help, we would have been in a bad way. He is sympathetic, patient and understanding, and knows how to get things done. I urge any veteran of any war with a problem to contact the DAV, because they try to help, regardless of the problem, and they don't even ask if you're a member or not. Also, if you are eligible to join, please do. It will be the best investment you'll ever make. — **Gerald E. McMurray, Runedin, Fla.**

Sir: I received my first membership card, and am very proud I picked the DAV. I must say that **Robert P. Cromer**, National Service Officer at Manchester, N.H., really helped me, and he is really a fine man with a very fine reputation. Because I never applied before, they kept turning me down. Finally, Mr. Cromer took the case, and at least I now am service connected 10 percent, but I know I deserve being a DAV member. — **Marilyn H. Nasta, Manchester, N.H.**

Editor: After working with the federal government for 10 years, I was suddenly disability retired because I could not perform my assigned duties. I was at the point of losing everything I had and my self respect as a wage earner. I went to see **George Carey** at the DAV Office in Salt Lake City, Utah. I joined the DAV as a life member, and Mr. Carey took my case before the VA Rating Board and won a rating of 100 percent for me. I want to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Carey and for the fine organization of the DAV. May our membership continue to be strong. — **Jimmy D. Webb, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

Sir: I am proud to be a life member of the elite group of patriotic gentlemen. I have been a member nearly eight years, and I'm sorry it has not been longer. They are a hard-hitting group, demanding the rights of others. I am also writing this letter about a National Service Officer that has done all of his home work. I believe he deserves the highest distinction award for his unselfish service and faithfulness to his country and fellowman. He has worked long hours and late into the night. I personally have seen him at the hospital as early as 6:30 or 7 a.m. when duty called. So, at this time, I would like to write this in honor of **John Richling** of Phoenix, Ariz. — **Vernon L. Warner, Glendale, Ariz.**

Dear Sirs:

I would like the readers of this magazine to know about the fine DAV Office we have in Albuquerque, N.M. I am a totally disabled vet drawing a VA pension and Social Security benefits. However, my wife and 14-year-old son were refused Social Security benefits, and I filed an appeal with NSO **Peter Lopez**, who was assisted by NSO **John Hernandez**. These two fellows really went to work for me, along with the rest of the personnel on this staff, and we were successful in our appeal.

I'm really proud of every member of this staff, and I would like them to know my family and I will always be grateful. — **Robert J. Hill, P.O. Box 14571, Albuquerque, N.M. 87111.**

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the counselors and officers of the DAV Regional Office in Chicago.

A sincere thanks to such comrades as **Frank Calderala, Richard Moralis**, and most of all, **Bob Valaski**, who did a lot of chasing around to help me with my case. After working 26 years, I received a heart coronary and can no longer work. Neither can my disabled wife, so this help is a God send and makes things a little easier.

So, once again, I would like to thank these devoted comrades, and to say that I am proud to be a life member of this great and magnificent organization—only one like it on this earth. — **Walter Sniegowski, 3328 N. Newland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60634.**

Dear Sir:

This letter is to give recognition to two fine

men in the Pittsburgh Regional NSO Office. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the help that **Clifford B. Strickler** and **Roy E. Spicer** gave me when I needed it. They were most efficient, courteous and concerned in helping me with my problems and getting me 100-percent disability compensation.

I am sure the DAV is proud of them, as my wife and I are. We thank these two men for a job well done. — **Edward G. Weber, 241 Cornell Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229.**

Dear Sir:

I must add my gratitude and thanks to the DAV and the DAV Service Officer in Topeka, **Charlie Lutjahn**. He has worked very hard in my behalf, and still is.

I also would like to say, members support your DAV, and let your service officer know you appreciate his efforts in your behalf. — **B. W. Milligan, 1128 New York, Lawrence, Kan. 66044.**

Dear Sir:

My thanks to National Service Officers. I am a World War II veteran who has received great assistance and help from the DAV in Houston. **Charles Harrelson** is the NSO who assisted me so much, and continued to do so until the job was completed.

I would like everyone to know of his and others in the office of a job well done. I am real proud to be associated with this organization. — **John A. Maples, 7943 Peca Villas, Houston, Texas. 77017.**

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to a professional and courteous DAV staff, directed by **Edward Norris**, at the VA Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

In particular, I would like to commend **Ronald T. Chambers** for his many hours of research, advice and assistance in the handling of my recent disability case. As a member of the DAV for four years, I feel that Mr. Chambers deserves a "well done" for his individual efforts on my behalf. — **Joseph J. Zerby, 114 Lakeview Dr., Ridley Park, Pa. 19078.**

Dear Editor:

Here, in sunny Florida, we have a prince of a fellow, **NSO Craig Bridges**, who does wonders just as though they were run of the mill routine. He really believes and instills in others the belief that what is difficult will take a short time and the impossible will take a little longer.

His knowledge, wit and humor and his desire to help others has kept me going where I would have given up. He managed to change my mountains into mole hills, and then dissolve them into nothing.

Please give Mr. Bridges our kindest regards and our heartfelt thanks. May God bless you and all the wonderful caring people that work with you. — **W. J. Kavanaugh Sr., 7557 Arlington Expressway, Apt. L203, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.**



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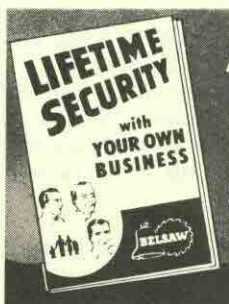
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Seven NSO Trainees Named

Seven more National Service Officer trainees have been appointed by National Service Director John J. Keller, with the approval of Past National Commander John T. Soave.

They are James C. Bennett, a native of Rochester, N.Y.; Richard A. Fret, a native of San Juan, P.R.; Samuel S. Michaels, a native of Rockford, Ill.; Robert J. Mussari, a native of Carbondale, Pa.; Robert R. Poole, a native of Richmond, N.Y.; Ed R. Vann, a native of Memphis, Tenn., and Harold L. Woods, a native of Bloomington, Ill.

DAV National Service Offices the trainees have been assigned, and the NSOs they will train under, are as follows:

Bennett, Buffalo, N.Y., John P. Battle; Fret, San Juan, P.R., John Rodriguez; Michaels, Jackson, Miss., Mark R. Clary; Mussari, Newark, N.J., Alexander M. Zyblut; Poole, Los Angeles, Calif., Robert R. Jordan; Vann, New Orleans, La., Thaddeus L. Patin, and Woods, Veterans Benefits Office, Washington, D.C., Jesse Brown.

James C. Bennett

Bennett was born July 26, 1926, in Rochester, N.Y., attended schools in Nunda, N.Y., and graduated from Nunda Central School. He served in the U.S. Air Corps from Jan. 2, 1945, to Nov. 27, 1945, then reenlisted Dec. 10, 1946, in the U.S. Air Force, serving until retirement Jan. 31, 1966.

He worked for five years as a resident insurance agent in Nunda after his retirement, and attended State University of New York, Geneseo, N.Y., from January 1973 to May 1974, majoring in business and liberal arts.

Bennett is a member of Livingston Co. DAV Chapter 170 in New York. He and his wife, Janet, have five children: Robert, Miller, Patricia, James and Mary.

Richard A. Fret

Fret was born March 30, 1935, in San Juan, P.R., and attended local schools. He served in the U.S. Army from January 27, 1955, to January 11, 1958, and

in the U.S. Navy from September 11, 1958, to September 30, 1969, when disability retirement was necessary.

He worked as a Postal clerk in San Juan for a time, and then studied to be a dental technician at Ramarez Commercial and Technical School, San Juan, before joining the NSO trainee program.

Fret is a member of San Juan DAV Chapter 1. He and his wife, Cruz, have three children.

Samuel S. Michaels

Michaels was born September 3, 1936, in Rockford, Ill., and at the age of 4, moved with his parents to Jackson, Miss., where he attended local schools.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from March 11, 1954, to May 7, 1974, when disability retirement was necessary. He attended the Defense Language Institute at Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey Calif., for two years, earning an associate degree in linguistics in 1963.

Michaels is a member of DAV Chapter 11 in Jackson. He and his wife, Nillie (Flo), have four children, Ronnie, Samuel, Brenda and Giena.

Robert J. Mussari

Mussari was born April 4, 1949 in Carbondale, Pa., and attended local schools. He moved to Olyphant, Pa. with his parents when he was 14, and graduated from Olyphant High School.

Mussari served in the U.S. Marine Corps from July 20, 1967, to Feb. 14, 1969, when disability retirement was necessary because of a chest wound by a live 82-millimeter mortar shell. The shell was removed during a unique battlefield operation in South Vietnam that gained world-wide publicity.

Mussari served as junior vice commander of DAV Chapter 11, Jackson City, Pa. in 1971. He has worked as a U.S. Postal Service clerk since 1969. His wife's name is Renee.

Robert L. Poole

Poole was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y., and attended local schools. He served in the U.S. Army

Woods



from Aug. 9, 1950, to Oct. 31, 1972.

He attended Allan Hancock Junior College in Lompoc, Calif. for two years, and worked for a time as a warehouseman in Seattle, Wash. before joining the DAV as an NSO trainee.

Poole is a member of DAV Chapter 2 in Seattle, Wash. He and his wife, Marian, have one child, Steven Lee.

Ed R. Vann

Vann was born May 16, 1946, in Memphis, Tenn., attended local schools, and graduated from Barrett's Chapel High School. He served in the U.S. Army from Aug. 19, 1965, to July 14, 1967, when disability retirement was necessary because of multiple fragment wounds suffered in South Vietnam.

He worked for several firms in Memphis after his retirement, and attended Shelby State Community College from January 1973 until joining the DAV's NSO trainee staff this year.

Vann is a member of DAV Chapter 70 in Memphis. He and his wife, Ora, have two children, Tracy L. and Cassandra L.

Harold L. Woods

Woods was born March 7, 1921, in Bloomington, Ill. He attended local schools and graduated from Bloomington High School in 1939.

He served in the U.S. Army from October 17, 1942, to May 1, 1973, when disability retirement was necessary. He was a sergeant major at the time of his retirement.

Woods is a Life member of Arlington, Va., DAV Chapter 10. He and his wife, Catherine, have two sons, Harold, a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, and Michael.

INQUIRIES

This column is devoted to all personal inquiries submitted by DAV members and other interested parties. If you have information which can be of use to these people, please correspond directly with them. Thank you — The Editors.

To Substantiate Claims . . .

PAUL A. GERHART, 4828 5th Ave., Apt. D, Temple, Va. 19560, would like to hear from anyone who served with him in U.S. Army in Europe from October 1944 to March 1946.

NICHOLAS C. DICKSON, P. O. Box 84, Sneads, Fla. 32460, would like to hear from anyone who remembers his back injury while serving with 130th General Hospital in Cenay, Belgium, WWII, just before Battle of the Bulge.

FRANK RIBIKAUSKAS, VA Hospital-3C, 130 W. Kingsbridge Rd., Bronx N.Y. 10468, would like to locate former fellow servicemen of 342nd Engineers Co. regarding treatment for foot injury.

WILLIAM FRANK SNYDER, Box 433, Beaumont, Calif. 92223, must locate anyone who served with him on USS New Mexico in 1944-45, 7-A Division, AAA 40 mm.

JESSIE F. CERDA, 124 Mildred St., San Antonio, Tex. would like to locate anyone who witnessed accident at Orlando Air Base in 1943 in which a portable power plant ran over his leg, member of 226th Searchlight Bn., Battery A, AAA.

ROBERT L. DAVIS, Madison Ave., Route 1, Box 1886, Belleview, Fla. 32620, would like to locate men of 161st AAA Bn., Co. A, who witnessed barracks accident in 1945, also nurses and

doctors who treated him at 116th Station Hospital, Yokohama, Japan, particularly 2nd Lt. Jackson; also men of 4th Replacement Depot, Yokohama, when Davis suffered hemorrhage in October 1946, particularly John P. Farrell Jr., and Ray G. Asher.

LLOYD W. ROBINSON, P.O. Box 151, Kingston, N.H. 03848, would like to contact anyone who can verify he spent time in POW Hospital at Stalag 7A, Moosburg, Germany (Bavaria) in December 1944; captured near Florence, Italy, with 34th Inf. Div.; comrades at time were Sewell O. Merrill, now deceased, and Linwood Adams from North Adams, Mass.

GUILLERMO SUAREZ BONES, 11 St. Q-13, Sierra Linda, Bayamon, P.R. 00619, would like to hear from Capt. Richard Thomas, Lt. Ernest Kratts, Ottwell Raymond, Francis Manning and any others who recall that he fell from tank in April 1955 in Alaska.

PAUL G. LA CHANCE, 24 Thomas Dr., Goffstown, N.H. 03045, would like to hear from anyone aboard USS Ault (DD-698) between December 1955 and April 1956 who remembers fueling accident at sea involving him, George T. Wright and Richard Camara, especially WOW! Welland, Thomas Shoop, Billy Thomas Davenport and Leonard J. Minyo.

MARSHALL K. MALONE, 1006 W. Greenwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37206, would like to locate persons who recall his injuries in bombing raid in 1944 while with Headquarters Co., 101st Airborne Division.

To Locate Relatives and Friends . . .

SIDNEY A. AHL, P.O. Box 10386, Charleston, S.C. 29411, would like to hear from anyone who served with him in Co. B, 166th Combat Engineers, WWII, and knows about his back injury while installing a Bailey bridge in Germany, especially Capt. Hampstead or Capt. Borne.

CECIL FORGA, 2000 7th St., Hot Springs, Ark. 71901, would like to contact anyone who had basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla., in mule pack artillery in 1944 and 1945, especially Sgt. West, Sgt. Tripplehorn and Cpl. Createnstine.

WILLIAM L. DYER, 300 Cherry St., Greeneville, Tenn. 37743, would like information on whereabouts of Lt. Col. Asa E. Hunt III, last known to be at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

PATRICK DIAMONT, 19 Spring St., Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590, would like to locate Sgt. George Stegmen, who was stationed at Stuart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y., in 1969.

RUSSELL (DOC) MORSE, 129 Starzec Dr., Webster, Mass. 01570, would like to hear from John Dewing, Ary Park, Rich J. Wesseis, John Nelson, Doc Brudage, Randy, Ken and Mac, who served with him, 1-0, ACO 4/3, 11th BDE, Americal Div., Vietnam, 1970-71.

WALTER MARKLE, Route 8, Box 1643, Brooksville, Fla. 33512, would like to hear from anyone who served with him in the Galloping 93rd, San Juan Hill, Santiago de Cuba, Doc Hamerick or George Madden, the veterinarian for corral, April 22, 1917.

MICHAEL M. MILLER, 67 Gorton St., Corning, N.Y. 14830, would like to hear from anyone who was in the Anzio Landing, WWII.

REV. WESLEY G. GROSE, 411 Pike St., Beckley, W. Va. 25801, would like to hear from anyone having information on the whereabouts of Emory Joseph Simmons, born in Rock, W. Va., about 60 years ago, and retired from the Army after 20 or 30 years.

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An example of this type communication might read something like this:

OPERATIONS ORDER NUMBER ONE

1. National Officers, NECs, National Committee Chairmen, Directors, State Department Commanders and Adjutants will depart their individual home stations to arrive at the Fall Conference, Kings Island Inn, 20 miles NE of Cincinnati, Ohio, on I-71, prior to 1900 hours, 31 Oct. 74.

2. MISSION. A. Increase the knowledge and understanding of the Auxiliary programs among Unit and State Department leaders.

B. Identify and clarify less known and uncertain aspects of program projects.

C. Add to the cohesive structure of the DAVA through the friendships newly made or renewed.

D. Have fun!

3. FRIENDLY FORCES. All members of the DAVA. (All are invited to attend.)

4. ENEMY FORCES. Lethargy and indifference toward our programs.

5. WEATHER AND TERRAIN.

A. Weather.

Commander's Commentary

By MARJORIE MAGUIRE
Auxiliary National Commander



(1) Outdoors — Beautiful, brisk, Fall.

(2) Indoors — (a) Serious and studious during business sessions. (b) Friendly, happy, frivolous during fun sessions and after hours.

B. Terrain. Kings Island Inn — Indoor swimming pool with snack bar, restaurants, tennis courts, game room, gift shop, golf putting course, bar.

6. COURSE OF ACTION.

A. Thursday evening — NEC meeting, followed by Halloween Fun and Frolic, open to all.

B. Friday — Beginning at 0900 hours, briefing by National Officers, National Committee Chairmen, and Directors regard-

ing their specific programs, followed by discussion, question and answer periods as desired and profitable.

C. Friday evening — Poolside supper and entertainment. Uniform of the day: bathing suits from way back (1890, etc.)

D. Saturday, 0900 hours — Briefing continued. 1300 hours — Safari Land, or free time. 1800 hours — Banquet with guest speaker.

E. Sunday — Return to home stations, prepared to disseminate information and encourage program participation.

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Annual Fall Conference

The Commander's Commentary above includes the agenda for our Fall Conference. Keep these dates in mind — October 31st, November 1st and 2nd. Make your plans to come to the Kings Island Inn, located on Interstate 71, just outside Cincinnati, Ohio.

The rooms have queen size beds, and the rates are \$15 for a single and \$19 for a double.

Since the Kings Island Inn is quite a distance from downtown Cincinnati, anyone arriving by plane must take the Airporter bus, which runs to the Marriott Motel, near Kings Island. The Kings Island limousine will then transport you to their Inn. It is IMPERATIVE that every individual attending the Fall Conference, who will be traveling by plane, send us their flight number and their exact time of arrival. We MUST have this information to arrange this transportation from the Marriott to the Kings Island Inn.

Don't forget to make your bathing suit of the early 1900s, and plan to join us in the fun. This will be a new concept of our annual Fall Conference. A bulletin has been sent to all Units and Departments.

Get together — make your plans, and send us the necessary information immediately. The Conference will conclude with a banquet on Saturday night with the DAV National Commander, Walter T. Greaney, as our banquet speaker.

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED no later than two weeks before opening of the Conference. They will be held until 6 p.m. on day of arrival, unless later hour is specified.

During the months of October and November, we celebrate two holidays that are strictly Americana. They are Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving Day.

They seem to go hand in hand. It is with faith, remembrance and thanksgiving that we celebrate both. Faith, in the fact that when our country is in need, brave men will answer that need. Remembrance, in the fact that when America called, brave men, not only answered her call, but gave totally. Thanksgiving, that we still are a free nation, because of these men, living and dead, who followed their country's flag, wherever it led them.

Names come to mind: Names like Valley Forge, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, Chateau-Thierry, Argonne, Guadalcanal,

Bastogne, Pork Chop Hill, Hue and Saigon, forever engraved in our memories. Engraved with American blood and American lives.

What do these names mean to our youth? Do they even know what they represent? After knowing, do they really appreciate or care? Have we failed to instill in our young the pride that one should have for their heritage, whatever it might be?

One man, in 1949, questioned "how well the Average American understood and appreciated this heritage." With this idea in mind, he set in motion a plan to create a place that would preserve our American heritage for future generations.

It would be more than just monuments, although there are some; it would conduct

educational programs of instruction for teachers, so in returning to their classrooms they would be able to instruct our young with a more informative, enlightened picture of who we are, where we have been, and where we are going.

It would honor the men who fought and died for this country, in a living way, by presenting awards to those in all walks of life; those who speak, write, or through the media, stand up publicly for America. This place would be located at Valley Forge, Pa., and its name would be Freedoms Foundation.

Last year, through our donations to Freedoms Foundation, we were able to send teachers in the name of our organization to Freedoms Foundation for three weeks of instruction. They responded, upon their return, that they in no way realized how fulfilling and rewarding it could be until they had experienced it. Not only had they learned by this informative course, but that their students would benefit.

During November, we celebrate "Know Your America Week." What better way to preserve this idea than for us to donate to another idea. In donating to Freedoms Foundation, we achieve in one easy effort, a living memorial to our loved ones who gave so much of themselves.

In donating to Freedoms Foundation, we guarantee that our children will never forget what America stands for and what she, with God's help, will continue to stand for. Send your donation to National Headquarters, and mark it for Freedoms Foundation. — **Maria Tedrow, National Americanism Chairman.**

DAV AUXILIARY IN ACTION



National Trophies . . .

Officers of DAV Chapter and Auxiliary Unit 126, Stevenville, Mich., pose with the trophies they won at the National Convention in New Orleans. These include the hospital and welfare program trophy for the sixth consecutive year, the Star magazine history award for under 50 members, and citations for hospital and adult welfare work and legislative program. Front, left to right, are Fred Essig, Chapter commander, and Mrs. Sarah Jewell, Unit commander, and back are, Mrs. Olga Friske, Auxiliary National Hospital Chairman; Mrs. Paul Goecke, Unit senior vice commander, and Mrs. Kurt Garbuschewski, Unit junior vice commander.

Spotlight on VAVS



VAVS Certificates . . .

Three former Florida Department Auxiliary commanders (below), who are also members of Unit 16, Orlando, receive VAVS Certificates for hours of volunteer service at the Lake City VA Hospital. They are, from left, Evelyn H. Dean, 100 hours; Mayme L. Williams, 300 hours and Christine Johnson, 2,700 hours. At left, M. A. (Marty) Driscoll, left, Alternate DAV VAVS Representative; Christine Johnson, Auxiliary VAVS Representative, and John F. Allen, DAV VAVS Representative, present a large plant to the hospital for the Sun Deck. Both men also received VAVS Certificates, each for 500 hours of volunteer time at the hospital.

Volunteers in Action . . .

Phoenix, Ariz., Auxiliary Unit 1 members each Monday sponsor an Outpatient Coffee Service at the Phoenix VA Hospital. At left below, Reina Morley, Department senior vice commander and Deputy VAVS Representative, and Louise Ellis, a Unit 1 volunteer, pour coffee for one of the outpatients. At right, Louise Ellis, left, and Ada Lawton, VAVS Representative, prepare coffee, tea and cookies for the Mental Health Clinic's Social Hour twice each week.



Colorful Pictures . . .

Members of Ernestine Schumann-Heink Auxiliary Unit 2, Kansas City, Mo., recently contributed several colorful pictures to the Kansas City VA Hospital. Committees workers on the project included, left to right, Mrs. Eva Harvey, Deputy VAVS Representative; Mrs. Mazie M. Holmes, VAVS Representative, and Mrs. Margaret Wessing, DAVA Hospital chairman. The pictures were hung in the wards and rooms of the Orthopedic-Neurosurgery section.



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1974 By-Law Changes

The changes from the National Convention in New Orleans, La., will be available Nov. 1.

These are not complete sets. These pages are to replace the same numbered pages in your By-Law Book, which had changes at the National Convention.

You can order your changes from National Headquarters, DAV Auxiliary, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, Ky. 41076, or the Adjutant of the Unit may order them for the members requesting them.

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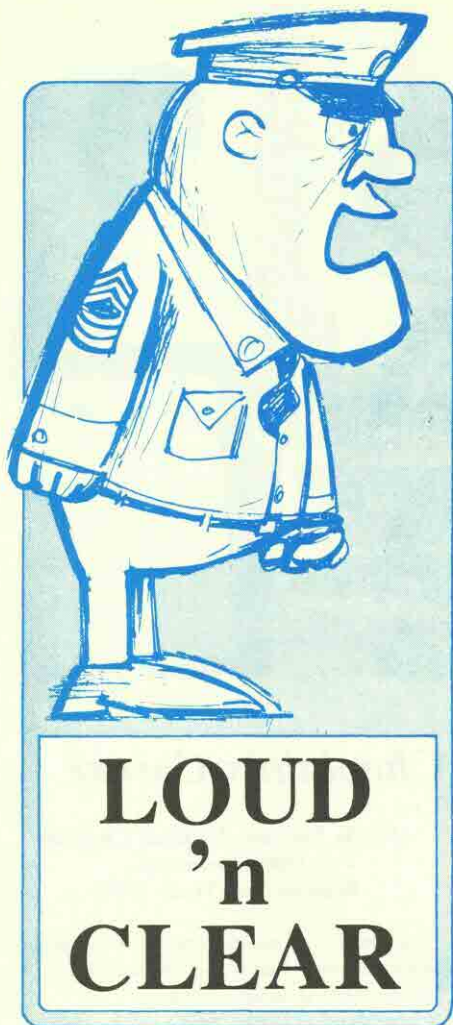
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Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And, where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And, it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

—St. Francis of Assisi

TAPS

Mary B. Parker, Alabama 73; Betty Munn, California 20; Ruey Johnson, California 42; Lena Abeyta, Colorado 12; Isabelle Martone, Connecticut 9; Eva Carr, Connecticut 18; Celia Beresh, Florida 43; Esther Kamper, Illinois 28; Phyllis Taggett, Maine 10; Frances Shepard, Leah Swan, Michigan 6; Adeline Flynn, Minnesota 1; Harriett Wattenbarger, Missouri 2; Georgia Hurley, Nebraska 11; Antionette Beliveau, New Hampshire 20; Elta Van Winkle, New Mexico 9; Edna Northcutt, Oklahoma 50; Mary Barton, Oregon 1; Edna Lindsey, Oregon 25; Bella Fournier, Rhode Island 4; Lillian Melton, Tennessee 43; Magdalen Hessel, Wisconsin 3.



You got something to say? Sound off, Loud 'N Clear! This column represents the opinions of individual DAV Members—on any variety of subjects. What's your opinion? Address letters to: The Editor, DAV Magazine, P. O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

Social Security, Again!

Dear Sir: My reason for this letter is to ask if the Committee on Veterans' Affairs could present an amendment to the Social Security law that would allow the disabled veterans to receive their full compensation checks without the Social Security cutting out a certain percent when the veteran starts to draw Social Security. I have noticed time after time from "Loud 'n Clear" letters, where they have had a cut in their compensation checks. I am sure the disabled veteran is only asking for what is rightfully his by his service to his country and for his contribution to Social Security. I would like to see all disabled veterans become aware of this situation, as someday they will be placed in the same position.—**Andrew L. Peterson, Nubieber, Calif.**

Source of Officers' Charge

Dear Editor: In reading Commander Soave's Comments in the August DAV Magazine, and noting the emphasis he placed on the "Charge" delivered to all newly installed officers, I am prompted to say something that I do not think has ever been said before; namely, that the credit for the words of that "Charge" belongs to the late Frank B. Brown of Canton, Ohio. In all the Official Rituals of our national organization prior to 1947, there was no such "Charge" to be delivered by the installing officer after the newly elected officers took their oath of office. In 1947, when I was National Chaplain and Mr. Brown was Department Commander of Ohio, he asked me if I could get such a "Charge" inserted into the Ritual. When Past National Commander Lloyd Oleson appointed me chairman of the Ritual Revision Committee at the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., that year, this was accomplished. I thought this bit of history should be recorded somewhere.—**Walter R. Gobrecht, California Department Chaplain, Laguna Hills, Calif.**

Benefits Slipping Away

Editor: To all disabled service-connected veterans and relatives where the disability is of nervous or mental condition. Being a victim of this unseen wound, and not being able to function in social and economic situations, we have been overlooked. With new drugs and treatment techniques, many of us now and in the future will have lost many benefits, especially to our rights to educational and counseling towards worthwhile lifetime goals and careers. Being a victim of this Korean War service-connected disability, and with the use of new drugs I am able to function and compete and comprehend situations more clearly, I find all or most G.I. benefits are expiring or will expire. Many more service-connected veterans with this disability will find that they are in the same situation. I would like to see a G.I. Bill passed with a no time limit to start and complete educational courses for service-connected veterans with this particular disability.—**A Victim of the Korean War.**

A Thank You!

Editor: Words cannot express my heartfelt appreciation for what the DAV did for me when I was seeking more VA compensation. May God bless and watch over the officials of the DAV.—**Leo A. Giroux, Saginaw, Mich.**

Hats Off to Vietnam Vets!

Editor: I would like to sound off about the good work being done by our Vietnam veterans on the DAV staff, especially Ronald W. Drach in Washington, D.C., Clifford B. Stricker in Pittsburgh, Pa., and all the other Vietnam veterans on NSO staffs around the nation. I have received 100-percent help and advice from Mr. Stricker and his aides. My hat goes off to all Vietnam veterans. They have proven they deserve the same benefits as WWII and Korean Conflict veterans.—**Leonard F. Reilly Jr., Corapolis, Pa.**

Seems Quite Evident!

Editor: The article written by Robert A. Rothschild of El Paso, Tex., in the August "Loud 'n Clear" sure struck home. I presently draw 70-percent disability and 30-percent for unemployment, making it 100 percent, which I feel is correct, because in many instances I can't get out of bed, let alone out of the house to hold down a job. Mr. Rothschild stated he has an insecure feeling about the VA trying to cut our income. I can surely see why. I just received a questionnaire, wanting to know if I worked for myself or anyone else the last year. Maybe this is some of the so-called paper work that is routine. But, I believe, in most cases, all the VA would have to do is look at a man's medical record and disabilities that are recorded, and they would have no trouble knowing that a disabled veteran has enough problems without having to have the insecure feeling that Mr. Rothschild's letter so plainly brought to light.—**Lloyd Shreeves, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**

Obedient Member

Editor: As counseled in the latest edition of DAV Magazine, we wrote a "Thank You" letter to each of our congressmen, which we most thankfully did. Our thanks too, to all of you people "back at the ranch," who also worked hard for us. God bless you.—**M. G. Zender, Tucson, Ariz.**

Voices of Dissent

Dear Sir: For a long time I was in doubt about the purpose of the DAV in supporting the Nixon Administration on a partisan basis. Now, I am glad to see that there are voices of dissent about his leadership in choosing inept persons to run the VA affairs. I trust that the DAV will be instrumental in seeing that qualified personnel are in charge of the veterans. Senators Hartke, Talmadge and Montgomery certainly deserve our plaudits and grateful appreciations.—**Mrs. Marvin Rader, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

Another Grateful Member

Dear Sir: I would like to tell of my appreciation for the assistance I have received from the DAV. I appealed my disability claim to the Appeal Board in Washington, D.C., and I was represented by the DAV. During the appeal hearing, an unmistakable error was discovered in my records by the DAV representative, where I was awarded a 20-percent disability due to wounds to both legs in World War II. So, the VA now owes me between \$13,000 and \$14,000, which I should receive in a few weeks. Also, starting next month, I will receive \$59 per month from the VA. This was all made possible in the DAV looking out for me while they were representing me. I would especially like to commend Charles Kelly and his staff and the DAV Chapter in St. Petersburg, Fla., as they are the people who have helped me the most in getting these benefits. It especially has helped me, as I am presently in Florida State Prison. I used to be a member of the VFW, and I have tried to get them to assist me on my claim, but was not successful. But, the DAV really came through for me, and it sure gives me a better outlook on life and the future.

—E. J. Colwell, Raifore, Fla.

Flag, Supreme Court

Editor: All my life I have respected the American flag, and will continue to do so. It means much to veterans and to those who gave their lives. Certainly, they never thought it would be allowed to be used as a patch on the posterior of anyone's pants. This degrading of the flag by the Supreme Court falls into the category of banning prayers from schools. I am sure this insidious act by the Court will be heard from again, by the people. Where was the Supreme Court when the flag was burned, used as a mat and being degraded in every possible way? Justices they are, patriots they are not.—George Sebilian, Brockton, Mass.

Another Thank You!

Editor: As a WWII veteran, I am sorry I took such a long time to thank Chapter 17 Commander Cy N. Weber, the Adjutant and Service Officer for the hard work and hours spent in assisting me and many, many others in getting back their service-connected disability compensations, and other confusing problems we didn't understand. I also want to thank all the doctors who were patient and understanding at the VA Hospital. God bless you all.—Teter Takahashi, Long Beach, Calif.

Mobile Home Va Loans

Editor: I strongly urge all veterans who have purchased mobile homes, using their VA Certificate of Eligibility to get a VA Guaranteed Loan, to check with their lending institutions to find out exactly how much equity they have built and how much interest they are paying monthly. VA loans are computed on a pro-rata basis. All other mobile home loans are computed on the sum of digits method. There is quite a difference between these two methods. The pro-rata basis works in favor of the veteran, because he builds up an equity faster. Not all banks or the VA will tell you this, but I am telling you now. Recently, I placed my mobile home "for sale," and the bank told me that my principal balance was \$8,333.14, according to their computer run. Since my total loan was for only \$8,609.65, and I had made 20 payments of \$106.65 monthly, I immediately got down to figures and phone calls. I found out that my real balance to pay off the loan was only \$7,413.85. Quite a difference, isn't it? I also found out that my monthly principal equity was \$59.79 and that the interest was only \$46.86 monthly, for a total of \$106.65. I wonder, had I paid this bank the balance of \$8,333.14 that their computer run showed, what would have happened to such a great difference of money? The bank has now corrected these figures, and issued me a letter with the correct amounts and apologies. So, all you vets, get your pencils and papers out, call your lending institutions, don't take their figures for granted, and start figuring yourself or seek help from a qualified accountant or friend. It's your money, and quite a lot of it.—Parnenio A. Iglesias, Orlando, Fla.

We Are All Equal!

Editor: As a combat veteran of WWII, with disabling injuries, I have come to realize that I am no different than my fellow man, that ALL men are endowed with a physical handicap. You don't believe this? Well, just try reaching "high C" vocally. You find you can't do it? Now you know that you too have a physical handicap. There are many types of physical limitations. Our Creator never brought into existence the perfect individual. While some may have certain qualifications of the perfect human form, none exists from time immemorial with all attributes of physical perfection. This then, makes me realize that even with my war-incurred disabilities, I am able to compete with my fellow man regardless of my physical handicaps. I also realize too that he

So Soon Forgotten!

Editor: Three cheers to all the DAV folks who put in so many hours getting our new increase. I thank God for these dedicated people, and could never say in words my feelings toward each one of them. My thanks to the U.S. government for my disability compensation, but my question is this—Why do we have to wait so long for an increase in pay when prices are skyrocketing daily? It isn't as though we are asking for something we don't deserve. There never seems to be a question or a long wait when we send billions overseas. Perhaps if our President, the Congressmen and the American people would pay a visit to a VA Hospital and see the guys and gals who are there, people who volunteered to fight to keep this country free. I'm not bitter, I love this country and would strive to be first in line if she needed my help again. I just wonder why we are so soon forgotten by so many.—Phyllis A. Miller, Auburn, Wash.

Wifely Entitlement!

Dear Sir: I have been a totally and permanently disabled veteran since Dec. 31, 1951, and my wife since Nov. 13, 1972. As the principal portion of our incomes is my VA compensation, I wish to add my two cents worth to "The Victims of War" in February's Loud 'n Clear. If I should pass on suddenly, the combination of her widow's pension and her disability benefits from Social Security would do little more than pay the rent for the apartment in which we are now living. And, as she is a complete shut in, there is no chance of her being employed, by anyone! It seems only fitting and proper that a wife should continue to receive her husband's VA compensation if he was totally and permanently disabled for a specified number of years; if she had to devote a number of years to his care; or, as in the case of my wife, if she wasn't able to care for herself, either physically or financially. My wife and I hold the DAV in undying and eternal reverence.

—John C. Woods Jr., Roslyn, Pa.

doesn't predicate my existence on my physical form, but on my abilities to live as normally as humanly possible. So, although I too cannot reach "high C," neither can most of my fellowmen. Thus, smilingly, I say to them, "Welcome to my club!"—A. A. Hayman, Los Angeles, Calif.

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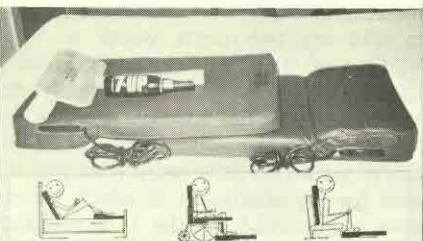
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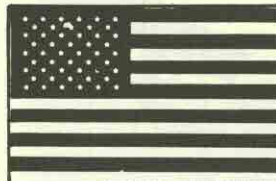
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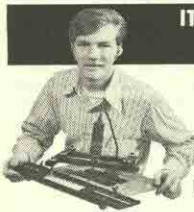
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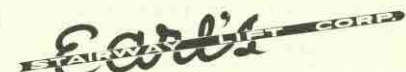
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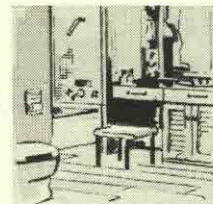
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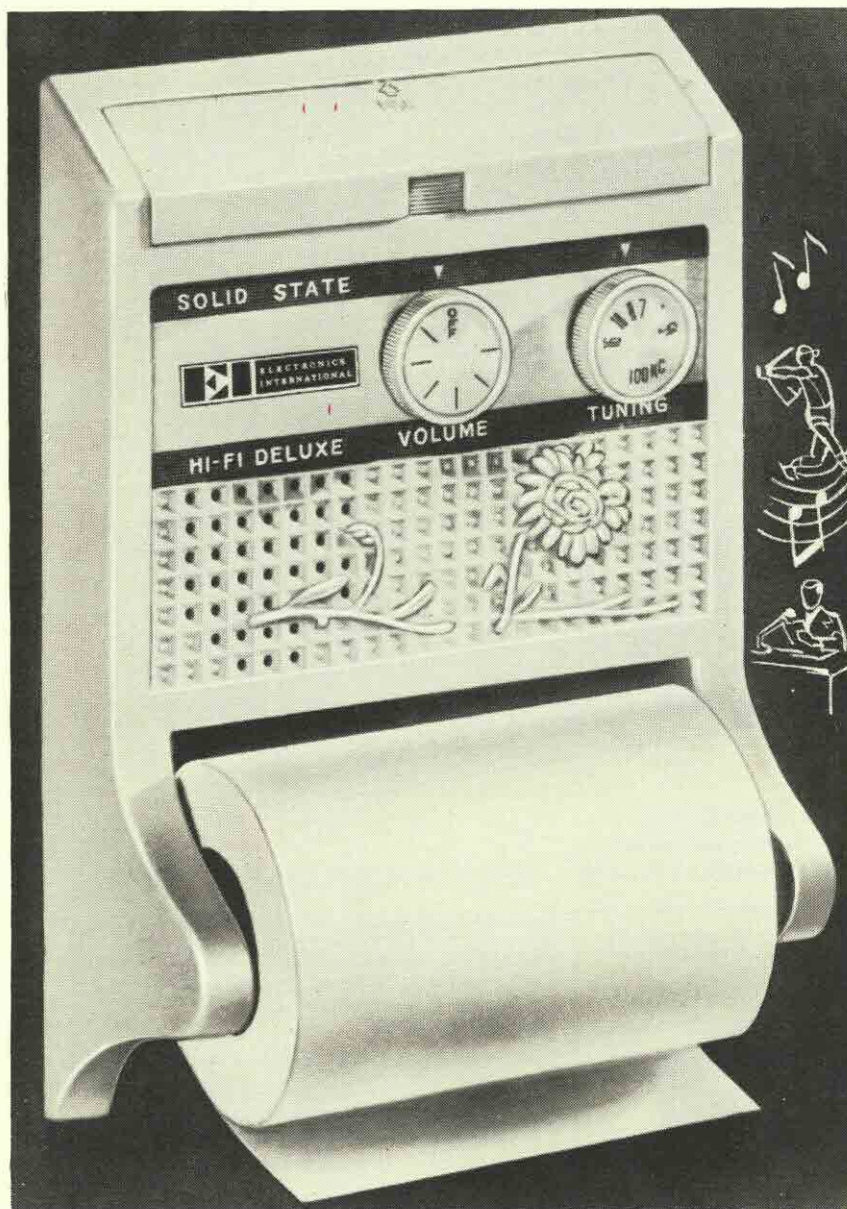
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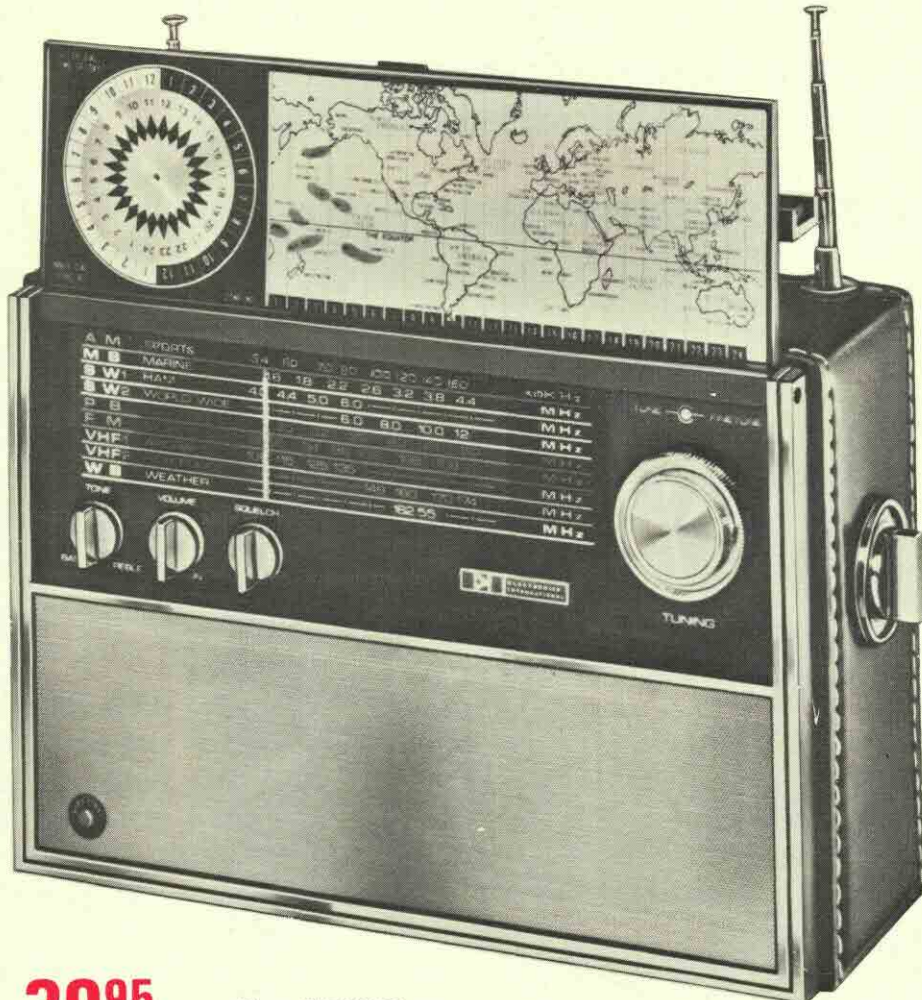
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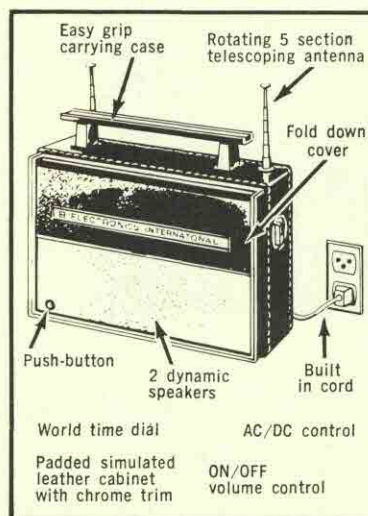
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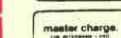
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