

## Commanders Corner

I am your new Commander, I have come up through the ranks as Junior Vice Commander than Senior Vice Commander and now the Commander, we had a very busy year last year and are planning the same and more for this year. I am enclosing a schedule of events and meetings for the year, for you to help out with and attend if you wish too, or donate something to if you would like to help but can't. We have had very good response to our projects lately. We can do a lot of good things for our area Disabled Veterans with the things we have started. A few of the good things we do are, host seminars for veterans on help they are entitled to, host returning veterans of the wars in the far east, help them get the help they need. We help get our comrades both to and from their medical appointments, we help with our Homeless Veterans programs to provide food, shelter and clothing for them. We have a scholarship program for DAV members, Spouses and off spring, We have many other good causes also. All of our time, some of our money, transportation and work experiences are donated to the DAV. There is a real feeling of accomplishment and pride to donate something of value, money or time to someone in need. I will try my best to lead us on to some new, exciting and fun endeavors. As well as continue the ones we are

## Senior Vice Commander

As the year comes to an end, I would like to reflect a little on the out going and the New Year beginning. This past year was my first year as an active member and I would have to say it was most enjoyable. As a chapter, I saw us grow. We involved ourselves in many community occasions, such as the parades, the NSO community information seminar, and the feeding of the troops. I witnessed people from the community saying, "What is the DAV" to "you guys are doing great things" and "we are glad you are here." We have just begun to get our name out there and with the new year coming, I would like to continue spreading the word of how great Chapter 18 is. As you all know, we are doing the clothing donation program and it is doing well, I would like to step up the progress to one trip a month, every month if possible bringing in up to \$1000.00 to the Chapter monthly. To do this I need everyone's help spreading the word. I'm also working on two new fund raisers, consisting of bratwurst fries ; along with our regular fund raisers. It will be a busy year. I personally will commit myself to seeing the Chapter be bigger and better than ever. My goals for the Chapter this Year will be more membership, continue the fund raising and to become the Minnesota Chapter of the Year. With all of that , I would like to thank everyone for the camaraderie and Friendship.

Kimberley Callahan  
Senior Vice Commander (elect)

## Adjutants Corner

Chapter 18 and Unit 18;

I have been asked by Commander Teddy Erickson and others to continue as the Adjutant of Chapter 18. We have many activities planned for the next year. Committees have been established and people are needed to assist the Committee members in the various areas. The Events are intended to be enjoyable and we try to have fun with everything we do; Parades, fund drives and service to veterans. The Chapter is growing and younger Disabled Veterans and their families are welcome. I am in the process of establishing a contact list of telephone numbers and E - Mail Addresses.

Contact me [tomtelsr22@msn.com](mailto:tomtelsr22@msn.com) or 879 3883 voice mail, after several rings you will hear 'Tom' then the beep, leave a message. At the meetings during sign in please list your phone number and E - Mail if you have one or both. The Meeting Minutes will be

E - Mailed to the addresses I have. Volunteer Hours are being recorded, when you participate in any activities keep track of the hours and miles, I will collect them at the meeting or at the event and maintain a log. The Chapter and Unit have an opportunity to become more visible in



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### DAVA News

Though our organization is small, we are big at assisting the Disabled American Veterans and the programs they, and we, support. We assist the chapter with the annual sale of Forget-Me-Not Flowers, annual fund raisers, many parades, and visiting local nursing homes and hospitals, along with the Silver Bay Veterans Home.

It is very rewarding to spend quality time with those who made HUGE sacrifices to ensure our freedom!!!

Our current Line officers are:  
Commander- Shirley Goodwin, Sr. Vice  
Commander- Millie Miller, Jr. Vice  
Commander- Evelyn Mortenson, and  
Adjutant/Treasurer-Joanne Douglas

Our Current Membership is 82; however we are hopeful that we will be able to entice more members in the Auxiliary as the DAV membership increases. For more Info Contact me; Joanne Douglas at 218-384-4426  
Thank You.

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### DAV Clothing Drive

We are in need of help, we are currently seeking New and slightly used clothing which includes children to adult, men and woman, Summer and winter Clothing, Shoes, Belts Purses, Towels, Sheets, Blankets, Curtains Etc. The clothing we collect is turned over to the DAV Metro Thrift Clothing Program. We receive money in return. This money and other monetary donations we collect are all used through out our county for various Veterans Programs.

Clothing may be dropped off at 332 3<sup>rd</sup> St Cloquet MN Call Kim at 218-879-5621 or 218-591-0015 Harold's Service in Carlton, or call Teddy for pick up in Wrenshall Carlton area 218-384-4880

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Or Dropped off at TJ'S in Mahtowa or contact Paul 218-389-6068 for pick up. We are looking for people in Moose Lake area, also the Cromwell Wright area to help out. We can use a business in each area as a drop off site.

Thank You to our area businesses that have been so helpful to us thru the past year. Patronize them.

Cloquet Ford, B&B Market, Wal-Mart, Super One, L&M Supply, Black Bear Casino and Golf, Harold's Service Carlton, Del Zotto's, Brick Yard Restaurant Wrenshall, TJ'S Mahtowa, Gampers, and Gateway in Moose lake, and any I may have forgotten, Thanks to all.