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From the Desk of The Commander

By: John M. Burden

Greetings Fellow DAV Comrades,

As promised in January, we are launching our DAV Department of Arizona Newsletter. Hopefully, this avenue will strengthen our lines of communication up, down and laterally. Our initial objective is 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.

The last several months have not been without a bit of turmoil and change. In January of this year, Bob DiGirolamo, now the Immediate Past Commander, found it necessary to step down from Office. I moved from Sr Vice Commander to Department Commander by rule of accession per our bylaws on 11 January 2017. At the State Convention in June, I was elected as Commander for the 2017-2018 Term of Office, as were Sr Vice, Marvin Haines and Jr Vice Jose Baeza. We all thank you for your vote of confidence. In August, Sr Vice Haines resigned due to personal reasons. Jr Vice Baeza moved to Sr Vice Commander by rule of accession per our bylaws. I have since appointed Glenn Hohman to fill the vacant Jr Vice position for the remainder of this term.



CSO Training at Chapter 18

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Response to the devastation left
behind by Hurricanes
HARVEY and IRMA**

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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.

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, 520-586-8575, has been appointed Ritual Team Commander for the Southern District. Interested people in the South please contact Eric for more info. Glenn Coopey / Chapter 16, 480-332-5760, has been appointed as Ritual Team Commander for the Northern District. Interested people in the North please contact Glenn for more info.

A State Legislative Liaison team has been appointed to keep us abreast of updates affecting veterans at the State Capitol. 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.

I am seeking someone who may be 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.

"BREAKING NEWS"

The former DAV Chapter 2 property located in Tucson has been sold. Details will be briefed to all at the Mid-Term in Jan. Highlights are recoument of the Mortgage payoff we did in March and the \$70k+ expenditure the Department authorized at the 2016 Mid-Term.

I want to thank everyone Department wide who gave their time and efforts in resolving this matter. I also give special thanks to our Adjutant, Ron Cox for his extended efforts and diligence over the last 2 – 3 years to bring this event to a satisfactory closure. Ron's efforts were clearly "above and beyond" normal expectations. We closed the transaction on the property on 15 Sep 2017. NOTE: Even though the Chapter no longer exist, the Unit 2 Auxiliary is authorized to continue to function as a separate entity per the National DAV Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws.

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

I'd like to start off by thanking everyone for making this year's Convention a great success, we at Department are always trying to come up with new ideas for each year's convention and would like all to send in ideas for next year's convention. I hope everyone enjoyed the comedy show. If you'd like that again please let us know.

It's time once again to get in Annual Reports to National and Department, most Chapters had to get an extension due to reports being done incorrectly mostly because of the schedules. I know they can be confusing as I have had trouble in the past. This year I had asked everyone to send them to Department to be reviewed prior to going to National so that we could catch anything that might cause them to be sent back. Thanks again for doing that. Maybe this year no one will get theirs sent back.

All chapters are invited to send in what's happening so that we can add it to the next newsletter please take advantage of this after all it's free, besides one never knows members might just read this and make your events even better.

As many of you know by now we have finally sold the Chapter 2 building maybe now we can put it behind us and move on with our mission. Once again, I'd like to thank all those who have helped with clearing out the old chapter 2 building especially chapters 18 and 28.

Let's have a great year moving forward.





*Joe Baeza, Our New
Sr. Vice Commander
And
New Inductee into the
Arizona Hall of Fame*

He had a loud, strident and oratory voice and he stood on the podium for it seems like hours on end.

He had much to say about the state of the Northern District. We all thought that he would never quit speaking. He loves the DAV and the Northern District because he had to represent more than 10,000 veterans. Oh, he did a fantastic job for several years, little did we know

that he would come and represent the state as the Department Commander.

Since his election he has accomplished many administrative deeds that were not envisioned by others. He developed the “WE” It approach. He reached out to all and is now on a roll implementing and inventing many approaches to handle the many committees and organizations that compose the State. John Burton is now involving as many people as possible in this organization. He is constantly seeking ideas from others to implement them and cause growth. He does not hesitate to seek advice from the previous commander and ask him for advice on how to handle problems that arise. What previous commanders did, John takes over and continues to do the same task at a higher level.

Since my tenure to the Department, I have gone from Chapter Service Officer, to Senior Vice at the DAV Department of Arizona. I have noticed a drive by many of the members to improve the organization and leaders striving to gain more members and develop methods in which the chapters can gain monies to survive and continue aiding veterans. My hat is off to all of you for demonstrating and supporting all veterans.

It is with great sadness that I give condolences to the previous Senior Vice, Marvin Haines. He has also risen from the ranks as a multiple year Chapter Commander to DAV Department Senior Vice. He stepped down from this exalted position and passed the baton to me. I am now the Chairman of the Department Service Commission and assigned additional duties as delegated by the Department Commander, on the awards committee, Chairman of the Convention Committee, on the fundraising committee, and on the membership committee. Many of my duties will be absorbed by the on-coming Junior Vice. I would like to introduce, Glenn Hohman. He is a multiple commander of many organizations and will be a phenomenal addition to this grand organization.

Congratulations!

**Glenn Hohman on being appointed and approved
by the SEC to the position of:
JR VICE COMMANDER FOR 2017/2018**



By: Glenn Hohman / DAV Department Jr. Vice Commander

Can you believe it is already September? I hope each of you had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends during this past Labor Day weekend.

With September, many things are happening; kids are back in school, those chapters that went dark over the summer are preparing to restart full operations and in addition to Labor Day, many people are celebrating National Mushroom Month, National Blueberry Popsicle Month and maybe even National Potato or Rice month (if not, maybe you should be??). However you choose to celebrate this month, I hope you take time to celebrate and spend time with loved ones.

September is also a great time to look at your Chapter's membership goals. There are goals established by the national organization, Department of Arizona will also be putting out some guidance, and I'm sure each Chapter has a goal with membership in mind, whether it is through community outreach, a direct membership goal, or simply letting the community around you know about the DAV and the many services and programs we offer.

As you look to achieve those goals, here are a few thoughts to keep in mind:

- If every member in your Chapter recruited 1 friend or fellow Veteran this year, what would your Chapter look like?
- Members can become volunteers, but sometimes volunteers can become members.
- If an eligible Veteran is never asked to join, they may never join. If you're uncomfortable asking them to join, ask them to volunteer.

Arizona is home to over 500,000 Veterans (approximately 10% of the state's population) and each of them have family members eligible for the DAVA. Start by telling them why you're a member of the DAV and then don't forget to ASK if they want to join!



REMEMBERING
VICTIMS OF
HURRICANE
HARVEY, IRMA,
AND MARIA



By Department

Chaplain |

Paul Soderquist :

*Our Nation In Pain
Hurricane Harvey*



The late author C. S. Lewis wrote in *The Problem of Pain*: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain ...”

Hurricane Harvey has hit Texas and the Gulf Coast with painful, brutal intensity. Irma has done the same to Florida, and Maria has practically leveled Puerto Rico. These storms have brought with them record rainfall, flooding, and death to so many in these areas. Federal and state emergency operations are struggling to meet the demands for their services.

These brothers and sisters of ours are suffering from these record breaking storms. I am confident we in the Arizona D.A.V. are responding with compassion and care, as we are able, through individual contributions to those regional and national organizations most equipped to give aid, food, temporary housing, and more for those most in need.

Prayer: O God, life can be painful and dangerous at times. Please bring compassion, consolation, and merciful care to all those struggling and suffering, distressed and despairing. Show us how we can help.

Amen



Texas , Florida, Puerto Rico

HOW CAN WE HELP??

DAV National has informed us that a benefactor has agreed to match any donations to assist the cause of helping these areas ravaged by these storms. He will match up to \$300,000 in donations.

So far Chapter 26 has donated \$1000.00 to Puerto Rico. The Finance Committee will vote on Department's donation at the next committee meeting.

Should your chapter decide to donate please send your donation to

DAV-National Headquarters

Attention: Ed Hartman

PO Box 14301

Cincinnati, OH 45250

Thank you DAV/ DAVA Arizona,

Thank you for all you've done for me and my fellow Veterans. I have taken a new position in Seattle, WA with the VA Medical Center there. I will be leaving at the end of the month but my family is still here and I will be back to visit often.

I came to DAV in 2000. At that time, I was mentored by Bob Di Girolamo and Tom Linton in Chapter 1. These two men recognized my love for my fellow Veterans and they inspired me to become involved with the revitalization of the Arizona Stand Down 2001.

Years later, when I fell on hard times, Judy Bison and Chapter 1 were there for me again. Chapter 1 brought me back into the fold and right the ship by working with Arizona Veterans. Later the DAV & DAVA were always there to bring families together in acts of kindness at the VA Medical Center and working together at our DAV Conventions and I want you all to know, thanks to the DAV my time here in Arizona has been absolutely wonderful.

It has truly been an honor to serve with such a dedicated team. As the Commander of the Northern District, I was able to observe true leadership as the Chapter Commanders worked together for the interest of Arizona's Veterans. As Commander of Chapter 1, I found support and warmth and friendship. I have been truly blessed to know each and every one of you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Tom McCoy





Our Legal Clinic Update

By: John Tokarz

On August 26th Chapter 20 in Glendale graciously allowed us to use their chapter to host our First Legal Clinic of 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

This clinic was an enormous success with over 100 veterans being helped with all kinds of Legal Matters ranging from Estate Planning, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant problems and more.

We want to thank Chapter 20 for all their support in making this happen.

Our next clinic is scheduled for December 9th at the VAMC in Phoenix.

*Thank
you!*

**Special Shout Out Thank You to
DAV Unit 20 for providing
Donuts, Coffee, and Lunch for the Legal Clinic
Volunteers.**

THANK YOU

Chapter 18 in Tucson

On August 21 and 22 Chapter 18 hosted our Summer CSO Training Session.

Thanks to the efforts of the Chapter, NSO Officers, and Volunteers this session was a tremendous success.

Department wants to especially thank Commander Weger for his support in preparing both breakfast and lunch for everyone.

Congratulations to all those who participated and are now certified to help fellow veterans get the benefits they so truly deserve.



Department Announcements

- * 1. *The Chapter 2 property in Tucson has been sold. We closed the deal on September 15th.*
- * *The results of the last SEC Votes for appointed officers is as follows*
 - * 1. *Glenn Hohman / Jr. Vice Commander*
 - * 2. *Patrick Young / Judge Advocate*
 - * 3. *Carey Slade / Women Veterans Outreach Coordinator*
 - * 4. *Michael Crowe and Tim Kendrick / Legislative Liaisons*





For Department Calendars and Chapter Meeting Schedules

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to the time of publication.

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

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OCTOBER 2017

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8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13 US Navy Birthday	14 Chapter 20 Steak Fry
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22	23	24	25	26	27 AZ Hall of Fame Lunch	28
29	30					

Notes: October 1st Beginning of the Govt. Fiscal Year / DAV Transportation Network Vehicle Grant Requests Memo Released





Monthly Meeting Schedule



Chapter 1	Wed Oct 11	6:00 PM	Chapter 20	Thur Oct 12	7:30 PM
Chapter 4	Sat Oct 21	10:30 AM	Chapter 22	Thur Oct 12	7:00 PM
Chapter 8	Thur Oct 12	6:30 PM	Chapter 24	Tues Oct 24	10:00 AM
Chapter 11	Mon Oct 9	6:00 PM	Chapter 26	Sat Oct 28	11:00 AM
Chapter 14	Sat Oct 28	1:00 PM	Chapter 27	Mon Oct 16	1:00 PM
Chapter 16	Thur Oct 12	6:00 PM	Chapter 28	Sat Oct 21	10:00 AM
Chapter 18	Sat Oct 14	10:00 AM	Chapter 36	Tues Oct 3	5:30 PM



NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 5	6	<i>Election Day</i> 7	8	9	<i>US Marine Corp Birthday SDB GOLF TOUR</i> 10	 18
12	<u><i>Golden Corral Event</i></u> 13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	 23	<i>Department Closed</i> 24	25
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Notes: Applications Released for George H Seal and Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship and Applications released for National Commander's Awards / Chapter 20 Steak Fry November 11





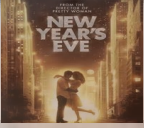


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<i>Chapter 1</i>	<i>Wed Nov 8</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Chapter 20</i>	<i>Thur Nov 9</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>Chapter 4</i>	<i>Sat Nov 18</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>Chapter 22</i>	<i>Thur Nov 9</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>Chapter 8</i>	<i>Thur Nov 9</i>	<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>Chapter 24</i>	<i>Tues Nov 28</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>Chapter 11</i>	<i>Mon Nov 13</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Chapter 26</i>	<i>Sat Nov 25</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>Chapter 14</i>	<i>Sat Nov 24</i>	<i>1:00 PM</i>	<i>Chapter 27</i>	<i>Mon Nov 20</i>	<i>1:00 PM</i>
<i>Chapter 16</i>	<i>Thur Nov 9</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Chapter 28</i>	<i>Sat Nov 17</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>Chapter 18</i>	<i>Sat Nov 11</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Chapter 36</i>	<i>Tues Nov 7</i>	<i>5:30 PM</i>

December

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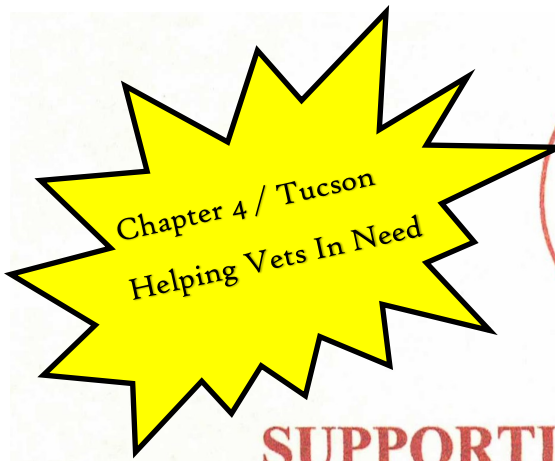
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Chapter 4	Sat Dec 16	10:30 AM	Chapter 22	Thur Dec 14	7:00 PM
Chapter 8	Thur Dec 7	6:30 PM	Chapter 24	Tues Dec 26	10:00 AM
Chapter 11	Mon Dec 11	6:00 PM	Chapter 26	Sat Dec 23	11:00 AM
Chapter 14	Sat Dec 22	1:00 PM	Chapter 27	Mon Dec 18	1:00 PM
Chapter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

January 2018

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Monthly Meeting Schedule

Chapter 1	Wed Jan 10	6:00 PM	Chapter 20	Thur Jan 11	7:30 PM
Chapter 4	Sat Jan 20	10:30 AM	Chapter 22	Thur Jan 11	7:00 PM
Chapter 8	Thur Jan 11	6:30 PM	Chapter 24	Tues Jan 23	10:00 AM
Chapter 11	Mon Jan 8	6:00 PM	Chapter 26	Sat Jan 27	11:00 AM
Chapter 14	Sat Jan 27	1:00 PM	Chapter 27	Mon Jan 15	1:00 PM
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SUPPORTING VETERANS IN NEED

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans (TVSV) needs your help to supply Veterans coming out of homelessness with **NEW** hygiene items and **NEW or GENTLY USED** clothing.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN RESTORING INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR OUR VETERAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

The following items are in **CRITICAL** short supply:

SOAP--SHAMPOO--LOTION--SUNSCREEN
TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSHES--RAZORS
SHAVE CREAM--FEMININE HYGIENE--LIP BALM--SUN GLASSES

CLOTHES FOR **MEN AND WOMEN**

CAREER: SUITS--SHIRTS--SLACKS--TIES--BLOUSES--SKIRTS
SHOE--HANDBAGS **CASUAL/WORK WEAR:** SLACKS--JEANS
T SHIRTS--HATS--TENNIS SHOES--BOOTS--SWEATS--RAIN GEAR
JACKETS

ONLY NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR CAN BE DISTRIBUTED,

Clothes Only Drop Site @

DAV Chapter 4 Tucson 4145 W. Ina Rd. 131

**Mondays-Fridays 9am-2pm. Call Bob Slocum @ office
791-9067 or cell 975-5858 with questions about donations.**

All donations are tax deductible Cash donations accepted

Thank You for Your Support!

News From Chapter 36 / Casa Grande

DAV Chapter 36 Pinal County Participated in the VA Veteran Resource Fair and Town Hall.

On Saturday September 23rd 2017 Disabled American Veterans Pinal County Chapter 36 took part in the VA Veteran resource Fair in Casa Grande Arizona at Peart Park. This fair provided Veterans in and around the Casa Grande Valley an opportunity to receive individualized assistance and also learn more about the resources available to them and their families.

Chapter 36's presence was felt in a big way! There were six CSO's answering questions and starting new claims for the Veterans. They were also passing out pamphlets on all the subjects that Veterans need to be aware of. No one walked away empty handed.

The CSO's were able to start eight new claims and made many new contacts, inviting them to the Chapter for coffee, a snack, camaraderie and solve the world problems while they are at it.

We made contacts with Veteran advocacy groups that have committed to helping us with our fund raisers. We were also able to interact with many of the Southern Arizona VA health care executives, including the Director William J. Caron and his Executive Assistant Lorie A Vokoc.

This was a very successful and informative event. Some of the contacts have come in this week to visit and have a cup of Joe. A few joining our Chapter, and others needing help.

Commander Ronnie Smith,

DAV Chapter 36

HAND GUN DRAWING

Sig Sauer P226 9mm Legion Series



MSRP \$1,413.00

Donations

\$5.00 ea.

If you donate \$20.00 for 4 tickets, you will automatically receive a ticket for a bonus drawing that includes a chance to win one of 3 prizes.

Bonus Drawing

Item	Description	MSRP
SCCY CPX-2 9mm DAO Black	Hand Gun	\$314.00
Hand Gun Safe	Bio Metric	\$279.00
Binocular	Spion Ultra High Powered w/tripod	\$150.00



Prize Donors

- On Sight Shooting School
- Conquest Arms
- Stotz Equipment John Deere
- Eliodoro Pisano

"Why do we have a second amendment? In case the government doesn't follow the first amendment."

Drawing to be held on:

Veterans Day, November 11, 2017

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 36
 Pinal County, Arizona
 320 W Central Avenue
 P.O. Box 1315
 Coolidge, Arizona 85128
 Non Profit 501c4 EIN 46-0789632

1st Annual DAV Chapter 36 Pinal County Golf Tournament



Pinal County Chapter 36

Saturday, November 4, 2017
8:00 a.m.-Shotgun Start
\$40 per player-Cart & Lunch Included

Arizona City Golf Course
13939 S. Cleator Rd.
Arizona City, Arizona 85193
520-466-5327

For more information contact:
Lito Pisano 520-840-5154
Ronnie Smith 602-904-0645
Lamont Baker 530-350-0833

Raffle and Prizes, Closest to the Pin, Mulligan's will be available

Golf Registration Form

Foursome Name: _____

Player 1: _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Player 2: _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Player 3: _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Player 4: _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Non Profit Number 501c4 EIN 46-0789632

Please return or email: Disabled American Veterans Pinal County, P.O. Box 1315, Coolidge, AZ 85128

email: davchapter36@gmail.com

DAV Chapter 36 Pinal County is the local boots on the ground helping local Veterans of Pinal County. Disabled American Veterans Pinal County Arizona is non-profit 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to the service of our nation's injured heroes, DAV is here to help local Veterans and to ensure that they are not alone on their road to recovery.



Disabled American Veterans

Will Retire Your Worn Out Flags. Just
drop them off at our office on Any
Tuesday Morning until 10:30 A.M.

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