



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
 GLENDALE CHAPTER 20 & UNIT 20
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Janiel Hockenberry
 Diane Stone
 Curi Clevenger
 Bill Sumler
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 Rose Grigsby

LETTERS OF INTENT
FOR THE POSITION OF COMMANDER

I Mike Grigsby, intend to run for the office of Commander at the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 20, for the year 2016-2017.

A little about myself. I have been a member of the DAV since 1976 when I joined in Buffalo New York. I moved out to Arizona in 1979 and at that time became a member of Chapter 1 where I held the office of Jr. Vice Commander and also Sr. Vice Comander. I worked on the Department Honor Guard/Ritual Squad, was a Bingo caller there, worker/volunteer at the Fish Fry's and other events the Chapter held.

When I came to Chapter 20 and Transferred from Chapter 1, I immediately got involved as a worker/volunteer. I held the position of Adjutant from 2005-2007 and was Jr. Vice Commander 2014-2015.

In the year I was the Jr. Vice I was in charge of the Forget Me Not fundraiser, worked the Golden Corral and was in charge of the monthly Steak Fry's/Dinners. In the year 2015-2016 while holding the office of Sr. Vice Commander I was in charge of membership.

I have worked Bingo, helped the Auxiliary in the Snack Stand and been on the Lounge Committee. If elected, I will do my best to serve as your new Commander and to keep Chapter 20 the best in the State.

I thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Mike Grigsby, Sr. Vice Commander, DAV #20

LETTERS OF INTENT CONT'D.

FOR THE POSITION OF SR. VICE COMMANDER

It is that time of the year, the Chapter starts looking at the next year and the direction that this Chapter is headed. This is a long but short road.

I have looked long and hard at the direction of this Chapter. It seems that we are at a stalemate.

With seeking the position of Senior Vice Commander, I hope to embrace members from all eras. I hope that our veterans that have been around longer will embrace our up and coming generation of veteran's ideas, as well as to share the success of their own endeavors, to make this year great and get back to the basics.

With the cooperation of new and seasoned members, only then will we see growth towards the future. Please come out and vote June 9th, 20116.

Thank you,

Kevin G. Cooper

FOR THE POSITION OF JR. VICE COMMANDER

I am submitting this letter of intent to run for the position of Jr. Vice Commander. At this time I am learning what the office entails and I believe that the position would be interesting and stimulating.

This Chapter has embraced myself and wife as lifetime members. It would be my privilege to work alongside the other elected officers to help our Chapter become more prosperous and hospitable to all Disabled American Veterans and families.

Since I am a novice, I readily accept any help you may wish to give and I will do my best to serve and always unite our membership.

At present, I work two nights a week at Bingo, and the monthly Steak Fry. I have also volunteered at the Golden Corral for the fundraisers.

Thank you for your time in considering me for this elected service and the opportunity to become an even more active participant in the Glendale DAV Chapter 20.

Sincerely Yours,
Wylie C. Brooks

From the Sr. Vice Commander

I would like to thank the membership at Chapter 20 for sending myself and Adjutant William "BJ" Johnson to Washington D.C. in February for the Commander's & Adjutants conference. It was an honor to attend.

For those of you members that knew these guys, I would like to let you know that Chapter 20 has lost some of our older members. Jack Franqui (member of Chapter 20 and also a Past Department Commander), Henry Hyun (past DAV #20 Commander), Dave Copeland and Val Rasmussen. Both Val & Henry had participated on the Honor Guard/Ritual Team at the Veterans Cemetery.

Just so you know. There has been an increase from \$7.50 to \$8.00, on our monthly Steak Fry which is held on the second Saturday of each month. Please plan to come out for a really good steak dinner, served starting at 5pm until 7pm. The dinner is then followed by music in the Lounge (Karaoke by Bobby & Jan) from 7pm until 11pm. We really have a lot of fun, so please come out and enjoy the evening with your fellow members.

Respectfully,
Mike Grigsby, Sr. Vice Commander

AND FROM THE AUXILIARY

DAVA COMMANDER:

It is hard for me to realize that in a short 3 months my term as Auxiliary Commander comes to an end.

I have had a great group of Officers, Executive Board members and Chaplain. I thank them all for their hard work and support.

Curi Clevenger, who has been the Snack Stand manager has done an excellent job of keeping the Snack Stand full of goodies and more importantly, smiles. We have had a real need for volunteers so she went to her sister who then got her friends involved. Without them the Snack Stand could not have functioned as we had no member volunteers.

I have enjoyed my two years as Commander but it is now time to step down. I thank all of you for your trust and confidence.

Janiel Hockenberry

DAVA SR. VICE COMMANDER/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Auxiliary volunteer members are needed. Memberships are now "Life Members", \$20.00 down and you will have three years to pay off the balance. Members, please make an effort to sign up one new member this year. Encourage those you know with incentives available.

Member workers are needed to serve our Vets and their families. Requirements are: Listening, patience, kindness with less criticism will make a positive environment to achieve our goals. Remember to make allowances for our disabilities. DAV and DAVA vets and volunteers "caring is kindness."

Welcome to DAVA Auxiliary meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 7:30pm. See you there!

Diane Stone, Unit 20 Sr. Vice Commander

DAVA CHAPLAIN

Firstly, I want to thank everyone for keeping me informed when we had members that were ill or hospitalized. I have sent out many cards and notes this year to let these members know that they are thought of and missed at our functions and meetings.

As your Chaplain, I have sadly attended a few funerals this year for members we have lost. Our oldest member, **95 years young** and our "Patriotic Instructor" at our meetings, June Millar. Also, long time member and dedicated volunteer Barbara Ritter.

On the Chapter side, I attended the services for Past Department Commander, and Chapter 20 member, Jack Franqui. Chapter 20 also lost a Past Commander, Henry Hyun. Henry's services/memorial will be held sometime in April. I have no other information at this time. Information will be posted on the website when available.

Please remember that nominations for officers will take place at the May general membership meeting, with Elections of officers in June. Please come out and support your candidates by voting.

I want to thank our officers this year, you all did a great job! To Curi Clevenger, great job in the Snack Stand. The Auxiliary members thank you and the Junior's, for keeping the Snack Stand going. About these Junior's... These young folks go to school during the day and still dedicate time to come in to work our Bingo sessions serving our patrons on Wednesday and Friday evenings. AWESOME JOB JR'S!

DAVA CHAPLAIN – CONT'D

In closing, I ask that we remember to pray that our leadership will work together (Chapter and Unit) to be successful in our mission to help our veterans and their families. God bless us all.

Chaplain,
Rose Grigsby

HERE'S SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS

REMEMBER MEMBERS....WE HAVE BINGO 3 DAYS A WEEK. MONDAY STARTING AT 11:30AM...WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS STARTING AT 6:30, BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

ALSO WE HAVE HALLS FOR RENT, TELL YOUR FRIENDS, AND WE HAVE SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR OUR MEMBERS!

IN THE LOUNGE, EVERY SATURDAY WE HAVE KARAOKE STARTING AT 7:00PM...COME JOIN US.

MEMBERS, WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF OUR MEMBERSHIP TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR FUNCTIONS..PLEASE CHECK INTO DONATING A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME FOR OUR WORTHY CAUSES. THANK YOU.

Our General Membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30PM....If you want to join in the Pot Luck/Share A Dish before the meeting, it starts at 6:00PM...Come join in and bring your specialty!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS !

This newsletter will be the last of the mailing. We will now distribute the newsletter via e-mails, Facebook, the Department website and soon our very own website. This will be more productive and cost efficient. No longer will it be a quarterly newsletter but could very well become a monthly publication.

I hope you all understand the reasoning behind this change.

FROM THE LOUNGE:

The Lounge has undergone many changes over the past few months and many more are expected in the future. We have begun to offer drink specials and many more are to follow. We look forward to daily activities and benefits to increase our patronage and fellowship.