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## From the Desk of The Commander

By: John M. Burden

### *Greetings Fellow DAV Comrades,*

Since our inaugural newsletter in October, we have continued the pursuit to refine our services to needy veterans who may be less fortunate than ourselves. In launching our DAV Department of Arizona Newsletter, we had hoped this avenue would strengthen our lines of communication up, down and laterally. Unfortunately it appears we have not attained that objective. As I attend Chapter Meetings and ask folks for feedback, I hear the newsletter has never been mentioned by Chapter Commanders or Executive Board members. The Newsletter is easily accessed at [www.azdav.com](http://www.azdav.com) We will continue to produce this electronic product on a quarterly basis. In addition to articles by our Line Officers we will always have room for input from any of the Chapters. There will be attachments and links to other web sites as we continue to expand the information we provide to our members.

Personnel changes continue. Our Sr Vice Commander, Jose Baza, tendered his resignation due to personal reasons. Jr Vice Commander, Glenn Hohman moved to Sr Vice Commander by rule of accession per our bylaws. I have since appointed Kevin Cooper, Chapter 20, to fill the vacant Jr Vice Commander position for the remainder of this term. This action was approved by the State Executive Committee. Further, this action required Kevin to resign the State Inspector position. I have hereby appointed CW Hall as the State Inspector (pending SEC approval)

*Special Thank You  
To SDB Construction  
For Their Continued  
Support of  
DAV Department of  
Arizona*

## IN THIS ISSUE

*Changes  
In Department  
Officers*

Ritual teams have been reactivated in the Northern and Southern District. “There is no needier veteran than one who should be laid to rest properly”. Eric Jackson / Chapter 26, has been appointed Ritual Team Commander for the Southern District. Glenn Coopey / Chapter 16, has been appointed as Ritual Team Commander for the Northern District. If you are interested in joining either of these teams contact the Department Adjutant at **602-678-0333**. The two Ritual Team Commanders are busy recruiting members and conducting inventories of equipment.

The Service Commissioner, Sr Vice Glenn Hohman, has been conducting a state-wide review of Veteran Medical Transportation capabilities and requirements with increased efficiency of limited resources. The Sr Vice will address this program at our Mid-Term meeting on 13 January 2018 at Chapter 20.

Looking toward the future, the following actions have been initiated. A new committee has been appointed to envision where you want the organization to be and who do you desire to be leading it in three to five years. Committee name: “Strike Force” (formerly “Strategic Planning Committee”); members: Kevin Karvinen Chap 4, James Ellis, Chap 8, Kevin Dumas, Chap 18, Amtheyst Baker, Unit 18, Kevin Cooper, Chap 20. Feel free to submit ideas to any of these members.

A State Legislative Liaison team has been appointed to keep us abreast of updates affecting veterans at the State Capital. Members are Mike Crowe, Chap 8 and Tim Kendrick, Chap 24. Mike and Tim will be in the gallery to observe who supports or opposes bills affecting veterans. They will report results through this newsletter.

We have been a little slow putting the “Strike Force” and the State Legislative team into action. I accept full responsibility for this delay and will correct this issue very soon.

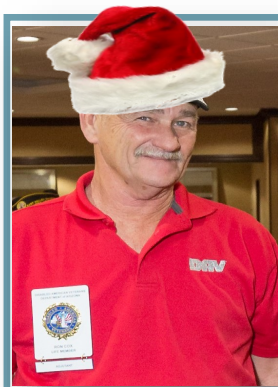
I am seeking someone willing to discuss the position of “Director of Communications” for Public Information. This would involve interface with local media outlets and community leaders. If you may have an interest in this area contact me for further discussion.

We will continue to emphasize the important function our Service Officers perform, increased interaction with our Auxiliary Units and sound fiduciary responsibility. I look forward to serving you as we move our organization into the future.

“Nobody can do everything, but, everybody can do something”.

*John M Burden*





*Ron Cox*

# ADJUTANT

## *From the Adjutant*

For all you Jolly Souls Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Since our last printing we've had a pretty good quarter, I'd like to thank all of you for getting your Chapters Annual Report in to Department and National which for the most part was on time for once. Department Headquarters is starting to look a little run down so I'm in the process of getting bids to see about repainting both buildings along with repainting our signs. First appearance say's a lot.

We are now setting up for our Mid-Term Conference which will be held on January 13 2018 this year and is being hosted by Glendale Chapter 20. If you are an SEC please contact Mary for more Information. CSO Training will be January 11th and 12th, 2018 also held at Chapter 20. For CSO training contact Mary for hotel information. Chapters are responsible for hotel rooms for CSO Training. Please contact your Chapter Commander to insure your name has been submitted on your officers report or you will not get a certificate after completing the course.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the new year so please be safe and have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a very safe and **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



*Congratulations!*  
celebrate

***Glenn Hohman on being appointed and approved by  
the SEC to the position of:***

***SR. VICE COMMANDER 2017/2018***



***Happy Holidays!!***

Where has 2017 gone? It is hard to believe 2017 is almost over and we'll be ushering in 2018 before we know it. Throughout 2017, the DAV has worked tirelessly to help and honor Arizona's Veterans. But the DAV is not about a three letter acronym, a marketing scheme or even a particular fundraiser...it is about People. People make up our members, our volunteers, our clients; People are by far our most valuable resource. I imagine, people are YOUR most valuable resource as well! So enjoy the Holidays with your people; your family, friends and loved ones.

I want to provide you some information about our volunteers and how you can help support them as a vital part of our most significant resource. The VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program has been an important part of the DAV for over 70 years now and is an integral part of how the VA is able to maintain their services while saving them millions of dollars a year in labor and transportation costs. The DAV is proud to have been a charter member of this program, and we must continue to support the VAVS programs as best we can. The DAV Transportation Network, our Hospital Service Coordinators (HSCs), and our hospital volunteers are just some of the ways we get involved both as a Department and as individual volunteers. However, a key component of this program is recognition. Please consider recognizing your top DAV and DAVA Hospital and Voluntary Services volunteer for the George H. Seal Memorial Award for 2018. In addition, the DAV recognizes youth who are actively volunteering on behalf of the DAV or DAVA at any of the VA facilities, or anywhere that supports the LVAP program through the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program. We need to recruit these young volunteers and help them log their hours so we can recognize them as well.

The Department has already sent out nomination forms and information for these awards, and in the New Year, at our mid-term conference we will be providing chapters with the information they need to nominate their hard working members and volunteers for Department awards. Please start thinking about the many wonderful people in your chapters that help to provide so much to our Arizona Veterans and look to recognize them for recognition.

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!***



# *Awards for Our Deserving Volunteers*



*Department  
Award Information  
Will be Available at  
Midterm*



*Remember  
National Awards  
Nominations are due  
into Department By  
FEB 1, 2018*





*Congratulations!*

*Kevin Cooper on being appointed and approved by the SEC to  
the position of:*

*JR. VICE COMMANDER 2017/2018*

*From the Jr. Vice Commander:*

*Comrades:*

First, I would like to thank the Department Commander, John Burden, for having the confidence in my skills to appoint me as the Jr. Vice Commander. I would also like to thank the SEC's for approving the appointment. I am humbled and honored to accept this position.

I look forward to being an integral part of this great organization at this level and furthering out motto "fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served."

Next I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Safe travels to all that are headed out of town for the holidays.

As these are fast approaching, mark you calendars for January 11-13. The 11th and 12th are the Service Officers Training and the 13th is the Midterm Conference. Both these events are taking place at DAV Chapter 20 in Glendale and we hope to see you all there.

*Kevin G Cooper*





By Department  
Chaplain  
Paul Soderquist :



Around this time of year, many of us celebrate Christmas. The Christmas angel said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people."

Others of us observe Hanukkah, or join in other holy or cultural celebrations, including the New Year. Whatever this time is for you, I hope you have a wonderful season.

As members of the veteran community, we can celebrate fully and gladly according to our own religious and cultural backgrounds and values, while at the same time respecting the traditions and beliefs of our brothers and sisters.

Please also remember: Depression can darken an otherwise joyful season. Watch for signs of it. Be gentle with yourself and one another.

Though the holiday season can be festive, the rush and stress of it all can wear us down. Find moments to slow down, breathe, and relax.

May you be blessed!

*Chaplain Paul Soderquist*







Welcome to the DAV  
Room for the Sick and Injured

Current Occupants:

Patti Burden

Patrick Young

Shirley Kosisky



Please join us in sending  
Prayers and Get Well Wishes!!!!







**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

***ALL VETERANS DESERVE BEING LAID TO REST WITH RESPECT  
AND  
THE HONOR THEY DESERVE***



***VOLUNTEER AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT RITUAL TEAM***

DAV DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA is revitalizing the Ritual Team. We want to have one stationed in the North and one in the South. All uniforms and equipment will be supplied by Department.

***Please contact Department at 602-678-0333  
if you would like to be part of this noble tradition***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

# Department has a limited quantity of these items available for Sale



**Convention Pins** from the 2017 Department Convention

\$3.00 Ea

Sold as Each or in Pkg of 50



**Red Friday Shirts**

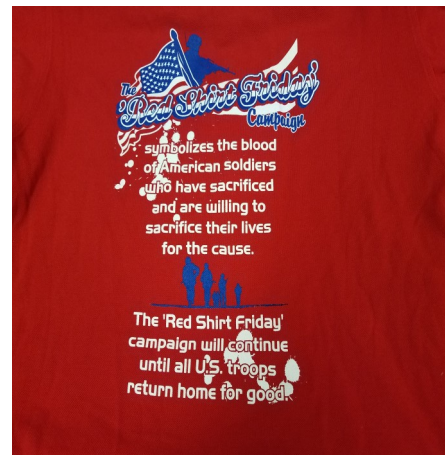
Available in  
Medium, Lg, XL, 1X,  
2X, 3X



**Hats** from the 2017 Department Convention

\$10.00 Ea.

Sold as Each or in case of 24



**Pens** with the lighted tips used at Convention

\$3.00 Ea.





## *Our Legal Clinic Update*

By: John Tokarz

### **ARIZONA VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC** **December 9th, 2017 Phoenix VA Hospital Clinic Report**

Sponsored by: The Disabled American Veterans,  
The Arizona Disabled American Veteran Foundation, and  
The Arizona Department of Veterans Services

#### **Statistical Results for the Clinic**

- 122 - Veterans or their spouses received legal advice
- 140 - Total actual consultations (many veterans or spouses received assistance in more than one area)
- 135 - Cases closed (issue resolved or taken as far as possible by the attorney at the clinic)
- 12 - Cases referred to Maricopa County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)
- 51 - Estate planning document packages were prepared
- 38 - Walk-in clients assisted
- 16 - Veterans or spouses did not appear for their scheduled appointment

#### **Veterans Benefits Consultations**

DAV CSOs Jim and Carol Ellis were able to help advise veterans of benefits and schedule appointments to provide much needed advice to veterans.

- 12 - Veterans received advice on benefit-related issues

#### **Preliminary Results and Next Steps**

The Phoenix VA continues to be a great location to hold DAV Veterans Clinics and we thank VA Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist Anna Bourne for outstanding support and advertising of the legal clinic.

We have fully booked our wills appointments and were able to provide any additional requests for wills to both the DAV overflow clinic on FEB 3<sup>rd</sup> at Community Legal Services, and we had also referred 11 Veterans to APS's Wills for Heroes Program ensuring all veterans that needed help received it.

We will continue to implement more efficient procedures in the future and build on the lessons learned from this clinic. A special thank you to the 32 Volunteers that made this clinic a success.

The next Legal Clinic is a Wills only event on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Community Legal Services in Phoenix



# THANK YOU

## SDB Construction

For the last 10 Years SDB Construction has been sponsoring Golf Tournaments for the benefit of DAV Department of Arizona.

On Nov 10, 2017 They held this event at the Arizona Grand Resort. They raised over \$33,000 for the benefit of our Disabled Veterans. The funds raised this year will go to the purchase of 5 new vans for the VA Hospitals in Arizona.

Thank You Dominic, and Angie and everyone at SDB and DAV who Participated in making this such a success.







For Department Calendars and Chapter Meeting Schedules

Hold the CTRL Key and Click on the link Below

<http://azdav.com/department-newsletter.html>

The calendars at the bottom of this newsletter are accurate  
to the time of publication.

However, the Digital copies available by following the link  
above will give you updated information

Check Back Often for Updates



# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 	8	9 Legal Clinic VAMC PHX
10	11		13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Hanukkah Ends	21 Winter Begins 	22	23
		26 Closed	27	28	29	30
31 						

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

## Department Will Be Closed Dec 25-Jan 2

<b>Chapter 1</b>	<b>Wed Dec 13</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 20</b>	<b>Thur Dec 14</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Sat Dec 16</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Chapter 22</b>	<b>Thur Dec 14</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Thur Dec 7</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 24</b>	<b>Tues Dec 26</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Chapter 11</b>	<b>Mon Dec 11</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 26</b>	<b>Sat Dec 23</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Chapter 14</b>	<b>Sat Dec 22</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 27</b>	<b>Mon Dec 18</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Chapter 16</b>	<b>Thur Dec 14</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 28</b>	<b>Sat Dec 16</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Chapter 18</b>	<b>Sat Dec 9</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Chapter 36</b>	<b>Tues Dec 5</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>2</b> We are Back	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> CSO Training	<b>12</b> CSO Training	<b>13</b> Midterm
<b>14</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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*Department Will Be Closed  
January 15th*

*2018 Convention Information will be on Our Website [azdav.com](http://azdav.com) after Midterm  
Including a link for Room Reservation.*

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<b>Chapter 14</b>	<b>Sat Jan 27</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 27</b>	<b>Mon Jan 15</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Chapter 16</b>	<b>Thur Jan 11</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Chapter 28</b>	<b>Sat Jan 20</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Chapter 18</b>	<b>Sat Jan 13</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Chapter 36</b>	<b>Tues Jan 2</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Legal Clinic
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Steak Fry Chapter 20
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Closed	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Midwinter	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	28th All Natl. Award Nominations DUE		

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

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*From Our Chapters*

If you would like to be included in our  
CHAPTER / UNIT NEWS SECTION

Of our Newsletter, please send articles, pictures, etc. to Department by  
March 1, 2018

We have a space ready for All of Our Chapters and Units to Participate.

*Don't keep all of your good ideas to yourselves.*

***BE PROUD SAY IT LOUD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***



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726 W. Gurley Street  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
Phone: 928-756-2780*

*DAV Thrift Store  
730 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Prescott AZ. 86301  
Phone: 928-445-4525*

*Fax: 928-756-2781*

*Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00PM  
Monday – Friday*

*Hours: 9:00AM to 5:PM  
Monday - Saturday*

**WEB SITE**

<http://www.davchapter16.org>

*Empowering Veterans of Yavapai County  
To Lead High Quality Lives*

***DAV Chapter 16 New Chapter Office and Resource Center has  
relocated to***

***726 W. Gurley Street  
Prescott, AZ. 86301***

## News From Chapter 36 / Casa Grande

Bobby Winnett, a life member of the DAV Chapter 36 Pinal County, and a welding and fabrication specialist has been very busy as of late, he just finished the first of four - 4' x 8' clothing Donation Boxes.

Bobby single-handedly did this project from start to finish, designing, welding the frames, screwing the plywood and painting them Red, White and Blue.



The Veterans of Pinal County will be the recipients of the clothing deposited.

The first box was delivered to replace an old DAV box at Caliente Casa De Sol Resort Community, just North of Florence, Saturday the 9th of December 2017. Caliente has been a very big supporter of Chapter 36 for several years now. They were as excited as we were with the new box!

The DAV Chapter 36 is always looking for more ways in which to help "The Men and Women who Served" our great Country. If you have any clothing to donate, please either contact us or drop off the clothing at our location in Coolidge.

Not only do we help local Veterans get the VA benefits promised to them for serving, but we also help in any way that we can.

We are the local boots on the ground help.



## Chapter 36 Visits Local Schools

Veterans were invited to almost all of our schools to be honored by the students. Unfortunately we could not be everywhere at the same time, but we did make it to several!

It was amazing how much the children knew so much about the Armed Forces and what these Men and Women have done to keep our Country free. The beautiful cards and art work the kids gave to us were heart rendering!

The visits were very refreshing and pleasant, not to mention the the good food provided by the faculty. We have been to the schools several years in a row and each time is a real treat. The Veterans of Chapter 36 are already looking forward to our visits next year!







# Veteran's Day Celebrating Veteran's Done Chapter 36's Way

November 10th 2017 was not only a very special day because it is the Marine Corps 242nd Birthday, but also the Coolidge Veterans Day Parade! Chapter 36 helped plan and helped enjoy the days events.

The Parade was a great success, all the surrounding community came together for a fantastic fun filled day with free food and celebration. **Congressman Tom O'Halleran** was on hand to help us make this day even more special.

Every branch of the armed forces was represented and honored for their service to our Country! Our main theme was, **THIS IS THE LAND OF THE FREE, BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!** Every Veteran there felt the love and the gratefulness of all who attended.

Rep. Tom O'Halleran and  
Commander Smith



One of the vehicles in the parade with DAV-36 members



Two Buffalo Soldiers in front of DAV-36

. 2nd vehicle in parade



## *Chapter 36 Gun Raffle Update*

**Drawing Results for Sig Sauer and the three bonus prizes.**

**The drawing was held Saturday 11, November 2017 (Veterans Day) at the local Disabled American Veterans Chapter 36 office in Coolidge.**

**The winner of the \$1,400.00 Sig Sauer handgun was Eliedoro Pisano of Coolidge. This Grand Prize was donated by “On Sight Shooting School” of Casa Grande. Dan and Dee Neidig have been long time supporters of DAV Chapter 36. Dan is a veteran and a member the DAV. He is well aware of the needs of veterans and a loyal supporter!**

**The first bonus prize went to Raul Manjarres of Florence. This was a 9mm handgun donated by “Conquest Arms” located on Arizona Farms Rd. in Florence. Allan and Travis Thompson are also long time supporters of DAV Chapter 36 and the Veterans.**

**The next bonus prize was the biometric safe donated by Stotz Eq. (John Deere Dealer) at 11 Mile Corner Rd Casa Grande. Stotz Equipment is another long time supporter of the Chapter and the Veterans of Pinal County! Airial Cruz was the lucky winner of the biometric safe.**

**Last but not least, were the military grade binoculars with tri-pod. B.G. Bell won this prize, donated by Eliedoro Pisano.**

**Over 90% of the money, brought in by fundraisers, reach the Veterans in need, in Pinal County! Every one of the people working to make things better for the Men and Women who served, are volunteers. They do for the Veterans because that’s where their heart is, not for a pay check.**

**If you are a Veteran in need (of benefits, assistance of any kind or just some camaraderie) or if you would like to help, donate or join the DAV or its auxiliary, please either come to 320 W Central Ave in Coolidge or call 520-494-3283. The mailing address is Po Box 1315 Coolidge, Az. 85128.**



*The Winners*





## *Chapter 36 Golf Tournament*



Chapter 36 had a very successful Golf Tournament, thanks to the members that helped with it, our wives and friends and most of all, our sponsors. A big thank you to Rick La Paglia (over our City Parks and Rec. in Coolidge). I am not sure we could have done this with out him and his Father-in-law Eliedoro Pisano. Scott and the Staff at the Arizona City Golf Course helped greatly with their knowledge, prizes and a fun filled day of Golf and good eats! I can not forget Bobby Winnett, our Chapter Photographer, and the pics he takes at these events!

Chapter 36 made almost \$6,000.00 on this fundraiser! We had 21 Hole Sponsors, 3 Tee Sponsors, 24 Foursomes and did well on the prize drawing.

This was our First Annual Golf Tournament, that means the second will be next year!

Plan on attending and having a day of fun, camaraderie and help our Veterans at the same time. See you there!

Chapter 36 Pinal County

