



Disabled American Veterans
Greater Daytona Chapter & Unit 84
August/September 2022 Newsletter
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Chapter News



New Florida State Commander

Pictured: Freddie Vazquez, A.J. Bacon, Frank Plesia, Leon Kelly & Harold Holloway

Purple Hearts BBQ Annual Picnic hosted by The Marine Corps League Detachment 658. DATE: September 25th, 2022 From 1 to 4 pm at River Walk Park in Port Orange, FL. The address is: 3459 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange, FL 32129

Submitted
Harold R. Holloway
Past Commander, Chapter 84 Greater Daytona

Subject: Re: DAVA School of Instruction August 20th 10am Unit 84 Holly Hill, FL

Aux Members

Our incoming State Commander Rose McGinnis has graciously offered a school of instruction to assist in providing guidance and instruction to include task, positions, form submissions and timelines, as well as question and answer sessions, to assist our unit in any way she can.

The schedule for this event will be 10am - 2pm. (end time may vary), this time frame will allow for the unit to have the benefit of receiving and sharing the necessary information provided from our State Department as well as any questions that may arise. (coffee, danish and lunch will be provided during the workshop)

For some it will prove as a refresher course, for unit members in newly appointed positions it will prove most beneficial in providing much needed guidance to ensure that we are confident in the roles before us. For all it will provide cross training in all facets to enable us to continue to be the best unit we can be.

In addition to our State Commander Rose McGinnis; others in attendance will be our State Treasurer Delores Roussey, Adjutant Diane Franz, et al. as deemed appropriate by the State Commander.

In conversation with our State Commander, Rose shared with me that our unit was the first to reach out to her, to request the school of instruction and that she would be elated to have Unit # 84 as one of her initial visits in providing this school of instruction as Commander, and welcomes the opportunity.

I am certain that the benefits of this school of instruction will be mutually rewarding to all, and look forward to seeing members as available on August 20th.

As always, if you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Cheryl Doubledee, Commander
Unit 84 Holly Hill, FL

Chapter participated in Memorial Day parade Daytona Beach along with Auxiliary



Bingo Chairman - Don Moore



**Bingo Chairman at Bingo Extravaganza.
Thank you Marie Royce for helping organize this event**

Aug Chapter Meeting will be held Aug 15th after National Convention please attend so you can be updated to any changes or new Clam issues.

Chapter can always use volunteers for Bingo or grounds keepers.



1953 - 1987 years contaminated.

Please be advised that TV commercial for contaminated Water Camp Lejeune is a class action suit that you do not need to join! If you've had any problems or issues see a service officer and file a claim, it will be viewed and resolved this is not a new issue it has been open to veterans for a while .Please have information as to when you were stationed there or any issues that you feel are related to this issue.

ALL MEMBERS ARE RECRUITERS

DAV 84 needs to keep both an open and flowing pipeline of new and returning members. To this end, Senior Vice Commander Harold Holloway, who oversees chapter membership development, obtained the current Volusia County Property Appraiser Properties with Veterans Exemption. This listing renders accurate addresses of disabled veterans who file for county property tax exemption. Member Ray Parker met with Volusia property tax representatives to ensure the listing was the most current, most comprehensive, and most accurate database available for reaching these veterans.

Holloway and Parker conferred on use of the database, the best approach to reach county-wide non-DAV 84 member veterans to encourage use of DAV 84 veteran service officers (VSOs), how to publicize our DAV's reach across Volusia, and the best timing to implement a new member campaign. The plan was obvious: contact database veterans across Volusia and invite them to reach/visit our VSOs, alert veterans to the value of seeking DAV 84 VSO assistance for their conditions and to get guidance in qualifying for veteran exemption based upon service-connected disability. In so doing veterans can determine their eligibility for Veterans Administration (VA) benefits AND, with the VSO's encouragement, join DAV 84 to increase our membership and encourage veterans to *actively* participate in furthering DAV 84's objectives in service to veterans and our community.

Parker recommended and volunteered to organize, implement, and develop a postcard mailout campaign to a representative portion of the property database. Engaging the knowledge and ability of our DAV 84 Auxiliary, Parker prepared postcard language based upon U.S. congressional findings for the most commonly approved service-connected disabilities awarded for VA disability benefits. DAV 84 Auxiliary member and DAVA State of Florida Commander, Dr. Claudia Parker, assisted Parker in preparing postcard design and language, facilitating tax-exempt postcard printing, and printing of database mailing labels. Parker donated the postcards, printing, mailing labels, and database management for the campaign. SVC Harold Holloway donated the postage for 500 of more than 9,785 Volusia County veteran exemption candidates who are not already members of DAV 84. Parker noted, "This is an astounding number of potential DAV 84 VSO clients and DAV 84 members whom we need to reach-out to".

Many of our DAV 84 members are aware of the most commonly paid compensable conditions including Back and neck strains, Limited knee flexion, General scars, Migraines, Hearing loss, PTSD, Limited ankle motion, Sciatic nerve paralysis, Limited arm motion, and Tinnitus. However, other veterans may be unaware of the potential compensation and an effective approach for making a claim. DAV 84 VSOs are those equipped to assist with these matters. We highlighted these conditions on our VSO postcards sent out as shown front and back:

Parker electronically organized the massive database, culled it by ZIP code, and generated a mailing list of 17 recipients from each of the 29 ZIP codes assigned across Volusia County. Dr. Parker generated the mailing labels and Ray affixed them to the postcards along with the correct postage. The campaign was planned, organized, processed, and posted in only four days and finalized with the mailing of the 500 cards on Monday, May-23. Holloway and Parker elected to mail postcards the week of 22-May-22 to coincide with Memorial Day, the Heroes Honor Festival at Daytona International Speedway on Memorial Day weekend, our DAV 84 VSO service opportunities, and a summer new member initiative for 2022.

DAV 84 and DAVA 84 will closely monitor the outcome of the campaign. Contacts and visits with our VSOs will be critical indicators for servicing and membership campaign plans going forward. Member referrals and new members joining DAV 84 will render ideas for growing our VSO service and membership interventions. SVC Holloway commented, "This is just one component of our continuing initiative to grow our chapter by increasing new member headcount and encouraging active member participation."



500 printed, addressed, and stamped postcards ready to mail among stamp roll and empty address label folder debris. – photo by RAParker

Always DAV 84 relies upon YOU to seek, reach out, and recruit new members to our chapter. Commented State DAVA Commander Claudia Parker, "This combined initiative by DAV and DAVA 84 is testament to what can be accomplished when we pool our knowledge, skill, ability, and hands-on expertise to service our veterans, guide veterans to our VSOs, increase our visibility, and bring on new members."

At DAV 84, ALL MEMBERS ARE RECRUITERS.



Check out and visit DAV 84 NOW to begin your VA disability application with our Veterans Service Officers.

Qualify for Your VA Disability Compensation

30 most commonly awarded medical conditions:

- Back and neck strains
- General stress
- Hearing loss
- Limited arm motion
- Limited arm motion
- Limited knee motion
- Migraine
- PTSD
- Tinnitus
- Tinnitus

You may have other compensable conditions.

DAV/DAV Veterans Service Officers can help you demonstrate 3 requirements:

1. Medical diagnosis
2. Connection to active duty military service (service)
3. Medical evidence of recurring/persistent symptoms

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To transport Veterans from the Daytona Beach VA Outpatient Clinic to the Orlando VA Medical Center. You do not need to be a veteran to volunteer, just a valid driver's license with no points. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in helping Veterans out, please contact Don Moore at DAV Chapter 84, 605 8th Street, Holly Hill from 9 a.m. until noon on Monday, Wednesday or Friday for more information.

Bingo Volunteer Needed

Bingo is Wednesday evenings and volunteers are need to assist in selling games, supplies, and kitchen help. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Don Moore at (386) 252-4551 or DAVchapter84@cfl.rr.com

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/NOTICE OF DEATH

Name _____

Old Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

New Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of Death _____

Death notification by family members would be appreciated to keep the records up-to-date. (Clip and mail to Chapter 84 on any changes).