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DAV volunteers from coast to coast have accepted their special responsibility for boys with handicaps, as highlighted in the feature article on pages 12-14 of this issue of DAV Magazine.

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DAV SPEAKS OUT



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The Good News!

Good news these days seems to be at a premium, so may we relate in detail some good news that has occurred to the all-important program of the DAV during the past year.

It was good news when our National Adjutant, Denvel D. Adams, announced in the fall of 1973 that the DAV was putting our National Service program on wheels, with a battalion of six GMC motor vans, manned by National Service Officers who would, by personal contact, extend our professional services to the disabled war veterans and his dependents living far away from the VA Regional Offices and the office of the National Service Officers. This was no reflection on the existing program provided by professional counsellors of the DAV—a national service that has no equal. It does, and will, fulfill a need that dates back as far as the establishment of the Veterans Bureau in the early 1920s.

It was good news when we learned that the six mobile offices—now known as the DAV Field Service Units—equipped with files, audio visual equipment, typing and dictating equipment, "thit the road" in January 1974, with a dedication ceremony in Columbia, S.C., a date that will be of historical importance in our future. The idea was novel, and from the very beginning was accepted with enthusiasm. From an early report, someone referred to the DAV National Service Offices on wheels as "a modern version of the U.S. Cavalry," riding to the rescue of and providing assistance to the disabled veterans and their dependents.

It was, and is, a costly enterprise, which called for careful planning by experts in the fields of service and administration—available within our own organization—and a costly financial investment as well, which will prove of great value to the DAV as a first-class service organization.

On duty and operating through 11 months of 1974, the "mounted" corps covered 48 states. Favorable reports of the service rendered, which were received by National Service Director John J. Keller and his staff, came not only from veterans contacted by members of the Units, but from public officials of towns and counties and states covered by the Field Service Units. Without the enthusiastic performance of the National Service Officers selected to carry out the pioneering effort in 1974, the endeavor might have been a costly flop.

National Headquarters has only praise for the cooperation offered these "trail blazers" by District and Chapter officials, and the membership as a whole, as they entered their respective states, towns and counties. May they receive the same cooperation in the future—for here is the best news of all:

Appearing in this issue of your magazine (Page 18) is an article that discloses to our membership the good news that our Field Service Units have become a permanent institution, and that there will be a marked increase in the number of units—from six to 18. Further, the mobile units will start functioning this month, with seven offices on wheels, and the promise that 18 units will be operating before the end of the year.

Director Jack Feighner is known to all of us, with a backing of many years as a National Service Officer—his last appointment being Deputy National Service Director in our Washington office. As Director, Special Service Projects, he is in full charge of the administration of the affairs of the Field Service Unit program. We are sure he will receive from his associates at the National, Department and Chapter levels the same support National Headquarters received in establishing the program.

To give the program the publicity it deserves, we know Director Feighner will call on the membership as a whole to let the non-member know all about it. Spread the news that we are now ready, and will continue to carry our professional services to the disabled war veteran living in a thousand localities within the continental limits of the U.S., yet far removed from a VA Regional Office or the office of a DAV National Service Officer. The service comes at a time when the expense of travel stops many a potential member from reaching that DAV office to prepare and present a valid claim or solve a serious problem.

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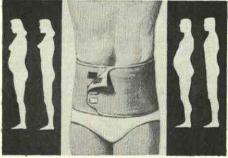
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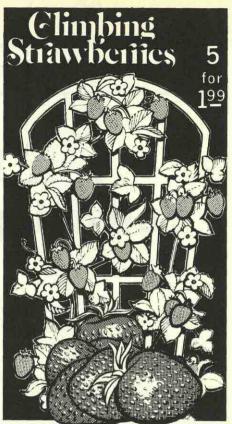


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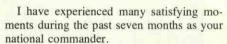
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A Most Satisfying Moment!

By WALTER T. GREANEY
National Commander



It is difficult to rank these moments in any specific order, because each carried with it a sense of responsibility and an awareness of comradeship that defies such categorical statements as, "This even was better than the one I attended last week." Each experience has been unique; each has been an adventure; and each reflects the true spirit of the Disabled American Veterans.

As this is being written, I am also preparing my statement for the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. Excerpts from the message to Congress appear elsewhere in this issue of *DAV Magazine*, and I hope you read them with as much enthusiasm as I devoted to their preparation.

If any single event during my tenure as national commander was to carry the label, "Most Satisfying," I felt that my appearance before these two Congressional Committees as your representative would most certainly qualify. I shall know only after the event.

However, in the midst of working with the national legislative staff on items that should be included in the DAV appeal to Congress, I was honored—and humbled —by an experience that will always remain in my memory.

A large brown envelope came across my desk. The return address was: Mrs. Dahl's Fifth Grade, Elmore Public School, Elmore, Minn. 56027. In the envelope were about 15 hand-made Valentine cards from Mrs. Dahl's students, accompanied by a note from their teacher:

"Valentine greetings from my fifth graders. They are a great group. They show so much feeling of kindness and understanding for others. We hope you enjoy their little Valentines as much as they enjoyed making

them for you. Thank you for all you've done for each of us. God bless you!" (signed) Mrs. Stella Dahl.

The colorful creations were typical of what any fifth grade student might produce with scissors, paste pot, crayons, and much adolescent ingenuity.

But, what really captured my attention was the message carefully scrawled on the back of each card. I would like to share some of them with you, not correcting either spelling or grammar.

"Thank you for being good soldors and saving our country for us so we can have freedom."

"Thank you for defending our country. I think you must be very, very brave."

"Thank you for your courge and bravery and for fighting. You really did a good job."

"We are very free to do anything we want because you fought for our country. Thanks again."

"Thank you for helping our country. You were brave. You saved our country from Comnumism. I hope you enjoy this valentine. I hope it will make your day better."

I have never met Mrs. Dahl. But, she obviously has instilled in her young students a remarkable sense of gratitude, thoughtfulness, and, most of all, a deep awareness of the sacrifices made by America's fighting men in behalf of their native land. Hopefully, many of you who read this article will want to write to Mrs. Dahl and her fifth graders in appreciation for their Valentine's Day messages to all disabled veterans.

My travel schedule during the next few months is extremely tight. But, you can be sure I shall make every attempt possible to pay a personal visit to the Elmore Public School in Elmore, Minn., to meet a wonderful teacher and her students who are learning the true meaning of Americanism.



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DAV HOTLINE!

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VA BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1976 HIGHEST IN HISTORY

Funding levels for veterans' programs in President Ford's fiscal year 1976 budget request to Congress are the highest in the nation's history, according to Richard L. Roudebush, Administrator of Veterans Affairs. The request for \$16.1-billion represents an increase of \$170.7-million in budget authority over estimated requirements for fiscal year 1975. Following are highlights of the budget ... presented without comment since DAV officials have not yet had an opportunity to analyze them in respect to DAV recommendations. The budget provides for:

- Payments of \$4.6-billion in service-connected disability and death compensation benefits to 2.6-million veterans and survivors.
- Expenditures of \$2.7-billion in nonservice-connected disability and death pension benefits to 2.2-million veterans and survivors in financial need.
- More than \$4-billion in education and training assistance payments to 2.6-million Vietnam era veterans and servicemen, as well as 80,000 sons, daughters, wives and widows of veterans whose deaths or severe disabilities resulted from military service.
- A record funding level for VA hospital and medical care programs of \$3.9-billion ... \$366-million over the 1975 estimate and \$845 million over the actual 1974 funding.
 - A record high \$403.9-million for construction.
- Housing credit assistance for guaranteed loans of more than \$10\$-billion to 365,725 veterans, bringing the cumulative total number of VA-guaranteed home loans to <math>9.5-million.
- Life insurance protection totaling more than \$98-billion for 8.2-million veterans and active duty servicemen.
- Burial benefits of \$143-million, including \$37.5-million in plot allowances for veterans buried in private cemeteries.

According to Roudebush, the all-time high of \$3.9-billion funding for VA hospital and medical programs in fiscal 1976 is 23.4 per cent of the agency's total budget, permitting the VA to:

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- Provide inpatient hospital care for 1,246,531 veterans ... a record high and 105,781 over fiscal 1974.
- Handle more than 14.7-million outpatient medical visits, nearly 2.5-million more than during fiscal 1974 (Roudebush noted that care will be more accessible to additional veterans and VA will operate 20 more outpatient clinics and 32 more mental hygiene clinics).
- Provide hospital and medical care for upwards of 178,000 beneficiaries on any given day.
- Raise the composite VA hospital staffing ratio to 167 staff for each 100 patients ... 10 more staff for each 100 patients than in fiscal 1974.

The \$403.9-million for hospital construction will permit completion of funding for <u>four new hospitals</u> in Augusta, Ga.; Bronx, N.Y.; Columbia, S.C.; and Loma Linda, Calif.; it will also allow for the obligation of \$137-million for replacement and modernization projects now underway.

Included in the \$4.3-billion medical care and construction budgets is \$357.1-million for the continued implementation of the Quality of Care Survey recommendations growing out of the agency study in fiscal 1974 at VA hospitals and clinics.

Roudebush added that supplemental funding of \$37.9-million has also been requested for this purpose in fiscal 1975.

TOP LEVEL VA APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

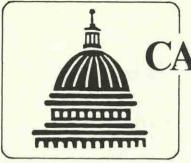
Three major appointments have been announced at the VA within the past few weeks.

Named director of the National Cemetery System is John W. Mahan. He succeeds Rufus H. Wilson whose appointment as Chief Benefits Director appeared on this page last month. Mahan served as a dive bomber pilot during WWII and holds a law degree from the University of Montana. He was 1958-59 Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board under Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

New chairman of the VA Board of Appeals is <u>Sydney J. Shuman</u>, an attorney with the Veterans Administration since 1946 and vice chairman of the BVA since 1971. He succeeds Lawrence R. Pierce, Jr., who retired in June after 28 years of service with the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Named Deputy Director for Psychology in the VA Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service is <u>Dr. Cecil R. Peck</u> who has been with the agency since 1947. A WWII Air Force pilot in the Pacific Theater, Dr. Peck will oversee a program under which about 27,000 of the 82,000 patients in the VA hospitals on any given day are receiving treatment for mental and emotional disorders or for drug and alcohol dependence.

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CAPITOL REPORT

By Charles L. Huber

National Director of Legislation



One of the most important events on the DAV calendar is the annual Midwinter Conference in Washington, and the most important event of that meeting is the day the DAV presents its legislative recommendations to the Veterans Affairs Committees of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Full coverage of the Midwinter Conference will be presented in the April issue of DAV Magazine, but a special effort was made to bring you the following highlights of the DAV's legislative recommendations as presented to Congress on Wednesday, February 26, 1975, by DAV National Commander Walter T. Greaney.

Compensation

Although the VA disability compensation rate was increased this past year, and the Veterans Affairs committees customarily review the disability compensation only biennially, Commander Greaney told the legislators: "Because of inflation and ever increasing costs for goods and services, the DAV believes that there is a sound case to be made for placing compensation increases high on the legislative agenda for 1975."

He pointed out that severely disabled veterans, particularly those whose income consists solely of compensation, saw their ability to live by reasonable standards being eroded more rapidly than ever before.

"In 1974, they watched consumer prices soar by about 12.2 per cent, the sharpest climb since 1946. Accordingly, the present compensation rates do not now provide the same degree of financial assistance that was furnished when the rates were changed, in May of 1974," he said.

Greaney, a Boston lawyer-economist and chairman of the Department of Finance at Boston College, told the Veterans' Affairs Committees that President Ford, speaking at the DAV National Convention last August,

expressed special concern for "those wardisabled veterans who depend primarily on their disability compensation checks."

their disability compensation checks."

"In their behalf," Mr. Ford said then,
"it is necessary that we exercise very special diligence to make certain that disability programs are reviewed constantly day by day as we face this inflationary problem, (and) that compensation must not be allowed to lag behind changes in the consumer price index."

More recently, the President, in his Budget Message, stated that the consumer price index in 1975 will increase 11.3 per cent.

Despite his earlier pronouncement, Commander Greaney reminded the Committees the president has vowed to veto any new federal spending programs, and has called for holding to five per cent automatic statutory increases in federal pay, social security, Civil Service and military retirement pay.

The President did not, however, make any mention of his plans for veterans legislation that might be enacted in this session of Congress, Greaney noted.

Though mindful of the need for continuing restraint in federal spending, he told Congress, "We see no reason why government-developed programs to combat inflation should work to the detriment of disabled veterans who are in a special category—a category to which the Nation owes a special obligation."

He stressed that the DAV firmly believes that there is an "overwhelming" case for restoration of the dollar value of disability compensation payments. If the President's estimate is accurate, he said, the Consumer Price Index will have risen approximately 14 per cent in the period May 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

Commander Greaney called for both Veterans' Affairs Committees to take positive steps, "... to insure that America's 2.2

million service-connected disabled veterans will receive all that they require to adequately sustain themselves in these increasingly difficult times."

He asked them to call for hearings on compensation measures early in this 94th Congress. At the same time, he stated that any review of compensation benefits must naturally include: 1. Dependency Allowances payable to veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50 per cent or more; 2. Special Statutory Awards payable to veterans who have suffered the service-connected loss or loss-of-use of a limb, and eye, or other specified body organ; 3. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payable to widows and orphans of veterans who died of service-connected disabilities.

In the area of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments, Greaney drew the attentions of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee members to a recent study conducted by the VA Administrator under Public Law 93-295.

The study involved claims for DIC benefits filed by survivors who at time of death had a disability rated total and permanent in nature. Among other things, the report of the study was to include the number of these cases which were denied within the six month period prior to the enactment of PL-93-295.

Under present law, when a serviceconnected disability is found to be the primary or contributory cause of death, the veteran's survivors, if otherwise entitled, are awarded Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

In its report, the VA stated categorically that its determinations in these cases are made on a very liberal basis.

However, Commander Greaney testified, "We were appalled to find that VA boards have **denied** Dependency and Indemnity Compensation in one out of every four (25 per cent) cases where the veteran's service-

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at the time of his death. This represents, in our opinion, an excessive rate of denials."

He urged the Committees to correct this tragic situation by reporting favorably on legislation covering the intent of the DAV's high priority resolutions.

This resolution calls for a presumption of service-connection when the veteran, at time of death, was rated 100 per cent disabled by reason of service-connected disabilities.

Medical Care

Commander Greaney reminded the members of the two Veterans' Affairs Committees that the DAV, because of its fundamental character, has a deep and abiding interest in the Veterans Administration's Hospital and Medical Care Program.

He stated that the DAV has consistently held to the view that the interests of our disabled veterans can best be served by maintaining the existing VA Hospital system. It should be protected to serve all their needs for hospital and medical care services, he stressed.

'As you are aware, Mr. Chairman," he said, "much discussion has been going on within the Congress and the executive branch regarding the establishment of some form of National Health Insurance. The DAV recognizes that the problem of health care for the general population is real and serious, and that legislation is definitely needed to deal realistically with the exorbitant costs of catastrophic illnesses.'

But he decried ill-concieved attempts to assimilate the VA hospitals into a National "unified health plan" under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or any other social service agency.

"The most recent and the most blatant proposal is revealed in a letter dated January 2, 1975, from HEW to the Office of Management and Budget containing this significant statement: 'We (HEW) feel strongly that it would be very desirable in the future to relate VA health care activities to the efforts of other federal agencies responsible for health care, and that those efforts be integrated into an overall national health policy' '

"We think," he continued, "it is abundantly clear that behind this proposal stands one central fact—the Department of HEW is hell-bent on disbanding and taking over the operating of the VA hospital system. Of further significance is a statement in which HEW agrees that VA facilities should be upgraded 'whatever the future course' of the nation's health care system."

"This is a new twist indeed," he said, "for never before has HEW suggested upgrading VA hospitals. Naturally, we suspect an ulterior motive, i.e., the expendi-

connected disability was rated 100 percent tures required to upgrade the hospitals would be reflected in an expanded VA budget; then HEW would be pleased to take over the hospitals with no corresponding increased expenditures chargeable to its own appropriations."

National Commander Greaney also gave the endorsement of the DAV to the recent "Report of a Special Survey on the Level of the Quality of Patient Care at VA Hospitals and Clinics," submitted last July by Dr. John Case, VA Chief Medical Director."

He said that, "the document, in our opinion, represents an intelligent, objective and forthright analysis of the VA Hospital and Medical Care System and expresses in frank terms how the system can, and must, be upgraded to meet the health needs of veterans today. Upon reading the report we were quite amazed at the volume of criticism leveled at the VA by the VA itself. This is indeed a new and refreshing change from that which we have seen in connection with VA studies in the past.'

VA Budget

The Commander expressed the DAV's appreciation of the positive aspects of the VA's budget for fiscal 1976—which includes an increase of \$366 million and provides for the hiring of 9,425 additional personnel by the Department of Medicine and Surgery-but he decried a proposed reduction of 595 employees from the Department of Veterans' Benefits.

"There is an inconsistency here that needs to be rectified," he said. "The reduction comes at a time when the workload at VA regional offices across the country is increasing substantially. There is a marked rise in the numbers of new and reopened claims for benefits due in large part to the economic recession and the high rate of unemployment among the veteran population."

"If the ever increasing activities at VA offices are to be handled efficiently and without frustrating delays, the proposed reduction of 595 employees in the Department of Veterans Benefits should not take place," he said.

In fact, he said, an estimated 421 new personnel should be hired to prevent any diminution in this all-important on-going work. He pointed out that in the first six weeks of 1975, the Department of Veterans Benefits workload in the areas of compensation, pension and education increased 18 per cent.

"It would be tragic indeed," he emphasized, "if the VA were to lose all of the valuable gains it made externally during the last quarter of 1974. We are hopeful that the members of (these) committee(s) and the full Congress will support and approve appropriations sufficient not only to restore the 595 personnel cutback, but also to provide the 421 additional personnel so desperately needed by the Department of Veterans Benefits."

Employment

The DAV National Commander told the Committee members that the DAV National Employment Program, combining the efforts of our National Service Officers and the volunteer assistance of our Department and Chapter representatives, results in effective job counseling, referral and placement for the disabled veterans we are chartered to

"The DAV strongly opposes," he said, "any moves by groups in and out of government that would result in weakening or eliminating veterans' job preference in the Civil Service. We would like to see an improvement in the hiring of disabled veterans by federal contractors, and by state and local governments."

According to Commander Greaney's testimony, "Public Law 92-540, provides that any business or corporation contracting with the United States shall give special emphasis to the employment of qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era. Department of Labor statistics indicate that this provision has not been adequately implemented."

'Indeed," he continued, "the federal government itself has not been setting any example that contractors would be proud to follow. In this regard, the U.S. Civil Service Commission seems to have been approaching the problem with reluctant feet. Sources estimate that the Department of HEW, the third largest employer in the government, has a sorry record in terms of hiring veterans. Of all employees recruited last year by HEW, only eight per cent were veterans, and a mere 3 per cent were veterans of the Vietnam conflict.'

He recommended creation of a separate and distinct employment assistance agency for veterans within the Department of Labor.

"This arrangement would, in our view, deal more effectively with the rehabilitation needs and employment problems peculiar to those who have suffered disabilities as a result of their military service," he said.

Taxation

The Commander also reiterated the DAV's continuing opposition to reported proposals within the House Ways and Means Committee that military disability pay be taxed.

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SERVICE COMMENTS

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A special type of National Service Life Insurance, administered by the Veterans Administration, is still available to the service-connected disabled veteran who was released or discharged, under other than dishonorable conditions, from military service, after April 24, 1951, and is in good health except for such service-connected disability.

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There is the requirement that a veteran has but one year following date of notification by the Veterans Administration of an original or new service-connected disability to apply for RH Insurance. Even though the Veterans Administration attempts to properly advise eligibles, ignorance of the law is not an excuse, and failure to apply within that one-year period may represent a basis to reject an application.

This insurance is particularly valuable to the veteran who, because of serious service-connected disability, may be rejected for life insurance from a commercial company, or subjected to extremely high premium rates. We, therefore, encourage disabled veterans to promptly take advantage of applying for RH Insurance.

A number of plans of life insurance, except endowments for the totally disabled, are offered in amounts up to \$10,000. Although RH Insurance is non-participating and does not pay dividends, the low-cost monthly premiums are rather inviting, particularly in view of our current economy.

All National Service Life Insurance policies have other significantly beneficial provisions, including the granting of a waiver of premiums when the insured, before age 65, becomes totally disabled for six consecutive months.

Total disability for insurance purposes is defined as any impairment of mind or body that continuously renders the insured incapable of following a substantially gainful occupation. The disability or impairment causing total disability need not be service connected.

A waiver of premiums is not automatic, and a claim may be followed any time following the date when total disability began. Following a period of six months total disablement and a decision by the Veterans Administration granting the waiver, those premiums affected by the waiver will be returned to the veteran.

There are other benefits of permanent plans of National Service Life Insurance that have been in force for one year, or more. Policies may then be surrendered for cash value or to purchase a reduced amount of paid-up insurance. The insured may borrow against the policy at a nominal rate of interest, presently 5 percent per annum.

Disabled veterans may protect their National Service Life Insurance policies from possible lapse due to non-payment of premiums by authorizing a premium deduction from their VA disability compensation checks or military disability retirement checks.

One final highly important point! Since the primary purpose of life insurance is to assure financial security for a family or loved one, it is essential that the desired beneficiary(ies) be properly designated and recorded with the Veterans Administration.

We strongly urge policyholders to assure themselves that this has been accomplished, and, if necessary, to complete a new beneficiary designation form, a copy of which will be returned after it is properly recorded by the Veterans Administration, to the insured for safe keeping with a will or other important papers.

For additional information or assistance regarding National Service Life Insurance, or any other VA benefit, do not hesitate to contact a DAV National Service Officer at your nearest Veterans Administration office.

CAPITOL REPORT

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He acknowledged that the DAV had received assurances from Ways and Means that VA benefits would not be taxed.

But, he stated, the DAV is concerned, "... about any proposal that would tax service-connected disability benefits payable by either the VA or the Armed Services. Of special concern to the DAV is the precedent that could be set. In the end, by progressive tax impositions, the whole concept of tax exemptions for veterans benefits could be nullified.

In his opening remarks, Commander Greaney had reiterated the commitment of the DAV and of each and every one of its members, to the goals and mission of the DAV as outlined in the preamble to the DAV Constitution:

"... to uphold and maintain the Constitution of the United States; to advance the interests and work for the betterment of all wounded, injured and disabled veterans; to serve our comrades, our communities and our country; and to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars."

In the conclusion to his remarks, he thanked both the House and Senate Veteran's Affairs Committees for its assistance and attention to the welfare of the veteran over the years.

Summary

This year, the DAV's annual presentation of legislative recommendations to Congress were primarily economy-oriented. National Commander Greaney called for an increase in disability compensation and related benefits for disabled veterans and their families. Statistics back up his claim that these increases are vitally needed, especially in those cases where disabled veterans, their dependents and survivors subsist on compensation only.

Continuing high unemployment among disabled veterans and Vietnam era veterans prompted the DAV call for a separate employment assistance agency within the Department of Labor.

The DAV also called for added personnel within the VA department of Veterans Benefits, rather than the cutback recommended in the VA budget.

If Congress and the Administration will pay heed to these and the other recommendations presented by the DAV this year, they will go a long way toward proving that this nation has not, and is not, going to abandon its commitment to the continuing welfare of those who paid the highest price to defend it and uphold its ideals.

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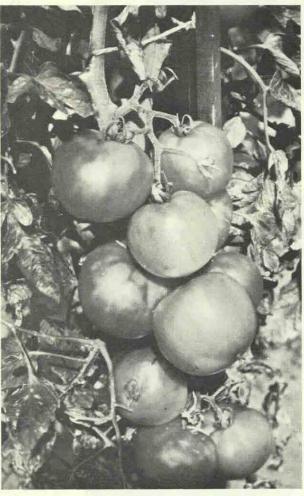
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A BETTER WAY OF LIFE FOR BOYS WITH HANDICAPS

The DAV has just made its sixth annual contribution to the Boy Scouts of America to help insure a healthy future for a nation-wide program that has no equal — Scouting for Boys with Handicaps.

Only one more installment remains to complete the DAV's \$280,000 pledge in behalf of boys who have been by-passed because too little of the organized Scouting adventure was geared to their capabilities.

But, by no stretch of the imagination will the final payment signal a finish to the DAV's national partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. Close to 175 DAV Chapter units for boys with handicaps now hold BSA charters. During the past month, DAV National Headquarters received word that at least six more DAV-sponsored units were awaiting their charters. And, reports show that a number of other Chapters have started laying the groundwork to participate in the DAV/BSA movement.

Again, as during the past four years, the DAV will cooperate with the BSA in hosting the National Workshop on Scouting for Boys with Handicaps at Philmont National Scout Ranch in New Mexico, July 9-15 More than 250 Scout professionals and volunteers, including many DAV members have attended these intensive six-day sessions over the past four years.

Up in Ottawa, Illinois, a region-wick camporee is being organized through the auspices of the Department of Illinois DAV Committee on Scouting for Boys with Handicaps and Friendship Village. Committee chairman is John Sullivan — Eagle Scout, holder of the coveted BSA Silver Beaver award, and past commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Sullivan is also superintendent of Friendship Village, which sponsors a Sea Explorer Post for more than 100 physically and mentally handicapped boys and girls. Friendship Village, site of the camporee, is a rural

area being developed for handicapped persons who must live in a semi-controlled situation.

Sullivan and fellow members of the Department of Illinois Scouting Committee hope that DAV-sponsored units from other states throughout the Midwest will attend the June 1975 event. Those interested can contact Sullivan at Route 4, Ottawa, Illinois, 61350.

Among the most recent DAV-sponsored units to receive a BSA charter is Troop 625, sponsored by Chapter 167 of Liverpool, N.Y.

"We're disabled. We've had to overcome our disabilities over the years. Why shouldn't the kids learn from our experiences," explains Angelo Palmisano, chairman of Chapter 167's Scouting Committee.

Not long ago, boys in Troop 625 had an opportunity to see the new DAV film, "You Can Help," which contains a segment on Scouting for the Handicapped.

ey were amazed that boys like themves could do some of the skills depicted the movie. When the film was over, one y in a wheelchair said matter-of-factly, 'm going to do that, too!"

Out in Salt Lake City, Utah, Troop 648, sponsored by DAV Chapter 6, carries out a year-round schedule of activities that many able-bodied boys might find too challenging. These 40 boys, all mentally retarded, are assisted by 14 adults in a wide variety of Scouting activities, such as field trips, camping expeditions, and conducting flag ceremonies at numerous community functions.

"We are all proud of our special Scouts," says Scoutmaster Russel J. Gannon. "We expect to tackle and accomplish even bigger and better things in the future . . . these boys make up in heart and spirit the handicaps which they were born with."

. . . The uniform may not fit, but that doesn't keep young Stanley Herring from a snappy salute to the American flag during opening ceremonies of Troop 117, Newburgh, N. Y. The group is sponsored by a \$2,000 grant from IBM, and assistance in operating the unit has been provided by Charles Dalton, a member of Beacon Chapter 144 and active volunteer in Scouting for boys with handicaps. (Photo by Robert Demetry, Newburgh Evening News).



. . . Daryl Storie of Troop 625, Liverpool, N.Y., has become an expert in playing tag from his wheelchair. His goal is "to become an Eagle Scout." The troop is sponsored by Chapter 167, and makes periodic outings for weekend camping trips and other rugged events, despite the fact that all members are either on crutches or in wheelchairs.

Anyone who thinks handicapped boys cannot participate in the Scouting program should take a look at the record of Troop 317, sponsored by DAV Chapter 34 of Sterling, Colorado. In a recent three-month period, these nine boys earned a total of 43 BSA Skill Awards in such requirements as first aid, swimming, camping, citizenship, knife and ax, and family living.

In addition, the troop members hold 60 merit badges. "All of these badges were earned, not awarded just because the boy met a couple of requirements," emphasizes Earl Reed, Scoutmaster.

A number of DAV Departments are moving ahead rapidly in their Scouting program for boys with handicaps. Among these are California, Texas, Minnesota, Colorado, Florida, New York and several others.

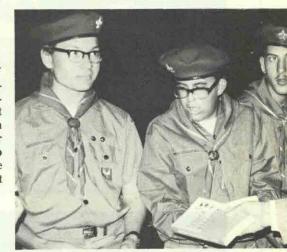
One of the fastest paces is being set by the Department of New York, which now numbers nearly 30 DAV-sponsored units for the handicapped in Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Under the capable leadership of Ray Butzek, Department Chairman of Scouting for the Handicapped, the program is meeting with some remarkable successes.

Butzek has developed a philosophy that seems to work for Chapters getting involved in the Scouting for the Handicapped program: "It's not complicated; just take one step at a time, and you will find that things work out quite well."



'It's not complicated; just take one step at a time, and you will find that things work out quite well.' ... When the DAV Field Service Units arrived in Utah last year, the welcoming committee included a Color Guard made up of members from Troop 648, sponsored by Chapter 6, Salt Lake City. This is an outdoor oriented group, and the boys greet each trip with enthusiasm, including such events as last winter's visit in Logan, Utah, to view the elk herd at Hardware Ranch.

... Members of the Explorer Post for the handicapped at Friendship School, Ottawa, Illinois, thrive on their canoeing adventures on the Fox River. This area will be the scene of a DAV-sponsored regional camporee for Scouts with handicaps in June. Details are explained in the story on these pages.







IT GROWS ON YOU!

Genesee DAV Chapter 3 in Flint, Mich., is a good example of how the Scouting for the Handicapped program can grow on you. Chapter members in 1972 voted to help Scout Troop 265 with its handicapped members. With such men as Eugene (Bud) Corwin, Chapter commander, and John Mansberry spearheading the effort, the program soon became so enlarged that a separate troop was chartered strictly for handicapped boys. "The Bleeding Hearts" Boy Scout Troop 33 was the result. It now has 15 boys, who meet once each week at the Chapter home under the able guidance of Scoutmaster Dave Ramm. "It's the chance of a lifetime for some of those boys," Ramm says, "all thanks to a couple of men and the DAV." The Chapter provides a meeting place, a committee, program facilities and financial assistance for a year-round program of activities. The Chapter has purchased two school buses and adapted them for transporting boys in wheelchairs, and has acquired an enclosed utility trailer for storing and transporting camping equipment and supplies. A highlight of the summer camping program is a trip to Canada each year. The pictures here show the boys in some of their meeting and camping activities.











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Whether that community be in suburban Ohio or Michigan, or urban Chicago, or a New England village, or a town in the deep South, America's communities are the roots from which our great people have de-

That is why, at the DAV's annual Mid-Winter Conference in Washington last month, I challenged the leadership of the DAV to begin a new program of community welfare for needy disabled veterans -and their families-right in their own home towns.

Such a program is necessary. The national economy is badly out of tune . . . you could call it schizophrenic. Industrial output is faltering—causing a rising tide of layoffs-but price inflation continues unabated

We produce more wheat than we can eat, but the price of bread keeps going up, because foreign buyers pay more for the grain than domestic buyers are used to offering. We consume more oil than we produce, but we continue to export petroleum products, because other nations need it to keep their own economies in some kind of fiscal balance.

Some nations have more of certain resources than they will use in thousands of years. Others have little or no resources, but needs so great that their populations are either starving or on the brink of starvation.

Having virtually saved the free world twice in the last 60 years, the United States seems to feel a moral commitment to try to save it again. But, this time we are faced with the simple truth that we may have all we can do to save ourselves.

The nation needs to establish priorities, and live by them. We need to find balance again . . . to trim up our rudders and meet the flood tide of economic catastrophe on an even keel

We of the DAV can, must, and will play an important part in restoring the delicate

balance the national economy must enjoy to of leadership in our communities. function at peak efficiency. We can do this by using our resources to strengthen our home communities in the ways we know

Always, our first goal is service to the disabled veteran, to his dependents, and to his survivors. We can combine the goals of helping our fellow disabled veterans and of strengthening our communities by setting up programs in each individual Chapter to assure the continuing welfare of all needy disabled veterans-and their families-in the community each Chapter serves.

Open up your treasuries, in this time of deepening recession, to help your less fortunate comrades weather the storm. If ever there was a time when we must be our brother's keeper, this is it.

We should not only use our funds in this effort. We must give personal service as well. Set up a Welfare Committee in your Chapter to visit the homes of those who need help, and provide necessary services.

Appoint a Chapter service officer, who will acquaint himself with all city, county, state and federal assistance programs that can be of aid to our less fortunate comrades. Make him responsible for counseling these veterans and helping them process claims.

I'm not going to try to tell you, in detail, how to organize this community welfare effort. Each community has its own unique problems and special priorities. I am only going to tell you that it must be done if we are truly to discharge our obligations of service to our fellow disabled veterans and

The public has always been good to the DAV. Now, we must repay this debt of goodwill. We must show the nation a way out of the current economic slowdown by demonstrating how disabled veterans work together to help their own.

We are a strong organization in a time of weakness. After 54 years, we are still growing, setting new membership records every year, while other veterans' groups fall victim to stagnation or decline.

A nation grateful for the sacrifices made by its disabled veterans has made us stewards in service to our less fortunate comrades, and, because we have served well in this stewardship, we have prospered.

Now, we must show our own gratitude for this prosperity by working to help us emerge from this troubled time even stronger—as a people—than we were when we entered it.

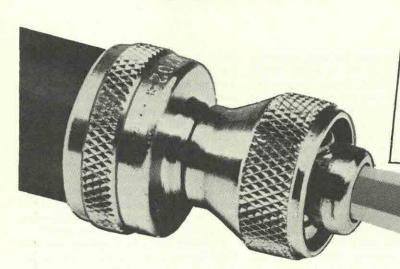
If ever, in the history of the world, there was a nation worth working for, it is this

This is a time, as I told the combined leaders of the DAV at the Mid-Winter Conference, when a certain greatness of spirit will be demanded of all of us.

And, as I told them, there has never been any organization of men and women that has more truly demonstrated a true and unquenchable greatness of spirit than ours, the Disabled American Veterans. I am proud to be one of you, and to be your National Adjutant. I know I will be prouder still in the weeks and months to come.

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Service Units Move Out on March 17th!

The DAV's Field Service Unit program is set to roll again.

And, this year's nationwide tour of the mobile service offices shows all indications of eclipsing last year's inaugural performance, during which more than 47,000 veterans and their families contacted the units for assistance.

According to Jack Feighner, newly appointed Director of Special Service Projects (see related article), many changes will be built into the 1975 campaign, all of them based on last year's experience.

Foremost is the addition of 10 new vans to the fleet, bringing the total number to 18.

"Fleet expansion was our number one priority," explains Feighner, "in order that we could properly saturate many areas where DAV services are sorely needed by veterans and their dependents."

By enlarging the number of field service units, it will be possible for them to spend a greater length of time in many communities. Feighner points out that increased flexibility in scheduling will also be possible, thus making the units available for such important events as "Open Meetings" and special Chapter functions.

The timetable calls for the first tour to commence March 17th in California, Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana. The units will remain in these four states until April 18th, with coverage in Nevada also being provided by one or more of the California-based vans.

At the outset, an abbreviated fleet of only seven service units will be on the road. New units will be assigned as they are delivered and outfitted, and it is expected that the fleet will be up to full strength of 18 vehicles by June 1st.

Exterior design and mechanical specifications of the GM units now on order are almost identical to those of the eight original vans. However, the interior configuration will be specially installed to provide more working space including file storage and desks.

"They will look more like an office than those which we have at the present," says Feighner. "And, the efficient use of space will offer improved working conditions." A total of six tours has been tentatively scheduled, each to last an entire month. There will be a break between August 15th and September 15th for maintenance and the DAV National Convention in Hawaii. The entire 1975 Field Service Unit program will be completed in mid-October.

Primary responsibility for scheduling of the vans will rest with the National Service Office(s) in each state, working with Department and Chapter officials to select locations where the greatest service and membership assistance is needed.

In addition, the vans will be manned by NSOs from the office in the state being toured, thus enabling them to offer improved follow-up on claims and other tasks related to veteran contacts made during the visit.

Service to veterans will again be the chief factor in the DAV Field Service Unit tour for 1975. However, increased emphasis will also be placed on membership recruitment. And, Departments will be urged to plan "Open Meetings" and similar events that can be fitted into the pre-arranged state schedule without conflict of dates.

A heavy publicity effort is currently being blueprinted for newspaper, radio and television. Materials will be similar to those used last year, but local media contact and distribution of publicity materials and van schedules will be carried out at the state level by NSOs, with the assistance of Department and Chapter officials. A supply of all publicity materials will be sent to all participating offices well in advance of the Field Service Unit tour.

Prime target area for this year's nationwide tour will be the more heavily populated regions of the country, with suburban and rural locations getting secondary emphasis. However, all effort possible will be made to avoid operating in the immediate locale of DAV National Service Offices.

Following this year's opening tour, the Field Service Units will move into another region for the second phase, commencing April 21st. States already included are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Oregon and Washington. The complete schedule for 1975 will be announced in the near future.

"This year's expanded Field Service Unit program offers a real challenge," says John Keller, DAV National Service Director. "Our greatest need will be for full cooperation from Chapters in those areas where the units are scheduled for visits . . . and, I have no doubt that they will pitch in to make the tours a tremendous DAV success."

Staff Realignments Announced—

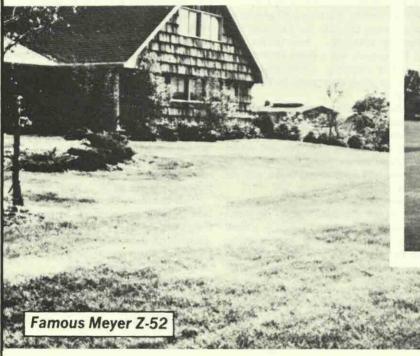
Expansion of the Field Service Unit program has made it necessary to shift certain responsibilities within the DAV National Service Department to properly coordinate all aspects of the campaign.

As a result, National Commander Walter T. Greaney has named Jack F. Feighner to the new position of Director, Special Service Projects, where he will handle major accountability for the Field Service Unit effort.

He will operate from DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Ky., after serving for seven years as Deputy National Service Director in Washington, D.C. He will be replaced at National Service Headquarters by Norman B. Hartnett, National Director of Employment for the past five years. In his new role as Deputy National Service Director, Hartnett will continue to supervise activities of the National Employment Department with the assistance of Ronald W. Drach.

Joining Drach in the National Employment Department will be Ricki L. Garmon, who for the past several months has been working with the National Alliance of Businessmen on loan from the DAV. Garmon will be replaced at NAB by Hal Woods of the Veterans Benefits Office in Washington, D.C.

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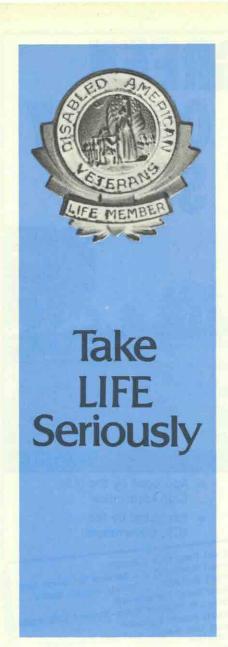
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Department. And, it is estimated that an equal number will have been received by the time this issue of *DAV Magazine* goes to press.

"I never thought I'd see anything like it," says George Stanton, Membership Department supervisor, who had to grapple with the sudden deluge of mail that has continued unabated day after day.

Even more rewarding than the numerical response to the "Take Life Seriously" campaign is the startling volume of those who enclose a check for full-paid Life membership with their conversion form.

"We are finding that nearly 80 percent of the conversions fall into the full-paid Life membership category," Seal points out. "This far exceeds our wildest expectations . . . and it certainly shows that DAV members are more than ready to Take Life Seriously."

Seal also emphasizes that every attempt is being made to process the full-paid Life conversions with as little delay as possible. The free Life membership pin and wallet membership card are being sent out just as soon as the new information is fed into the computer system.

However, there is a ten-to-fourteen-day backlog on the engraved metal Life membership card, he explains. "This is a hand operation, and we are now gearing up to hasten the process so that newly full-paid Life members won't have to wait long for their metal card."

Walter T. Greaney, DAV National Commander, is particularly excited over initial response to the "Take Life Seriously" program.

"I've always said there is no organization in existence with members any more loyal than those in the Disabled American Veterans," says Commander Greaney. "And, their runaway performance in the 'Take Life Seriously' drive certainly proves it!"

For those interested in knowing whether any new records have been set, the answer

is an unqualified "yes," says National Adjutant Denvel D. Adams.

"We have searched the records carefully, and can find no other comparable period of time in DAV history when we even came close to having so many members convert to Life membership," Adams states. "And, I see no reason why this trend won't continue, especially prior to June 30th."

Primary impetus of the "Take Life Seriously" program is aimed at annual members who want to convert to Life membership before June 30, 1975. After that date, Life membership fees will increase to comply with action taken by delegates at the 1974 DAV National Convention in New Orleans.

The necessary increase was based on extensive actuarial studies, which showed that DAV members were living longer than earlier studies upon which the present Life membership fee structure is based.

A special feature of the "Take Life Seriously" plan provides that a gold Life membership lapel pin is sent *free of charge* to each annual member whose final payment for full-paid Life conversion is received prior to June 30, 1975.

Until that date, the following Life membership rates are in effect: \$100 for those born after January 1, 1922; \$75 for those whose birth date falls between January 1, 1902, and January 1, 1922; and \$50 if born on or before January 1, 1902.

Effective July 1st, the Life membership rates will increase to: \$125 for those under 41 years of age; \$100 for those between 41 and 60; \$75 for ages 61 to 70, and \$50 for everyone 71 years and older.

Included below is a "Take Life Seriously" conversion application. Annual members who want to take advantage of the present low Life membership rates should send it, with payment, to National Membership Department, Disabled American Veterans, P. O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

When DAV officials launched the new "Take Life Seriously" program two months ago, they were confident that it would produce more than enough conversions from Annual to Life membership to justify the effort.

What they failed to realize at the time, however, was that the appeal of the program had been grossly underestimated.

"And, now we've been overwhelmed," enthuses George Seal, National Director of Membership Services. "We are working overtime nights and weekends to process the flood of conversion applications received during the past few weeks."

According to Seal, the first three weeks of the "Take Life Seriously" program saw more than 4,000 Life conversion applications pour into the National Membership

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For Help to Veterans . . .

Members of the staff and volunteers at the Washington, D.C., VA Hospital proudly hold the certificates and plaques presented to them by Hospital Director A.A. Gavazzi, right, who also is a life member of the DAV. The awards were made by Prince Georges DAV Chapter 25 for their "work in helping veterans, families and dependents in Prince Georges County, Md. From left are Leo Gerton. Chapter 25 life member who represented John McLaughlin, former Hospital Deputy Chief of Staff, at the presentation; Harry Stewart, Engineering Service; O. Hood, volunteer; J. Parks, Chief of Security; Dr. R.H. Kaplan, Hospital Chief of Staff; Dr. Maurine Johnson, Chief of Out-Patient Services, and Ruby Watkins, nursing assistant.



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Santa Presents . . .

Nicholas Cachianes, NEC for the Second District, New York DAV Department adjutant, and a life member of National Amputation Chapter 76, acts as Santa Claus at the Chapter's annual Children's Christmas Party. Here, he presents a special plaque to Davy Karr "for all his efforts on behalf of the members of Chapter 76." Karr has generously appeared as a clown for many of the Chapter's activities.

Bill Kennedy, left, commander of Military Ocean Terminal DAV Chapter 33, Bayonne, N.J., presents a check to Jesse Stein, second from left, past New Jersey DAV Department commander, with the help of Jim Garley, right, past Chapter commander, and Lt. Col. R.A. Doucette, deputy commander of the Military Ocean Terminal. The check represents the proceeds from the Chapter's 12th annual Christmas Dinner-Dance, and is to be used for the DAV Rehabilitation Fund for hospitalized veterans. Garley was chairman

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Christmas Cheer . . .

Members of Belle City DAV Chapter 9, Rachine, Wis., pack bags of treats for patients at area hospitals. The group distributed more than 500 Christmas bags at the High Ridge (County) Hospital. They are, from left, George Oberst, chaplain; Earl Sloniker, adjutant; Howard Mohrbacker, senior vice commander; A. Robert Petersen, commander, who has been visiting the area hospitals as Santa since 1950; William Wensing, judge advocate; Marvin Roslansky, treasurer, and Lloyd Devert, past commander.

Colorful Tote Bags . . .

Members of Glen Burnie DAV Chapter and Auxiliary Unit 13, Glen Burnie, Md., prepare to distribute colorful Christmas tote bags to patients at the Fort Howard VA Hospital. Pictured at left are, front, from left, Ken Rogers, past commander and hospital chairman, and Edward Rostek, officer of the day; and back, from left, Eugene Walp, Sr., Maryland Department 3rd junior vice commander; Al Sickles, Maryland Department commander; Jose A. Otero, Chapter 13 commander, and Department Executive Committeemen Charles Peyton and Bob Ericsen. Pictured below are, front, from left, Mrs. Opal Johnson and Angela P. Otero, and back, from left, Mrs. Mary Warehime, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, Mrs. Nancy Ericsen, Unit 13 Commander Mrs. Ethel Peyton, Mrs. Myrtle Todd, Mrs. Melody Litke, and Mrs. Madge Allison.

Income Tax Tips Offered by VA

The VA is offering tips on federal income taxes for veterans filing returns.

In general, veterans' benefits are exempt from federal income tax, and need not be reported as income, VA officials said.

This income tax exemption applies to dividends and proceeds from government life insurance policies, but federal estate tax does apply to insurance proceeds. Also, interest earned on government life insurance dividends left on deposit or credit with VA is considered income, and must be reported on federal income tax returns.

Among major tax exempt veterans ben-

efits are compensation, pension, GI Bill and other educational assistance, including subsistence payments to vocational rehabilitation trainees.

Also exempt are grants to service disa-

bled veterans eligible for specially adapted homes and cars, and clothing allowances for veterans whose prosthetic devices tend to wear out or tear their clothing, VA officials said.

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TESTING... Some of the children from the Hacienda de Los Angeles, a foster home for birth defect, brain-damaged children in Phoenix, Ariz., smile eagerly as they take turns testing the PA system at the Phoenix DAV Chapter 1 Hall. The children will benefit from a \$20,000 gift from Chapter 1 members for construction of a new home. The children are now housed in an old residence that is overcrowded. Chapter 1 Commander Gene Psyk, left, presented the \$20,000 check to Ilene Butler, right, founder and director of the children's home.



When a building fund was started for the Hacienda de Los Angeles, a foster home for birth defect, brain-damaged children, members of Phoenix DAV Chapter I, Phoenix, Ariz., decided to go all out for this extremely worthwhile community endeavor.

Knowing that the facilities at the present home were "very much inadequate for the program of caring for these children," the Chapter members voted to contribute \$20,000 to help them acquire their new home. The funds came from the DAV Thrift Store that is operated by the Chapter in South Phoenix.

Chapter Commander Gene Psyk presented a check for \$20,000 to Ilene Butler, founder, director and foster mother of the children's home, at a social event at the Chapter Hall recently. Some of the children and some board members from the home also attended the event.

The Hacienda de los Angeles is presently located in an old residence in Phoenix, which has inadequate facilities and which is rapidly becoming overcrowded.

"These children and all the volunteer workers who help run the home are more than deserving of this help, and all other help they can get," Cecil L. Boyd, Jr., Chapter 1 adjutant, said in a letter to DAV Magazine. "It was a great satisfaction to us, knowing that our money was being put to work for such a worthy cause."





I'd like to give this to my fellow men...

while I am still able to help!

I was young once, as you may be—today I am older. Not too old to enjoy the fruits of my work, but older in the sense of being wiser. And once I was poor, desperately poor. Today almost any man can stretch his income to make ends meet. Today, there are few who hunger for bread and shelter. But in my youth I knew the pinch of poverty; the emptiness of hunger; the cold stare of the creditor who would not take excuses for money. Today, all that is past. And behind my city house, my

summer home, my Cadillacs, my winter-long vacations and my sense of independence—behind all the wealth of cash and deep inner satisfaction that I enjoy—there is one simple secret. It is this secret that I would like to impart to you. If you are satisfied with a humdrum life of service to another master, turn this page now—read no more. If you are interested in a fuller life, free from bosses, free from worries, free from fears, read further. This message may be meant for you.

By Victor B. Mason

I am printing my message in a magazine. It may come to the attention of thousands of eyes. But of all those thousands, only a few will have the vision to understand. Many may read; but of a thousand only you may have the intuition, the sensitivity, to understand that what I am writing may be intended for you—may be the tide that shapes your destiny, which, taken at the crest, carries you to levels of independence beyond the dreams of avarice.

Don't misunderstand me. There is no mysticism in this. I am not speaking of occult things, of innumerable laws of nature that will sweep you to success without effort on your part. That sort of talk is *rubbish!* And anyone who tries to tell you that you can think your way to riches without effort is a false friend. I am too much of a realist for that. And I hope you are.

I hope you are the kind of man—if you have read this far—who knows that anything worthwhile has to be earned! I hope you have learned that there is no reward without effort. If you have learned this, then you may be ready to take the next step in the development of your karma—you may be ready to learn and use the secret I have to impart.

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In my own life I have gone beyond the need of money. I have it. I have gone beyond the need of gain. I have two businesses that pay me an income well above any amount I have need for. And, in addition, I have the satisfaction—the deep satisfaction—of knowing that I have put more than three hundred other men in businesses of their own. Since I have no need for money, the greatest satisfaction I get from life is sharing my secret of personal independence with others—seeing them achieve the same heights of happiness that have come into my own life.

Please don't misunderstand this statement. I am not a philanthropist. I believe that charity is something that no proud man will accept. I have never seen a man who was worth his salt who would accept something for nothing. I have never met a highly successful man whom the world respected who did not sacrifice something to

gain his position. And, unless you are willing to make at least half the effort, I'm not interested in giving you a "leg up" to the achievement of your goal. Frankly, I'm going to charge you something for the secret I give you. Not a lot—but enough to make me believe that you are a little above the fellows who merely "wish" for success and are not willing to sacrifice something to get it.

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Does Happiness Hang on Your Decision?

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VAVS in Action-

Donald Goldstein, a member of Major Joseph J. Karins, Jr., Chapter 167, DAV Department of New York, recently received the coveted VAVS 5,000-hour pin from Wayne E. Sarius, director, VA Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y. Goldstein, who was a frequent patient at the hospital between 1957 and 1967, became a volunteer worker to repay all the many kindnesses VAVS volunteer workers showed him while he was a patient. He currently averages about 2,000 hours a year, according to Angelo Palmisano, VAVS chairman of Chapter 167.



Sarius, left, Presents Pin to Goldstein

DAV People... Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webb and Donald Tate, of Franklin County Chapter 51, DAV Department of Illinois, Benton, have been hailed by their fellow Chapter members for their VAVS efforts at the VA Hospital, Marion, Illinois... Mrs. Viola Hassler, Past Department Commander, DAVA Department of New Jersey, has just completed 22 years of VAVS work at the VA Hospital, East Orange, N.J., with more than 2,400 hours, according to a letter signed by "Patient Johnny," at the hospital... Mrs. Bernadine Butterfield, Sun City Star Unit 24, DAVA Department of Arizona, Sun City, was recently awarded both a 1,200-hour VAVS Certificate for work at the VA Hospital, Phoenix, and a DAV 5-Year Volunteer Service plaque.

Chapters of Note this month include . . . Jensen Van-Thruler Chapter 15, DAV Department of Wisconsin, Sheboygan, which donated a 19-inch television set to the Wood VA Center ... Chapter 4, DAV Department of Colorado, hosts a regular bingo party for patients at the Colorado State Veterans Infirmary, which is located in their hometown, Homelake, Colorado . . . Members of DAV National Amputation Chapter 76 visit Northport VA Hospital on the third Friday each month, and distribute gifts . . . Chapter 37, DAV Department of Virginia, Galax, contributed magazines, fruit and a donation of \$50 to the Voluntary Services Department during a recent visit to the Salem, Va., VA Hospital ... A combined effort of DAV Chapter 6, DAVA Unit 6, and DAV Chapter 96, all of the Department of Pennsylvania, provides a group that travels to Philadelphia Naval Hospital monthly, with goodies to eat, entertainment, and "understanding and compassion for the hospitalized and veterans."



Knesis, right, with Zack and Lachowicz

Justin Knesis, a DAV National VAVS Representative and Department of Pennsylvania Hospital Representative, has gained a deserved recognition at the VA Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the holiday parties and entertainments he organizes for the patients. This past Christmas, Knesis put together a real humdinger, with an orchestra, singers, a juggling act, and dance routines. Then, Knesis and Wilkes-Barre Chapter 9 members, including Edward (Santa) Zack and Ted Lachowicz, distributed gifts throughout the hospital.

Last year, Roll of Honor Chapter 120, DAV Department of Buffalo, New York, donated \$300 to the Buffalo Veterans Hospital. But, that's just for openers, according to C. M. Martellaro, Chapter adjutant-treasurer. "In the coming year, we hope to improve on this," he says.

The Department of Colorado DAV is extremely active, through its chapters, in the VA hospitals at Grand Junction and Fort Lyons. They like to concentrate on inter-personal activities, such as occupational and physical therapy, escort service, and recreational activities. A unique presentation they made recently to the Fort Lyons VA Hospital was a beautiful classical guitar. "Music has charms for veterans, too," says Vince Cassidy, State VAVS Chairman and Commander of Greeley DAV Chapter 8. Cassidy also recently presented a hefty check from Chapter 8 to James C. Hickey, director of the VA Hospital, Grand Junction, for hospital work.



Cassidy, right, Presents Check to Hickey



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Members of General George S. Patton, Jr., DAV Chapter 58, Hamilton, Mass., raise their glasses in a toast to the late World War II general that is the Chapter's namesake. The occasion was a dinner that followed a special Memorial Service for Veterans of All Wars at the Christ Church of Hamilton and Wenham. Pictured, left to right, are Adjutant Henry Hovanasian, Commander Joseph A. Murray, Past Commander Walter S. Morse, seated Martin Hovanasian, Herschel F. Jameson

and Past Massachusetts DAV Department Commander Robert C. Hagopian. The Rev. James E. Hampson, Jr., spoke about service to God and Country at the Memorial Service, and wartime experiences were related at the dinner that followed. Jameson, it was noted, served with General Patton in the 149th Combat Engineers in North Africa, Sicily, Belgium, Holland, France, and in the Battle of the Bulge. He also rode in a Jeep with General Patton, and earned seven battle stars during World War II.



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2	25,258	Massachusetts	23,685	106.64	2
3	21,935	Florida	20,845		3
4	29,535	California	28,391	104.02	4
5	21,431	Texas	20,742	103.32	5
6	19,595		19.536	100.30	6
		Pennsylvania			7
7	33,238	Ohio	33,445	99,38	
8	31,376	New York	31,806	98.64	8
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1	10,688	Kentucky	10,228	104.49	1
2	9,414	N. Carolina	9,138	103.02	2
3	11,624	Illinois	11,501	101.06	3
4	12,449	New Jersey	12,430	100.15	4
5	9,589	Missouri	9,624	99.63	5
6	10,873	Washington	11,016	98.70	6
7	10,733	Indiana	11,042	97.20	7
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1	7,453	Virginia	6,969	111.30	1
2	7,427	Wisconsin	7,015	105.87	2
3	7,595	Maryland	7,243	104.85	3
4	6,444		6,190		4
5	7,256	Georgia	7,059		6
		Oklahoma			
6	6,713	Tennessee	6,546	102.55	5
7	6,334	Arkansas	6,247	101.39	7
8	5,057	Arizona	5,062	99.90	10
9	7,803	Minnesota	7,858	99.30	8
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3	3,368	Oregon	3,198	105.31	. 1
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5	3,980	Alabama	3,849	103.40	5
6	3,816	Puerto Rico	3,697	103.21	7
7	3,475	Kansas	3,422	101.54	8
8	3,095	Rhode Island	3,062		6
9	4,494	Utah	4,458		9
10	4,728	New Mexico		100.19	10
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1	3.559	Nebraska	3,029	117.49	2
2	2,414	Maine	2.169	111.29	1
3	3,118	Mississippi		103.62	3
4	2,785	Montana		103.18	8
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1	1,871	Idaho		114.64	1
2				110.47	4
	717	Delaware			
3	958	Nevada		107.27	2
4	1,974	South Dakota		104.55	6
5	1,858	Hawaii		103.85	3
6	884	Wyoming	862		5
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The following members are the winners of the Memberama Contest drawing for the month of January 1975.

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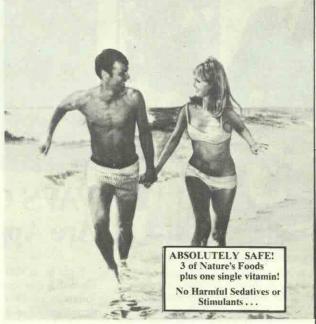
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The two Assistant VAVS Repre-

VA Commendation ...

Joe V. Adair, left, DAV National Service Officer, accepts a Commendation from W. Troy Baker, director of the Muscogee, Okla., VA Regional Office. Baker praised Adair for his 29 years of service to Oklahoma veterans and dependents. The certificate said, in part, "his outstanding service far beyond the call of normal duty requirements is testimonial to his untiring efforts to serve the veterans of Oklahoma, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Disabled American Veterans organization."

sentatives are Paul E. Maier, Ft. Snelling VAC, Minn., and Joseph E. Romers, Kansas City VAH, Mo.

The 23 Deputy VAVS Representatives

Gayle M. Chandler, Little Rock VAH, Ark.; Louis B. Long, Seattle VAH, Wash.; Ronald W. McMillan, Phoenix VAH, Ariz.; Elwood Conrad, Altoona VAH, Pa.; Raymond Riddle, Willie Evans, Durham VAH, N.C.; Vernon Duke, Henderson VA Clinic, Nev.; Justin Pellican, Sepulveda VAH, Calif.; Frank Bushilla, Ft. Harrison VAC, Mont.; Robert Anderson, Miles City VAH, Mont.; Harry Hughes, Beckley VAH, W. Va.; Lloyd J. Davis, Livermore VAH, Calif.; Adolphus N. Beason, William J. Ryan, William D. Bryan, First Avenue VAH, N.Y.; Robert J. Bennett, M.F. Sullivan, Augusta VAH, Ga.; Elbridge F. Martin, Salem VAH, Va.; Herbert E. Hayden, Fresno VAH, Calif.; Willard C. O'Dell, Jr., Iowa City VAH, Iowa; Ronald Biledeau, Spokane VAH, Wash., and William Proctor and James E. Mitchell, Columbia VAH, S.C.

Visually Impaired Veterans Added To VA Regions

The Veterans Administration has added 10 veterans with impaired vision to counsel veterans in regional offices across the

In addition, three of four blind counselors already on the VA rolls served as instructors during a two-week training program late in January for newcomers at the Chicago Regional office.

Contributing to the training program were representatives of the Blind Rehabilitation Center at Hines VA Hospital, Chicago, and Dr. Dennis R. Wyant, national field service director of the Blinded Veterans Association.

The new counselors and their assignments: Sill Grier, Detroit; Gerald M. Mc-Donnel, New York; Edward McVeigh. Chicago; John K. Morris, Little Rock: Thomas G. Nolan, Hartford; Harry L. Parker, Washington; Robert Routh, Los Angeles; Richard M. Shaner, Philadelphia; Richard J. Spencer, Boston; A.J. Yates, Seattle.

Serving as instructors were Al Evans Boston; Bill Hasse, Milwaukee, and



Jobs for Veterans.

Federal employment opportunities for veterans with service-connected disabilities have taken on a somewhat improved climate following a recent meeting between spokesmen for major veterans'

Dennis Walker, Boise, Idaho.

VA Administrator Richard L. Roudebush said: "These men will be a decided asset to the corps of 3,000 counselors who daily serve our veterans in regional offices and visits to VA Hospitals."

The VA employs 10,800 handicapped persons, 1,100 with impaired vision. More than 3,200 VA employees are amputees or have incurred a deformation.

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organizations and officials of the Veterans Administration. Participants at the high-level conference in Washington, D.C., included, seated left to right, Phillip Harper, National Service Director, Paralyzed Veterans of America: Norman B. Hartnett, DAV National Director of Employment; John Fales and Don Garner, Blinded Veterans Association; and, standing left to right, James Mayer, Special Assistant to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs; Ronald W. Drach, Administrative Assistant to the DAV National Director of Employment; VA Administrator Richard L. Roudebush; VA Deputy Administrator Odell Vaughn, and Tim Craig, President, National Association of Concerned Veterans.



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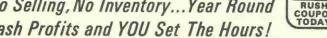
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Oklahoman Named To VA Position.

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Richard L. Roudebush, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said Grubb will assist him in the general operation of the VA, which has an annual budget of more than \$15 billion and over 200,000 employees. In addition, Roudebush said, Grubb will serve as his representative in maintaining close liaison with Congress.

A native of Henrietta, Okla., Grubb served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1951, and then served eight years as a special agent for the U.S. Secret Service, winning the Treasury Department's Exceptional Civilian Service award.

From April 1959 to July 1960 he was a liaison officer with the Office of Legislative Affairs in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and for the next nine years was the Washington representative of the Avco Corporation.

From January 1969 to April 1970 he was a Special Assistant in the Congressional Relations Office at the White House, and was Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs at NASA from May 1970 to April 1973. Most recently he has served as a Washington-based consultant for Rockwell International.

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Former NSO Dies

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A veteran of World War I, Mr. Nevrey was born May 7, 1896, and became a National Service Officer of the DAV on April 1, 1940. He retired from the service of the DAV on May 1, 1961.

Mr. Neyrey was a life member of Chapter 10, Department of Louisiana. He is survived by his widow, Marie, and has two grown children. Interment was in New

New Human Rights Law Adopted for Disabled

A new Human Rights Law has been adopted in New York state, giving the disabled citizens of that state protection against discrimination in the areas of employment, training programs, housing, public accommodations, and private, tax-exempt education.

Disabled citizens who believe they have suffered discrimination in any of these areas may now file complaints with the New York State Division of Human Rights by contacting any of 14 regional offices, according to Jack M. Sable, Human Rights commissioner.

Sable also reports that he has appointed a special Task Force "to ensure the sensitive, prompt handling of complaints by disabled persons," and to work with agencies serving the disabled, government, business and all others affected by the Human Rights

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Statesville Chapter 68, located at Statesville, N.C., with James Robert Parson, Route 7, Box 127-B, Statesville, N.C. 28677, as adjutant.

Mancelona Chapter 133, located at Mancelona, Mich., with Jack T. School, P. O. Box 391, Mancelona, Mich. 49659,

Hebbronville Chapter 172, located at Hebbronville, Tex., with Benito Garza, 308 W. Draper, Hebbronville, Tex. 78261, as adjutant.

Ex-Prisoner of War Chapter 124, located at Largo, Fla., with Samuel B. Moody, 1012 Pearce Dr., Clearwater, Fla. 33520, as temporary commander.

Gateway Chapter 134, located at Clare,

Mich., with Richard Walter, 8973 Otterside Dr., Route 1, Farwell, Mich. 48622. as commander.

Brewton Chapter 85, located at Brewton, Ala., with S.R. Still, Route 2, Box 291-B, Bay Minette, Ala. 36507, as temporary officer.

Armstrong Co. Chapter 30, located at Kittanning, Pa., with Edward J. Kubatko, 704 S. Harrison St., Kittanning, Pa. 16201, as temporary officer.

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Richard J. Curry Chapter 5, located at Newark, Del., with William Lohinecz, Sr., 17 Mattei Lane-Fireside, Newark, Del. 19711, as commander.

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Anna P. Moore Chapter 201, located at

Center Point, Tex., with Ernest C. Ledwell, P.O. Box 28157, Dallas, Tex. 75228, as temporary officer.

Winnemucca Chapter 3, located at Winnemucca, Nev., with Larry R. Thorpe, 1201 Terminal Way, Room 102, Reno, Nev. 89592, as temporary officer.

New Belchertown Life Service Chapter 75, located at Belchertown, Mass., with Joseph N. Boudreau, M. Sears Road, Belchertown, Mass. 01007, as acting commander.

Beeville Chapter 178, located at Beeville, Tex., with Ray M. Borders, 410 S. Main St., San Antonio, Texas 78285, temporary officer.

Grant Co. Chapter 40, located at Potosi, Wis., with Albert J. Hanna, 2821 N. 70th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53210, as temporary officer.

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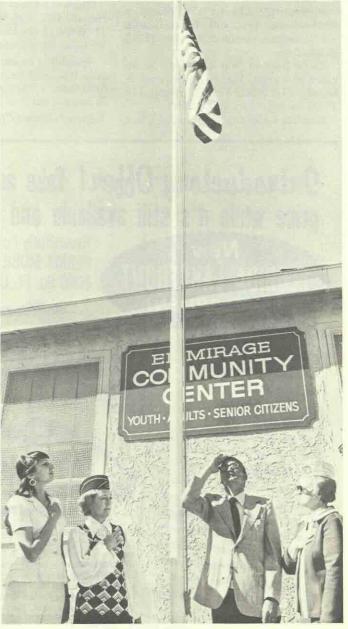
Ritner and Armstrong

The DAV was well represented as greater Hartford, Conn., war veterans opened the new Hartford Veterans Coliseum recently. Walter Goode and Walter Patterson of Hartford's Unknown Soldier DAV Chapter 12 are representatives to the local Veterans' Council, which provided the opening program at the new \$35-million facility. A highlight of the program was the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to veterans, their deeds and sacrifices by Hartford Mayor George Athanson and Hartford Veterans' Council President Herschel Hoffenberg.

Members of Jambalaya DAV Chapter 45 and Auxiliary Unit 45 of Gonzales, La., have been active with two special projects, including the gathering of 45 boxes of food and clothing for the victims of a hurricane that hit Honduras, and the participation with other veterans' organizations in joint commemorative services. Chapter Commander is Nelson Gautreau and Auxiliary Unit Commander is Sophie Ducote. Louisiana DAV Department Commander Joseph Mischler and Louisiana Department Auxiliary Commander Marilyn Bordelon were also present for the special services.

Sun City Star DAV Chapter 24, Sun City, Ariz., recently presented a U.S. flag to the El Mirage Community Center at El Mirage, Ariz. The flag now flies from a flagpole outside the Center. Presenting the flag were Chapter 24 Commander Wilfred Brien and his wife, Florence; who is Auxiliary Unit 24 commander. Accepting the flag were Ruth Kern, director of the El Mirage nutrition program, and Betty Henley, vice mayor of El Mirage and a member of Unit 24.

Members of the General Melvin J. Maas Memorial DAV Chapter 17 and Auxiliary Unit 17 of Maryland visited the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., recently, where they distributed gifts and refreshments to the patients. Chapter 17 Commander John Ritner of Camp Springs, Md., presented a special gift to Benji Armstrong, a member of DAV Chapter 8 in East Lansing, Mich., who was a patient at the hospital. Benji, a Vietnam-era veteran, journeyed all the way from Michigan to Andrews Air Force Base for an operation, because he liked the doctors.



From left, Kern, Henley, Brien and Mrs. Brien

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Mrs. Isaacs, Sherry and Paul

Sherry Isaacs

DAV Chapter 66 in Phenix City, Ala., recently reorganized and adopted the name of an Army captain who was killed in action in South Vietnam. The chapter's new name is R. George Isaacs, Jr., Life Chapter 66. Capt. Isaacs was killed April 23, 1965, while serving with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters, as well as two of the highest Vietnamese medals ever awarded an American serviceman: the National Order Fifth Class and the Gallantry Cross with Palm. During the Chapter's chartering ceremonies recently, Mrs. Shirley Isaacs, the captain's widow, and their daughter, Sherry, were presented a special plaque to denote the honor by Chapter Commander J. D. Paul. Other special guests at the affair were Alabama Department Commander Roy Mitchell and Alabama DAV Auxiliary Department Commander Mrs. E. H. (Buddy) Enice. Sherry Isaacs told the gathering: "I'd like to thank you for naming this chapter after my daddy. It means so much to me. I love you all, and thank you."



Betty and Mickey Chandler

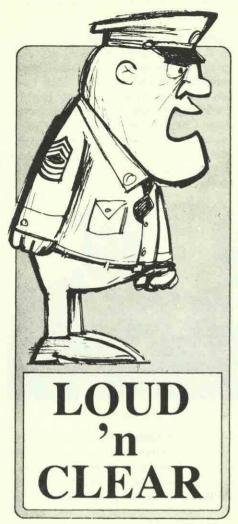
Members of Queen City DAV Chapter 91, Buffalo, N.Y., recently donated a color television set to the Buffalo VA Hospital for the use by patients. Chapter Commander Lowell Claxton and Auxiliary Unit Commander Carol Ann Roy presented the set to Hospital Director Joseph Paris. Also present for the occasion were Michael Szymanski, Chapter service officer; Thomas Criner, sergeant-at-arms, who died recently; Alice Pittorf, Auxiliary junior vice commander; Viola Roy, Auxiliary adjutant, and Mrs. Eleanor Senchoway, Auxiliary chaplain and secretary.



Silverman, left, and Kaminsky

National Amputation Chapter 76 recently held its annual Rehabilitation Dinner-Dance at the International Hotel, Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, N.Y. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Milton Silverman, president emeretus of Teamsters Union Local 810, "for outstanding and unselfish service to the Disabled American Veterans," by Sol Kaminsky, longtime member and Chapter trustee. Past National DAV Commander Frank Buono presented a plaque to Hank Piechucki, as the Outstanding Amputee of the Year, for his work on behalf of all amputees. Past Chapter Commander Sam Neuzof was presented a Past Commander's pin and a gift by Nicholas G. Cachianes, Chapter trustee and New York DAV Department adjutant. Present Commander Joseph De Spirito was in charge of the program, which was enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.

A husband and wife team, Mickey and Betty Chandler, has been elected commanders of Eastern Shore DAV Chapter 51 and Auxiliary Unit 51, respectively, at Melfa, Va. The Chapter was organized last April with 24 members, and has now grown to 115 members. Other Chapter officers are Clarence Bundich, senior vice commander; Earl Annis, junior vice commander; Mike Key, adjutant; Dempsey Taylor, chaplain; Ernest Kellmon, treasurer; Surry Bell, service officer; Buddy Phillips, legislative officer; Paul Revelle, sergeant-at-arms, and Al Taylor, officer of the day. Other Auxiliary officers are Mrs. Beverly Bell, senior vice commander; Mrs. Jean Taylor, junior vice commander; Mrs. Barbara Kellmon, adjutant; Mrs. Mildred Williams, chaplain, and Mrs. Betty Haynor, treasurer.



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.

'If I Seem Irate, I Am!'

Sir: My husband served in World War II. Three of our boys served in the Vietnam Conflict. One son was injured serving with the Green Berets. He has no complaints. But, I can see what war has done for him. Nothing! And the attitudes some people have toward those who served gets under my skin. The war is over. So are people's thoughts of our boys who fought so bravely, and lost so much. How can people forget so quickly? Only those whom the war don't touch can be so callous. They say, "Time heals all wounds." Whoever said that wasn't thinking of wars that wound young men's bodies and souls. Whenever there is a cut in government spending, you can bet it, in part, will be taken from the veteran. If I seem irate, I am. No amount of money can give back what the veteran lost. But, it can help ease his worries.—Mrs. George Foster, Adamsville, Ohio.

'Pill Roller' Responds

Editor: In the December issue of DAV Magazine, you published my letter asking personnel who had served with Army hospitals overseas during World War II to send me a brief history of their unit. One of the best came from Comrade Dewey (the pill roller) Vaia, San Sebastian, P.R. Dewey was with the 222nd General Hospital, which was activated and trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. The 222nd sailed from Oakland to the South Pacific island of New Caledonia for a brief stay before going to Milne Bay, New Guinea, At Milne Bay, the 222nd received casualties from the Americal and 25th Divisions, then fighting on Guadalcanal, and from the troops battling the Japs in the Owen Stanley Mountains. The 222nd followed the fighting front closely, and moved to Finschafen, then to Hollandia. They were in the Leyte Invasion, and spent some time at Tacloban. Early in 1945, they were in the Luzon invasion and got to Manila with the fighting front. The 222nd was deactivated at Yokahama, Japan. With the help of people like Comrade Dewey Vaia, plus the information I can obtain from the Documents Sections of the Libraries, my list is growing. And, with my present progress, it will be of some use by the end of the year.-Paul M. Gerrish.

Editor's Note: For those who did not read his letter, Gerrish is compiling a list of all Army hospitals, along with their locations and dates, that were overseas during World War II. He wants to hear from all personnel who served at such. His address is 438 N. Percival, Olympia, Wash. 98502.

No School Time Limit

Sir: I, too, agree that legislation should be made to have the G.I. Bill of Rights, educational benefits, available to any veteran, who, because of his disability, cannot now attend classes for training. Some day, maybe in the future, he might be able to physically and mentally undertake some sort of training in pursuit of a career. In other words, there should be no expiration dates for veterans who now are totally disabled. Possibly in the future they might be able to undertake such training.—Roy A. Johnson, Herkimer, N.Y.

The Real Robert Reel?

Editor: If the Robert E. Reel mentioned in your June issue is the same Robert E. Reel I served with in WWII or thereabouts, would you please have him contact me at the U.S. Soldiers Home Hospital, Ward 5, Washington, D.C. 20317. It's not often one meets an old buddy, even through your most readable magazine.—Thomas R. Salmon, Washington, D.C.

'A Different Story'

Sir: I am a life member of the DAV, a totally disabled service-connected veteran of World War II. I have read so many gripes in your magazine that I thought I would wait and tell you a different type of story. I am a wheelchair patient, have a Pacemaker (not my first), an artificial artery the length of more than my right leg, and I have had so many heart attacks and blood clots I've lost count. I have gone to the VA Hospital here since Oct. 20, 1949, and have always been treated with such kindness and consideration that I know my best friends are those working at the hospital. The doctors in the hospital are better than the best, the nurses, all the employees, are well trained in their jobs. And, I know every one of them, and I value their friendship. I have had enough X-rays to paper the walls out there, and enough EKGs to furnish confetti for a New York City parade. I have been in the Intensive Care Unit so many times they have probably hung my name permanently on a bed. When I go over, a VAVS pushes me around from building to building, up and down elevators (remember, they get no pay). Sometimes, it takes all day for all the tests I have. Only God knows what the medicine I have to take would cost if I had to pay for it. The care I have received would have left a millionaire flat broke. I have had private rooms, TVs, excellent food (though with most of my insides gone I can't eat much), good books to read, and the different employees dropping by my room to say, "Hi, Pat, how are you? Can I do anything for you?" The Protestant minister and the Catholic priest (the chaplains) are both very dear friends. The VA has been good to me, and the DAV has gotten extra benefits for me, and I thank you. I know my days are numbered, but I thank God for the time given me, and all my good friends at the hospital for the care I have received .- Patricia Reed, Albuquerque, N.M.

Wants Letters, Visitors

Editor: I would like to have some of my husband's Army buddies write or come and see him. He is Orville James Petersen from Norfolk, Neb. He served in the Army during World War II in the Pacific Area. He was in the infantry in the Americal Division. We now live in Fremont, Neb., at the Erin Motel.—Mrs. Orville J. Petersen, Fremont, Neb. 68025.

Attention, 8th AF Vets

Sir: Tell your 8th AF friends, WWII (the ones with no unit contact) to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the 8th AF NEWS, c/o Lt. Col. John H. Woolnough, 7752 Harbour Blvd., Miramar, Fla. 33023. Have them indicate the unit and/or location in England.—John Woolnough, Miramar, Fla.

Disabled Still

Need Help

Getting Jobs!

A report completed recently for the Manpower Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, bears out a position that the DAV has taken for more than two years — "Persistent and skilled job development and job placement efforts are needed on behalf of disabled veterans."

The report is based on a year-long study (1973-74) conducted by the Eastern Division of Human Resources Organization, with Dr. Thurlow R. Wilson as principal investigator. Sponsored by a Department of Labor grant, the study was made to determine the nature of major problems confronting veterans with service-connected disabilities in seeking and holding jobs — and to explore possible solutions.

The study concludes that even with government assistance efforts, "unemployment remains very high among disabled Vietnam-era veterans. It further comments, "the tragedy (of disability) is deepened when . . . it is combined with the high unemployment of a post-war economy."

While the study was conducted under a grant from the Manpower Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, the just-published short-form report of the study carries the disclaimer that it 'does not necessarily represent the official opinion or policy of the Department of Labor.'

Thus, while the report documents specific actions to alleviate the situation, it's actual impact on policy and procedure within the Department of Labor is yet to be determined.

Norman B. Hartnett, DAV National Director of Employment, who worked closely with Dr. Wilson during the study period said the report "validates conclusions that the DAV has long affirmed regarding the lack of meaningful employment assistance by the Department of Labor."

Some Conclusions

The study concluded that disabled veterans under 30 had a disproportionately high rate of unemployment, with the highest rate to be found among young, non-white and single disabled veterans with less than 12th-grade educations.

The more severe the disability, the more

pronounced the difficulty in getting a job — and once again, the problems were greater for high school dropouts.

Veterans with neuropsychiatric disorders show the greatest employment difficulties, compared to those in other major diagnostic groups.

Statistically demonstrated trends among severely disabled veterans under 30 are (1) very high unemployment; (2) employment in jobs at low end of pay scale, or paid a lesser wage for equal work done by non-handicapped persons; (3) many 'have become so discouraged by lack of work or work opportunities that they have dropped out of the job market entirely.

Employment Assistance

On paper, available vocational rehabilitation and employment assistance programs for disabled veterans seem adequate. For many reasons, however, few of these programs are significantly effective.

The VA has primary responsibility for vocational counseling and vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans returning to civilian life.

And, State Employment Services funded by the Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor are required by Federal mandate to give disabled veterans priority consideration in job referrals. Each of these offices employs at least one Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER), whose sole function is supposed to be making sure that veterans coming to the State Employment Service (SES) office get needed assistance.

Disabled veterans are also required by law to receive special priority in hiring by the U.S. Civil Service Commission and by Federal contractors. Disabled veterans receive 10 points on all Federal Civil Service examinations for which they attain a passing grade.

Yet, a great majority of severely disabled veterans under age 30 reported that they got their jobs (when they got jobs) on their own. Nearly 73 percent of the veterans contact found their own jobs or went back to work for their pre-service employers.

The study reports disabled veteran dis-

satisfaction with the effectiveness of efforts on their behalf by all agencies charged with the responsibility of helping severely disabled veterans find jobs.

The report calls for "well defined working arrangements," between State Employment Service offices and the Veterans Administration to help increase the effectiveness of employment services provided by both agencies.

Recommendations

The report makes a number of important recommendations to ease serious unemployment among severely disabled veterans. These include:

- Enforce legally mandated priority treatment of disabled veterans in State Employment Service, Civil Service and Federal contractor contract negotiations.
- Concentrate on providing meaningful vocational training for severely disabled veterans with additional disadvantages (low education level, inadequate prior training, etc.).
- Enhance on-the-job training opportunities for disabled veterans.
- Improve, enhance and coordinate all procedures involved in VA and SES counseling, training and placement services for disabled veterans.
- Improve coordination of SES and VA with community groups, such as Governor's and President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, and National Alliance of Businessmen's "Jobs for Veterans" program.
- Help disabled veterans, especially those with neuropsychiatric disorders, to communicate with employers.
- Begin vocational counseling and training for disabled veterans as early as possible during their hospital stay.

These and other recommendations in the report, as well as the detailed findings of the study, deserve wide public exposure, Hartnett says, to "assist us in attempting to compel the Department of Labor, the Veterans Administration and the U.S. Civil Service Commission to enhance employment and training opportunities for disabled veterans."

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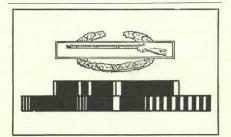
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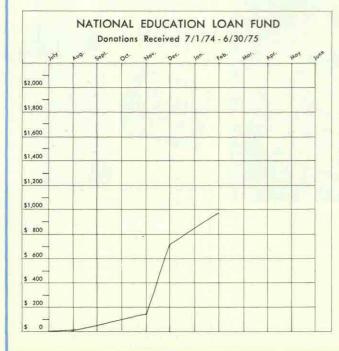
Are your joint social affairs only those provided by the Chapter?

Perhaps, some soul searching in these areas would be good for all of us.

To paraphrase a famous statement from John F. Kennedy:

Ask not what your Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans can do for you, but what your Auxiliary can do for your Chapter and for all Disabled American Veterans.

You Can Help Send Someone to College



By Jackie Easter National Education Loan Fund Director

The Education Loan Fund is in need of donations to help support the many qualified applicants requesting loans to further their education.

In the past two to three years, the need for a higher education and the cost has increased greatly. Therefore, we are receiving more requests for financial assistance than ever before, and more than we can afford to support.

The funds for the Education Loan Fund are derived from Unit Mandates, repayment of loans from former students, and interest from funds on deposit in savings accounts. This amounts to approximately \$6,100 per year, which will assist about 12 full-time college students.

This year, 1974-75, we are assisting 15 students at a cost of \$7,250. This was made possible through donations to the Education Loan Fund received last year.

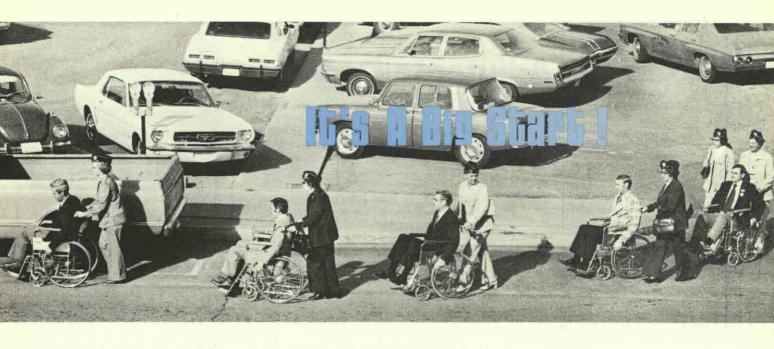
If your Unit, Chapter or Department has \$1, \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$100 that they would like to donate to a worthwhile program, why not give it to the Auxiliary's National Education Loan Fund? Donations from individuals are most welcome, and are tax deductible.

Send donations, earmarked for National Education Loan Fund, to:

D.A.V. Auxiliary National Headquarters 3725 Alexandria Pike Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076

Loans are available to dependent children of Auxiliary and DAV members. The main basic rule for eligibility of children is that the mother, if living, must be a member of the DAV Auxiliary for at least one year prior to the date of application. If the mother is not living the father must be a member of the DAV.

REMINDER TO LOAN FUND APPLICANTS: Completed applications must be sent to the Director no later than June 15, 1975.





AUXILIARY IN ACTION

Awareness Day . . .

Members of DAV Auxiliary Unit 38 wheel businessmen across a downtown Kingsport, Tenn., street during Wheelchair Awareness Day to point out the architectural barriers in that city. Participants are, left to right, Ted McCown, Ruby Sumner, Tom Jinks, Jean Castle, Fred Gillette, Lois Dickerson, Raymond Gaylon, Fannie Smith, Gayle Shepherd, Webb Gilley, and Lochiel Newman.

Citizens of Kingsport, Tenn., were awakened to the importance of having barrier-free facilities for persons confined to wheelchairs when members of DAV Auxiliary Unit 38 sponsored a Wheelchair Awareness Day there recently.

Government and business leaders were made especially aware of the situation when several of them volunteered to be "wheel-chair patients" in downtown Kingsport for part of the day, and tried to go through their normal day-to-day routine in their wheel-chairs.

The volunteers were Ted McCown, assistant city manager; Fred Gillette, manager of a furniture store; Tom Jinks, manager of a clothing store; Raymond Gaylon from a grocery store, and Webb Gilley, assistant manager of another retail store.

They were assisted by members of the Auxiliary, who helped the men cross streets, dropping off and climbing curbs, going through stores, and carrying out their regular duties in their businesses.

The five had a "miraculous recovery" at noon, when they were allowed to leave their

wheelchairs. Their comments afterward show that the experience was enlightening.

"I wouldn't want to do it all the time," McCown said. "I can see why people confined to a wheelchair all the time are demanding changes in downtown buildings and curbs."

McCown said he and most of the other men were able to get along fine. The only complaint the assistant city manager had was "a couple of scraped knuckles from trying to squeeze through the doorways."

"You can move around okay in the store," said Jinks, "but outside, it's difficult. There's no way to get up and down a curb without help. If somebody hadn't been there to help, we wouldn't have gone anywhere."

"Being a vet myself," Gillette said, "brought home to me the price other vets have paid, and are still paying. And, it's not just the vets, it's their wives, too."

"Some of the Auxiliary ladies who helped us were wives of disabled veterans. The husband of the woman who wheeled me around was disabled. The wheelchair I was in belonged to a disabled vet, too," he said.

"It really makes you think. But, a paraplegic can be an effective person if a few things are changed: the addition of a ramp, a lowered curb."

The entire episode was carried in the Kingsport Times-News, including the comments of the participants and pictures of the men being wheeled by the Auxiliary members. In addition, the newspaper carried a separate story by Mrs. Evelyn Russ, who is confined to a wheelchair, about how such people can function as normally as anyone else in the business community if the facilities are designed to give them mobility with their wheelchairs.

This initial step of a continuing campaign by members of Auxiliary Unit 38 has already brought success. According to Charles E. Sumner, DAV Department service officer in Kingsport, ramps are being constructed into downtown businesses and the city is putting up ramps from street level to sidewalks.

It's a big start!

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From the Adjutants Desk ...

By L. KIT SEAL National Adjutant

MEMBERSHIP . . .

It is now the last quarter of our membership year, and I would like to remind each of you, when sending in payments for new members, to be sure to write the membership year on each individual membership application.

Our membership year begins on July 1st of one year and ends June 30th of the following year. This current membership year of 1974-75 will end June 30, 1975. The 1975-76 year begins July 1, 1975, and ends June 30, 1976.

If the correct year is not marked on the membership, we will process it for the current membership year 1974-75, and the dues will be due again as of July 1, 1975.

Renewal notices for the 1975-76 year will be sent out in April to all Senior members. This is for the next membership year, which begins July 1, 1975.

Quota Units: Once again this year, as we

are entering the last quarter of our membership year, I would like you to know that we will have Quota Units. These are brand new Auxiliaries that are chartered in the last three months of our membership year — April, May and June. It does NOT apply to reactivated units, or to new members in active units.

National waives its per capita tax for 1974-75 on all these units, and if your Department gives permission to waive its 1974-75 per capita, this means that all of the charter members are noted as being members for the balance of this membership year, as well as all of the 1975-76 membership year.

This is possible by paying only one year's membership fee. These are new Auxiliaries and are free of the Mandates for both years. They do have to pay the Surety Bond fee for both years, however. The Bond fee for the two years is \$5. They also must pay a \$5 Charter fee.

MANDATES . . .

The National Mandates for this member-

ship year were due August 15, 1974. Each Unit should see that these Mandates, which cover Surety Bond at \$2.50; Carville at \$2, and Education Loan Fund at \$3, have been sent to National Headquarters, or the Unit will not be cleared for voting at their State or National Conventions.

REPORT FORMS . . .

The annual Report Forms will be mailed to each Unit commander the first week in April. If your Unit does not receive its Report Forms by the end of April, please write to National Headquarters immediately, so we may send another set of Report Forms.

These Report Forms must be postmarked no later than June 1st, and are to be sent to the respective chairmen, whose name is listed at the top of each Report Form.

THEY ARE NOT TO BE MAILED TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. Please follow the instructions carefully in filling these reports out, and be sure that they are sent to the National Chairmen in time to be counted.



New Charters Issued

Florida No. 120, Arkansas No. 27, Alabama No. 77, Nevada No. 3, and Michigan No. 56 (Junior charter).

Serving in Pairs . . .

Three husband and wife teams, all members of DAV Chapter and Auxiliary Unit 11, Las Vegas, Nev., currently head various parts of the organization. They are, from left, Vernon and Barbara Duke, commanders of Chapter and Unit 11, respectively; Melvin and Margaret Hollenbeck, commanders of the Department of Nevada DAV and Department of Nevada Auxiliary, respectively, and Alice and Max Huntington, Golden Rodent of the National Order of Trench Rats' Dugout 421 and Golden Cat of the National Order of Alley Cats' Rat Trap 421, Las Vegas.

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Bedside TV Sets . . .

Members of DAV Auxiliary Unit 43, Hialeah-Miami Springs, Fla., pose with one of five individual bedside TV sets that Unit donated to the Miami VA Hospital. Tom Doherty, left, Hospital Director, accepts the set from Past Unit Commander Yvette Barr, Hospital Chairman Dolores Benedetto, Suzanne Courtney, Katherine Garafola, and Assistant Director of Volunteers Reba Terry.

Chaplain's Corner

Melada Latham, National Chaplain 2300 Vine Street Brownwood, Texas 76801

When I have time, so many things I'll do To make life happier and much more fair For those whose lives are crowded now with care.

I'll help to lift them from their low despair, When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I love so well Shall know no more these weary toiling days,

I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths always, And cheer her heart with words of sweetest praise,

When I have time.

When you have time! The friend you hold so dear

May be beyond the reach of your intent, May never know that you so kindly meant To fill her life with love and sweet content, When you had time.



Now is the time! Ah, friend, no longer wait To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer To those around whose lives are now so dear.

They may not meet you in the coming year —

Now is the time!

TAPS

Paula N. Holmes, Arizona 16; Cherry Lewis, Arkansas 2; Vivette McLellan, California 27; Catherine Neal, California 28; Mary I. C. Gregg, California 52; Dorothea M. Kohnert, California 90; Laura M. Powell, Colorado 2; Velma Pickle, Florida 4; Regina C. Cormier, Florida 46; Freda Goff, Illinois 15; Frances Whitten, Indiana 18; Viola Kistler, Indiana 53; Wanda Burkhart, March W. Hamilton, Kansas 8; Rose Anderson, Kentucky 1; Elizabeth Herbold, Kentucky 6; Cleo Cor-

nett, Lillian Rayburn, Louisiana 30; Marie Bloomer, Michigan 4; Cecil Millen, Michigan 5; Nina Wincel, Michigan 113; Ollie Lewis, Michigan 121; Mildred Brown, Minnesota 1; Laura Mortonsen, Ethel Ottersen, Minnesota 2; Esther Ruben, New Jersey 37; Evelyn D. Case, New York 82; Josephine Petronelli, New York 95; Lois H. Ramsey, North Carolina 63; Gertrude Kreig, Corrie Atkins, Ohio 1; Katherine McEvoy, Ohio 2; Opal Journell, Ohio 31; Emma Bundy, Ohio 50; Carol Birkland, Oregon 8; Willie T. Mummey, Tennessee 43; Gertrude Hazel Long, Texas 84; Lottie Robinson, Texas 191; Gladys Anstine, Marie Riese, Washington 6; Lois L. Stevens, Washington 13; Lorraine Beutler, Washington 46; Madeline Alkire, Merle Skinner, West Virginia 13; Rose Frost, Wisconsin 11; Mrs. Homer Hendricks, Edna Hargreaves, member-at-large.



Hospital Gifts . . .

Members of Stillwater DAV Auxiliary Unit 17, Stillwater, Minn., present gifts to patients at the Minneapolis, Minn., VA Hospital. The Auxiliary Unit gave 50 pair of scuffs and 208 decks of cards. Shown, left to right, are Edith Kern; Gloria Swelander, commander; Margaret Webster, Hospital Chairman, and Mary Larson, National Deputy VAVS Chairman.

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...
JOHN A. BARRY, JR., 62 Bourdon Blvd., Noonsocket, R.I. 02895, would like to contact Lt. Col. Paul Jones, CO of Marine Barracks North Seven, Annapolis, Md., August

1956, regarding nervous condition. ELTON DALE PARSON, 1517 3rd Ave., Altoona, Pa. 16602, would like to contact the person who was with him

when he hurt his back on Goat Island.

MARION CURIK, 509 Westage, St. Louis, Mg., would like to contact Ralph Rizzo and other shipmates of USS Han-

cock, WWII, 1942 to 1943.
THOMAS HASHWAY, 175 Windsor St., Fall River, Mass. 02723, must contact anyone in training at the Parachute School, Ft. Benning, Ga., in July 1943, or anyone assigned to 513th Parachute Inf. Reg. who remembers his ankle injury during jump, or anyone in medical detachment who treated his ankle injury.

FRANK B. DAVIS, 1102 Leaf Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130, would like to contact any member of 291st Sig. Co. who was with him in Philippines near San Fernando, Luzon, June-July 1945.

CLARENCE W. BENNETT, 2400 South K St., Oxnard, Calif. 93030, would like to hear from anyone who served with him in 2nd Marines on Guadalcanal and New Zealand, 1942-43, who remembers that he had yellow jaundice.

DEWEY (CRABBY) ADAMS, 512 McCubbing Dr., Lexington, Ky. 40503, would like to contact members of 1274th M.P.T.C., Co. F, Ft. Riley, Kan., Oct.-Dec. 1943, regarding leg problems, especially John Greenlee, Andy H. Johnson, Cecil Butts, Phillip Brosh, Maurice Raike, Warder, and Ray

WILLIS W. WILLS, 901 South 6th St., Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577, would like to locate Roy Ogle, Pleasantville, Ind., and Raymond E. Lippincott, Palmyra, N.J., regarding injury he suffered on German side of Rhine River

BILLY C. PERRY, 109 Woodland, Pontotoc, Miss. 38863, needs to contact members of TUSLOG Det. 93 and TUSLOG Det. 113 who served with him in 1965-66, especially S.Sgt. Basso; and members of 616th AC&W Sq. and OPLOC 7, 604th AC&W Sq., who served with him in 1958-61, especially Capt. Verlin S. Moore, CWO Kenneth E. Wilburn. GEORGE A. DANCHUK, P. O. Box 746, Palm Bay, Fla.

32905, would like to hear from anyone who remembers his injury at Staten Island Pier A-10, 1943-44, plus aggravation at Portland Weymouth, England, and USS Boxer (CV-

BOYD LAMOREUX. Route 1, Box 42, Shoal Bay Rd. Lopez Island, Wash. 98261, would like to hear from anyone with information or current address of Capt. Seldon, medical officer at Camp Tollygunge, Ind., 1943-44.
BERNARD C. PERKINS, 1311 Camden Ave., Lexington,

Ky. 40503, would like to contact members of Co. A, 66th Armored Tank Btn., Camp Hood, Texas., 1948, regarding stomach condition, especially Lt. Delyle L, Seda. 1st Sgt. William C. Taylor, Pfc. Frank H. Bloom, S.Sgt Daniel F. Barnes, Pfc. Hubert P. Poe, Pvt. Alvin Call, Sgt. Charles O. Riggs, Sgt. Homer D. Knight, Sgt. Edmond Fontenot and Pfc. Archie W. Tootle.

ROBERT E. LAWS, 927 Golden Beach Blvd., Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. 32937, must locate two men he served with in WWII, Victor M. Hutcherson of Okemah, Okla., who was aboard USS Mathew Thorton, Noumea, New Caledonia, Nov. 1942, and Raymond H. Guth, Jr., of Allentown, Pa., who served in Co. B, 11th Motor Transport Bn., 3rd Marines, in China, 1945-46.

EMMITT RODGERS, P. O. Box 505, Camp Verde, Ariz. 86322, would like to contact Med. T.Sgt. Owens, who served in South Pacific in 1943 with 112th Cavalry, Army NG from Tyler, Tex

JAMES W. WISE, JR., P. O. Box 782, Nye, N.Y. 10027, must contact members of Tank Co., 65th R.C.T., 3rd Armored Div., who served with him in Korea Oct. 1950 to Jan. 1952, regarding injury when road mine exploded north of Wionbu

RICHARD B. CLARK, 108 Cal Ave., Space 7, Barstow, Calif. 92311, would like to hear from those he served with at Ft. Knox, Ky., Aug.-Dec. 1953, regarding back and heart

GABRIEL H. GOMEZ, 8 Orchard Lane, Danvers, Mass 01923, would like to contact Capt. Alfred DeAnglis, Co. F, 172nd Inf. Reg., 43rd Inf. Div.

ENLOE ROBERT AIKENS, 3423 S. Pioneer St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84109, must contact members of Basic ARTC, Armored Tank Div., 9th Btn., Co. C9, Ft. Knox, Kv., Oct.

HERMAN W. HAMM, 314 Plum ST., Mt. Carmel, III, 62863, would like to hear from anyone who served with him in Co. K, 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Div., during battle with Viet Cong on June 20, 1968

To Locate Relatives and Friends...

GEORGE J. BEYER, 5971 Beejay St., Riverside, Calif., would like to hear from any shipmates of his brother, Jerry, aboard USS Salt Lake City before she was sunk in battle of Zula Sea

W. W. PARKIS, 2616 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40216, would like to contact Air Force buddies, 1941-45, from 4th Air Depot Group, Wright Field, Ohio, and 81st A.D.G. in

TONY GLAZER, 918 Washington St., Cape May, N.J. 08204, would like to locate John William Meikle, a Marine Corps buddy who was wounded in 1952 in Korea and who

was last known to be in Van Nuys, Calif.
MRS. GLORIA LEDFORD, 1421 Taylor St., Corona, Calif. 91720, would like to locate John (Eddie) Miller and William Bagley, who were in the armed services in 1944-45.

CARL DAVENPORT, Star Route, Burfordville, Mo. 63739, would like to locate Otto Johnson, who served with him at Camp Care, Miss., 1944.

TOM VAN WORMER, 848 Central Ave., Beloit, Wis. 83511, would like to hear from Sgt. Terral Noah, who served with Co. K, 136th Inf., 33rd Div., WWII, formerly of Ada, Okla.

EARL R. COOLEY, 103 Donnan Rd., Taylors, S.C. 29687, would like information about S.Sgt. Gordon C. Harris, Army Air Corps, 1943, Walla Walla, Wash., or his family, including Mrs. Ernest O. Olds, last known to be in Rochester, Webster or Pittsford, N.Y.

ELMO H. EVANS, 1738 S. 12th St., Lawton, Okla. 73501 would like to hear from an Army medic buddy. Trinidad Diaz, last seen in Germany in 1953, or anyone who knows him or his wife, Pauline, San Antonio, Tex.

GEORGE F. HAUSENBAUER, 320 Van Buren St., Jamestown, N.Y. 14701, would like to hear from anyone who has seen or heard from Edward Hausenbauer, who was a P-51

pursuit pilot, 520th Bomb Grp., WWII.
THOMAS MAC NEIL. 144 Prospect, Manville, R.I. 02838, would like to locate George Carrol and Ballard Cox, who served with him in 73rd Heavy Tank Btn., Ft. Benning, Ga., Nov. 1949 to April 1950.

JOHN J. CUGIOU, 47-10 Laurel Hill Blvd., Woodside, L.I. N.Y. 11317, would like to locate Jane Barthowski, who was a student nurse in 1942 in Newport, R.I., or Boston.

DICK CRAMER, National World War II Glider Pilots Association, 2026 Cedar Valley, Dallas, Tex. 75232, would like all military glider pillots of WWII to contact him

To Locate Hobby Items...

EDWARD L. NEWSOM, 618 Karess Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63137, would like to receive old pocket watches, any condition. He will pay postage.

WILLIAM P. MUELLER, 4 S.E. Dolphin Dr., Delray Beach, Fla. 33444, would like to purchase, or trade, foreign and American coins

THOMAS R SALMON U.S. Soldiers Home Hospital, Ward 5, Washington, D.C. 20317, collects paper memorabilia of all American wars-prints, documents, viewbooks, post cards, newspapers, magazinex, maps, etc., depicting U.S. Army in field or action, also anything about 7th Cavalry.

Reunions-

27th BOMB GROUP, U.S. Army Air Corps, April 4-5, 1975, Hotel Hilton DeSoto, Savannah, Ga. Contact Samuel B Moody, 1012 Pearce Dr., Apt. 211, Clearwater, Fla. 33520. GUADALCANAL FIDOS, April 25-26, 1975, Williamsburg

Lodge, Colonial Williamsburg, Va. Contact Champe T Broaddus, Box 641, Tappahannock, Va. 22560.

471st AMBULANCE CO., WWII, April 26-27, 1975, Zachary Taylor Legion Post 180, 4610 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, Ky. Contact Nick Hatchett, 1636 Al Mara Circle, Louisiville, Ky. 40205.

312th INFANTRY Association, May 24-25, 1975, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J. Contact Samuel Sachs, 299 S. Harrison St., East Orange, N.J. 07018.

CO. F. 142nd INFANTRY, June 21-22, 1975, 600 S. Liveoak St., Breckenridge, Tex. Contact W.M. Alsworth, Box 535, Breckenridge, Tex. 76024.

CO. I, 331st INFANTRY, 83rd DIVISION, WWII, June 27-29, 1975. Contact Charles Swartout, Box 363, Auburn. Ind. 46706

USS BUNKER HILL (CV-17), June 27-29, 1975, Boston, Mass. Contact Al Nadeau, 60 School St., Saugus, Mass 01906

USS VESTAL, WWII (1941-44), July 4-6, 1975, Illinois. Contact John Poll, Route 2, Box 288, Decatur, III. 62521. 29th AIR SERVICE GROUP, July 9-12, 1975, Clarksburg W. Va. Contact Frank Pace, 315 W. 15th St., Dover, Ohio

USS SALINAS (AO-19), July 11-13, 1975, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 4200 Gentilly Rd., New Orleans, La. Contact H.J. Holzhauer, U.S. Naval Home, Philadelphia,

222nd INFANTRY, July 11-14, 1975, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va. Contact James V. McNicol, 410 Bentley St., Newell, W. Va. 26050.

RAINBOW (42nd INFANTRY) DIVISION, July 12-14, 1975, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va. Contact Warren Westbeld, 671 St. Clair Ave., Lima, Ohio 45801.

98th BOMB GROUP (H), July 14-17, 1975, Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, New Orleans, La. Contact W.H. Bolling, Jr., Route 3, Box 67, Gonzales, La. 70737.

503rd PARACHUTE RCT, WWII, July 16-20, 1975, Kahler Plaza Inn, Orlando, Fla. Contact Maurice (Sleepy) Linton, 6118 Ardenwood Ct., Orlando, Fla. 32808.

705th TANK DESTROYER BTN., July 18-20, 1975, Colorado Springs, Colo. Contact Woody Johnson, 902 Teal Ct., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80910.

9th INFANTRY DIVISION, WWII, July 24-26, 1975, Heritage Hotel, Detroit, Mich. Contact Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N.J. 07087.

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, California State Convention, July 24-26, 1975, Fresno, Calif. Contact James E. Tracy, P.O. Box 9212, Long Beach, Calif. 90810.

4th ARMORED DIVISION, July 24-26, 1975, Chatham Center, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Pittsburgh, Pa. Contact Samuel A. Schenker, Sr., 2440 Victoria Dr., Sharon, Pa. 16146.

NATIONAL 4th (IVY) DIVISION, July 24-27, 1975, Sheraton-Oakbrook Motor Hotel, Chicago, III. Contact Richard Sover, 5042 N. Olympia Ave., Chicago, III. 60650.

101st CA BTN., AA, AAW, July 26, 1975, Bainbridge, Ga. Contact John R. Roth, P.O. Box 847, Thomasville, Ga.

ACORN RED #4, U.S.N., July 26-27, 1975, Colorado Springs, Colo. Contact Rolland D. Rennie, 1216 1st Ave. South, Escanaba, Mich. 49829.

12th ARMORED DIVISION, July 31-Aug. 3, 1975, Rochester, N.Y. Contact Warren E. Maue, Route 2, Box 154, Germantown, Ohio 45327.

303rd BOMB GROUP (H), 8th AF, WWII, August 1975. Contact Charles J. McClain, 693 Darcey Dr., Winter Park, Fla. 32789.

USS HADDO (SS-255), Aug. 5-10, 1975, Nashville, Tenn. Contact E.L. Stough, 7051 E. Rosewood, Tucson, Ariz. 44th ENGINEER COMBAT BTN., Aug. 7-9, 1975, Ashville,

N.C. Contact William E. Squires, P.O. Box 44, Friendship, Ind. 47021

91st DIVISION, including all attachments, Aug. 15-17, 1975, Kirkwood Motor Inn, Bismarck, N.D. Contact Bennie J. Schneider, Richardton, N.D. 58652.

818th TANK DESTROYER BTN., Aug. 15-17, 1975, Ramada Inn, Waterloo, Iowa. Contact Oscar H. Gingrich, Route 4, 7402 Dysart Rd., Waterloo, Iowa 50701.

CO. D. 112th QM REGIMENT, 131st QM Reg., 3584th Truck Co., Aug. 31, 1975, Mansfield, Ohio, Contact Richard C. Arms, 283 N. Oakley Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204.

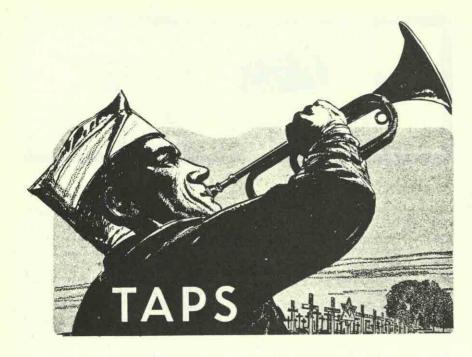
820th TANK DESTROYER BTN., Oct. 3-4, 1975, Madison, Wis. Contact Steven J. Siekierka, 24931 S. Sylbert Ct., Detroit, Mich. 48239.

13th INFANTRY, CO. L, 8th DIVISION (WWII), Oct. 11-12, 1975, Gettysburg, Pa. Contact Crawford Mackley, 421 S. Potomac St., Waynesboro, Pa. 17268.

32nd DIVISION, Red Arrow Club of Ohio, WWI & WWII, Contact Raymond K. Arnold, 732 Martha Dr., Franklin, Ohio

126th INF. MACHINE GUN CO., WWI. Contact John Wiarda, 2064 Godwin S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49507. 26th CONSTRUCTION BTN., WWII. Contact Louis A. Zinzi, Jr., 2715 Tenbroeck Ave, The Bronx, N.Y. 10469.

15th CONSTABULARY SQUADRON, July 1977, Rochester, N.Y. Contact Gladys McLees, 9155 W. Park Hill Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53226.



Alabama

Montgomery 12-Aubrey H. Sikes; Anniston 24-Marvin E. Tye; Huntsville 26-Joe P. Stacey; Arthur B. Kossow 38-Milton J. Eisenhauer; Barbour Co. 40-Alpheus J. Sanders; Rayford Atwood 64-Arvo Aasa; R. George Isaacs, Jr., 66-William Q. Alciebide; Col. C.E. Young 70-Elmore Chaney; Andrew G. Faulk 72-Lewis Tate.

Arizona

Cactus 2-Jeffries W. Jesse.

Arkansas

Hot Springs 5-William A. Mullins; Greater Little Rock 7-Tommy G. Osborn; Pine Bluff 12-James V. Stokes; North Little Rock 17-Odell Dailey; Paragould 24-James W. Seay, William H. Hiett; Twin Lakes 30-Arthur J. Erickson; Arkansas Co. Memorial 31-Lawson F. Faulkner; Camden 33-Lee G. Guion; Edwin L. Cripe 40-William L. Haynes. California

San Diego 2-Ernest R. Wallace, Irwin Ottum; San Francisco 3-Nelson B. Hazeltine; Los Angeles 5-Thomas W. Duff, Alexander M. Foxx: Sacramento 6-Lewis I. Dawson: Oakland 7-Loran S. Cline, James Logan, Frank J. Amatore; San Jose 11-Alfred L. Code, Joseph Zampiceni; Camp Kearney-Van Nuy 13-Albert W. Lawrence; Sgt. M. Sobbe 14-Norman T. Calloway; Long Beach 17-Harriet Vail Green; Ventura 24—Lawrence E. Wilde, Jr.; Riverside 28—Carl O. Hanson, Buddy T. Garrett; Inglewood 30—Charles W. Marcille; Los Angeles Harbor 43—Jack Leggio; Memorial 45—Earl Mequet; Golden State 56—Val G. Ingram; El Monte 64-George W. Gigler; Birmingham Hospital 73-Wingate Smith; Fontana 87-Ollen A. Kelly; Tri-Cities 95—James P. Sullivan; W.S. Bellflower 98—Lawrence R. Lowry; Redwood City 136—Andrew Lesh.

Colorado Zebulon Pike 1-Jacob J. Vomberg; San Isabel 2-Angelo Coffee; Murphy-Borelli 7—Howard G. Forsythe; Silver State 13—George H. Bone.

Connecticut

New Haven 2-Nicholas Acampora; Meriden Wallingford 6-Raymond Saviteer; Waterbury 9-William J. Barrett; Unknown Soldier 12-Joseph T. Schultz.

Delaware

Elsmere 4-William C. Anderson, Jr.

District of Columbia

Col. Young 3-Benjamin R. Stukes, Raleigh L. James, Sr.; REA 5-Philip D. Gingras; Capitol Hill 16-Charles E.

Florida

Tampa 4-Mike Antalik, Jr., Clifford A. Baldwin; Daytona Beach 6-Frank W. Covington; Sunshine City 9-John J. Harrison; Clearwater II—Raymond E. Pedrick, George Meola, Harold B. Behrens; Bay Pine-Hildy Island 13—Harold J. Van Ness, Sr., Franklin R. Brunner, Ruth G. Kastrup, Elmer P. Erkel, Jr.; Manatee Co. 18-Herbert G. Kelso, Ralph G. Wulkaw; Broward Co. 35—Joseph Naccarato; Frank Oliver, Jr., 40—Frank Plechsmid; Palm Beach 42—Henry E. Sandridge; Hialeah-Miami Springs 43-Louis N. Rivers, Seymour Jacoves, Calvin M. Brown; Gulfport 46-Frank G Shoff, Central Brevard 50-Mildred J. Young; B.T. Washington 54-Billy J. Burdine; John T. Hensley 96-Herbert Whitten; Bay Area 112-Milton G. Mueller; Clay Co. 114-Walter R. Weisbrod; Land O' Lakes 120-Thomas J.

Georgia

William E. Tate 1-Francis Middlebrook; Muscogee 7-Raymond L. Miller; McCrary Adams 9-Kenneth Ray Runyan: Pendleton King 10-Woodrow W. Findley, Cecil M. Sweeney; Cracker State 20-Duncan E. Lee; Hall Co. 22-Augustus J. Wayne; Rose City 40-Julian G. Nesmith; B.M. Watson, Grady Nesmith.

Idaho

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Nebraska

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This column wants to pay tribute to one of the pioneer members, Roy Victor Gerkin, who died last December.

Loss of vision was caused by a World War I injury. Though his education was incomplete then, he returned to his studies after hospitalization in 1919, and earned a doctorate degree in osteopathy.

Dr. Gerkin was a life member of our Blind Chapter, editor of this column for some years, Commander also, and on the National Executive Committee for two terms. His widow-a devoted wife and helpmate; a daughter, and a grandson who bears his name, survive at the family home in Brentwood, N.H.

The Blind Chapter and the DAV will cherish the memory of Dr. Roy Gerkin as we shoulder the mantle of leadership he so diligently exemplified.

Bill and Carol Wedekind of Winslow, Arkansas, are blessed with a baby daughter. An expert ceramist, Bill lost both eyes, both hands, and suffered other injuries in Vietnam. They are now profitably engaged in this pottery business.

Walter Rohr and Connie, working with the VAVS, acquired several large pieces of leather from the factories in New York state, which are used to make tote bags for the backs of wheel chair patients in nearby VA hospitals. This is a most worthy project.

One of our DAV members, also blind, is a budding entrepreneur. Harry L. Martin, Jr., of Touch Perception Systems, Suites 5 and 6, 9051 Mansfield Rd., Shreveport, Louisiana 71108, is the man. He is developing and selling "touch" games for the blind. Sounds great for the long winter

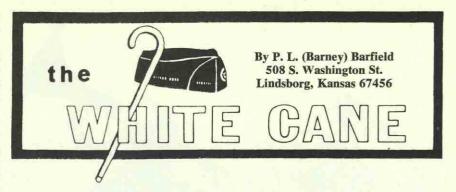
Chaplain's Corner

To Love

It is not only that we have to be loved. There's more. We have to have someone to love.

We have to have someone who knows how to arouse in us the desire to give. To give, not with a sense of losing, but with a sense of mutual gain, whereby life becomes richer and fuller.

> -Rev. Carl Bergstrom National Chaplain



evenings; also for shut-ins.

Spring will soon be here, rousing up fishing fever. A special reel, electrically operated, works with the press of a thumb switch, ideal for the one-handed fisherman. For details, write to Box 338, Lomeda, California 90717.

District and Departmental meetings are soon to be held in most states. Members of the Blind Veterans National Chapter are urged to attend and participate in these affairs. We recommend that when

Time and Place Committees make arrangements for conferences that considerations be given to table service for the amputees, wheelchair occupants, and the blind. It is frustrating to these to attempt self-service at a buffeteria or cafeteria. How about it, volunteers?

Lastly, DAV Chapters are reminded about the flower sale donations to be sent to Calvin D. Venable, Adjutant, BVNC, DAV, 2785 Skyline Drive, Westminster, Colorado 80030. Thank you.

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Ohio

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