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Help celebrate the grand opening of DAV Chapter 16's new chapter offices, meeting facility, and resource center. The facility will also house the newly formed non-profit Prescott Homeless foundation which has partnered with Chapter 16 in the ongoing effort to combat homelessness in Yavapai County. The facility will also function as permanent housing for two formerly homeless veterans.

The resource center will provide a variety of social services to veterans and their families and will include a computer lab, a message center, shower/laundry facilities, and employment and housing assistance.

Opening this center will complete the official repurposing of the former DAV Chapter 16 Family Shelter which had been in operation since July 2013 and managed for the Chapter by the Prescott Area Shelter Services (PASS).

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## SPOT LIGHT ON 16 NAVY VETERAN

## **DAVE HAMPTON**



Dane was born at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, AZ in 1959. His father, also a Navy Veteran SeeBee for 23 years, and his brother is also an Army Veteran. His mother was an RN for 35 years at Boswell Hospital in Sun City. He also has a sister that lives in Peoria. Dane joined the Navy in 1977 and served on active duty until 1980 at which time he entered the Naval Reserves. He served on the U.S.S. Tarawa (LAH-1) from 1978-1980 as a HT3 Hull Technician which involved welding, plumbing and firefighter He is now a certified welder who worked in steel for 40 years in Phoenix AZ. He has been married to the former Michelle Fischer of Phoenix for 39 years. He has two children and five grandchildren who he enjoys spending time with. He enjoys both Old Classic Cars, Drag Racers and Muscles Cars of the 60/70's



## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

As Commander, I would like to invite all our members and your families to the grand opening of our new chapter office, meeting facility, and drop-in resource center on Saturday, November 12, 2016, between 1200 and 1600 hours. The opening of this center has been the chapter's top priority for several months. We sincerely believe that it will be a tremendous asset for all veterans in Yavapai County. The center will be open Monday through Friday from 0900 to 1400. There will a DAV Service Officer on premises during these hours to assist all veterans pursuing claims for service- connected disabilities, seeking medical care, employment, housing, or other governmental or community services. In closing this message and invitation, I would like to petition and beseech all members of Chapter 16 for greater participation in chapter meetings and activities. Without your participation many of our local programs, State programs, and National programs are in jeopardy. Locally we need your help to continue our programs assisting veterans at the Prescott VA Community Living Center (CLC), the Domiciliary, and the soon to be implemented Veterans court. On a State level there is the never-ending battle to hold the State VA Administrator's proverbial "feet to the fire" for delays in care and claims processing. On a National level there are issues involving VA privatization, which 78% of veterans oppose. Privatizing the VA may very well pad the profits of some very large healthcare providers, but would leave many veterans with service- connected disabilities out in the cold.

Thank you for Your Service, and we welcome and need your fresh ideas and assistance.

**Richard Null Commander Chapter 16**