



**Disabled American Veterans
Greater Daytona Chapter & Unit 84
April/May 2022 Newsletter
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Chapter News

Dear Members, it has come to the conclusion of the Executive Board that the DAV Chapter current building needs a new building due to the amount of repairs and upgrades the current building needs. The building is obsolete, we need members to participate in ways of obtaining funds to accomplish the goal. We want to use the existing land to build a new building. Help us obtain financial support and sponsors.

We realize we can achieve this goal by getting an experienced grant writer. If you know of any grant writer, please let the Chapters Executive Board know so we can interview and let them see the building along with repairs needed.

Up Coming Nominations

Please don't forget April meeting will be nominations for our next new Board and Chapter Commander.

We have a request for participants to be in a parade in vehicles representing DAV members for Memorial Day. Call Rolf Matter at Chapter Service Office 386-265-1577.

Helpful Note:

If you have a claim pending do not file another claim until the current claim is resolved. This action will cause the unresolved claim to be omitted!

Remember, if you are rated 50% and above, notify your VA team when you are hospitalized that you are hospitalized. Get the papers from your release, submit them to your team doctors, keep copies. Make sure your name and last 4 numbers are on the forms. Let VA know any-time you are admitted to hospital regardless.

Reminder:

Check Vystar Bank, they are working with Veterans for mortgages and loans, please let them know you are a Veteran / Hero.

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

Greater Daytona Auxiliary Members

Our next monthly meeting is on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00am in the chapter hall. Starting with our May meeting we will begin holding our meetings on the second Monday of the month at 4:00pm in the chapter hall. This will coincide with the Chapter meeting and also solve the inconvenience of driving at night.

The DAV Auxiliary Greater Daytona Unit 84 will hold Elections of Unit Officers for 2022-2023 during the Monday, May 9th meeting at 4:00pm. There will be new officers running so I hope you will all attend and vote. You cannot be elected to office if you are not present at this meeting.

This year the VA facilities and State nursing homes were still closed to visitors due to COVID-19. In spite of this we placed 300 flags at Veterans graves in Shady Place Cemetery in Holly Hill for Veterans Day. We gave Christmas cards to 120 Veterans at Emory L Bennett Veterans Nursing Home and gave them six bags of lap robes, vests and shawls. We also delivered boxes of snacks to the Veterans at the Nursing Home. We gave a Christmas dinner to a Veteran family in need. Along with the Chapter, we had a booth at an outdoor Veterans Event hosted by Ormond Strong to get our organization and work out to the community. Hopefully by next fall COVID will be behind us and we will be able to do so much more.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on Monday, May 9th at 4:00pm for elections and maybe some new members too.

I hope everyone is well and stays safe.

Thank you for your support,

Tess Flanagan

Commander, Greater Daytona Auxiliary Unit 84

Ormond Strong Honors DAV Chapter #84 Officer

Congratulations are in order for Senior Vice Commander, Harold Holloway. On Saturday, February 26, 2022, Holloway was presented with the J.J. Martin Leadership Award by the Ormond Strong organization during their Family Appreciation Day event. With a backdrop of the Halifax River to the west, The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to the east and the lilting strains of the Coastal Florida Police & Fire Pipes & Drums wafting in the air, Holloway received an award and certificate for his untiring efforts to serve, support, and provide assistance to the community and to our veterans.



More than 300 veterans, service members, first responders, and their families were thanked at the Ormond Strong event at Rockefeller Gardens in Ormond Beach. Live entertainment, patriotic medallions (for all military, veterans, and first responders), and veteran resource booths, including one for DAV Chapter #84 and DAV Auxiliary Unit #84 were present, as well as vehicle displays and activities for young family members.

The annual event and leadership awards are named in honor of the late J.J. Martin's service as first responder, Vietnam veteran, former president of the Daytona Beach Chapter 1048 of the Vietnam Veterans Association, and co-founder of the Appreciation Day Event. We are pleased that the 2022 Leadership Awards recognized our own Harold Holloway and *HIS* untiring efforts to honor and support veterans and their families. Congratulations, Harold!

Article and photo by Ray Parker, Executive Board Member, DAV #84

DAV Represented at VVA's National Vietnam War Veterans Day Commemoration

On March 29 we commemorate the anniversary of the last US combat troops departing Vietnam. On this day, we recognize and honor our nation's veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. And a full house of about 100 veterans and family members from Volusia County's numerous veterans organizations attended the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 1048's commemoration.

The invocation was given by Port Orange City Council Member, Chase Tramont, and the presentation of colors was done by the VVA's color guard who will also be presenting the colors at the Memorial Day Heroes Honor Festival in Daytona Beach. Various persons and organizations in attendance were recognized by emcee and VVA Chapter 1048 President, Robert Adkins. Included among those introduced were DAV #84 Board Member and West Volusia MOAA Chapter President, Ray Parker, and his wife, Florida State DAV Auxiliary Commander, Claudia Parker. Adkins then introduced Port Orange Mayor Donald Burnette who welcomed home all Vietnam Veterans with a "thank you" for our country's freedom and a proclamation declaring the day in their honor. A monetary gift was presented to the VVA by Progressive Medical Research in Port Orange, a strong supporter of veteran activities in the area.

Florida Congressman Tom Wright gave his thanks, congratulations, support, and encouragement to the Vietnam Veterans, and discussed his efforts and those of his colleagues in Florida government to better the lives of all Florida veterans.



Above: VVA President and Emcee, Robert Adkins, and Florida Congressman Tom Wright

Back by popular demand was last year's speaker and Cybersecurity professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Colonel Kim Ramos, USAF (Ret). Ramos' presentation was a discussion of internet security with an emphasis on INsecurity and protecting computers and phones in today's volatile environment. Graciously, Colonel Ramos and two additional cybersecurity specialists devoted their time following the presentation and after the luncheon to assist attendees in securing their mobile phones.

VVA President Bob Atkins closed the meeting noting it was "...one of the most successful events in their history..." and that the VVA looks forward to commemorating National Vietnam War Veterans Day in future years with other local veterans organizations.

VA will propose adding rare cancers to the presumed service-connected list as related to military environmental exposure

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs intends to propose adding certain rare respiratory cancers to the list of [presumed service-connected disabilities](#) in relation to military environmental exposure to particulate matter.

VA determined through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence there is biologic plausibility between airborne hazards, specifically particulate matter, and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract, and that the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

Based on these findings, VA's Secretary is proposing a rule that will add presumptive service connection for several rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans. The cancers under consideration include:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

“This is the right decision. The rarity and severity of these illnesses, and the reality that these conditions present a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence prompted us to take this critical action,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “We’ll continue to hold ourselves accountable to Veterans to provide more care, more benefits and more services to more Veterans than ever before.”

VA intends to focus its rule on the rare respiratory cancers above in Veterans who served any amount of time in the Southwest Asia theater of operations and other locations. VA will invite and consider public comments as part of this process.

Once rulemaking is complete, VA will conduct outreach to impacted veterans and survivors to inform them about potential eligibility.

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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).