

DAV CALIFORNIA NEWS

California Ushers in a New Century!



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

JOE MOSELEY | DAV CALIFORNIA COMMANDER

This year's State Centennial Convention was absolutely fabulous and perfectly executed. The energy felt by those in attendance was undeniably moving and left many empowered and confident. Let it be publicly known that DAV is here to stay, and the need for advocacy will be forever intertwined with each new generation of disabled veterans. We are making tremendous leaps on Capitol Hill in securing the best healthcare and benefits for our wounded veterans, and although this sounds like the perfect recipe for a better veteran world, there is still always a need for the most important ingredient: volunteerism.

That's right, it is still up to each of us individually to find and care for those veterans that need more help than the system can provide. Our organization was founded on ideals of selflessness, patriotism and the value of veterans helping veterans. What better way to reinforce our foundations then by declaring this year the "Year of the Volunteer"?

It's simpler to be what you already are, and luckily, there are several ways to volunteer:

- *All VA hospitals would love for you to help perform a wide range of duties. If you are interested in giving a few hours to your local VA hospital, please contact Voluntary Services Coordinator, Johnny Barnes, at 562-404-1266 or VAVS@davcal.org, for more information.*
- *Drive disabled veterans to their VA appointment using a DAV van. Some veterans have no way of getting to their doctor and you could be that difference in their lives. If you can give one day a week to driving, please call headquarters at (562) 404-1266 or [Click Here](#) to find your nearest Transportation Coordinator.*
- *DAV supports young adults helping veterans in their communities. So much so, that \$110,000 in scholarships is given away annually to young DAV volunteers. The only requirements to apply are: being a DAV volunteer under 21, with at least 100 recorded service hours.*
- *Lastly, all hours given by you or your veteran buddies in support of veterans (outside a VA hospital), should be recorded under our Local Veterans Assistance Program. Using the DAV California App on your phone is easy, just scan here!   Our organization gives away thousands of unrecorded hours each year that we could use to justify a better VA system. Remember, every bit counts!*

If you have benefited from the generosity of freedom, please allow the joy of volunteerism to revisit your lives and to rejuvenate your willingness to give your time towards those who need it most. Remember; DAV Fights, DAV Supports and DAV Cares. As DAV California moves into a new century of service, let us uphold the standards of service and compassion for all our disabled veterans. And, let's make this our greatest year yet. Thank you!



ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

DANIEL CONTRERAS, PSC | DAV CALIFORNIA CEO-ADJUTANT | NATIONAL 1ST JR. VICE COMMANDER

One of the greatest privileges of serving on the national line is travelling to other state departments. These trips are a great opportunity to meet our siblings-in-arms from around the country and make connections that help me grow as a leader. One thing that I've consistently seen throughout my travels is the value of participation. It isn't enough to recruit new members, we have to also engage with them.

In California we have introduced some initiatives designed to encourage our members to stay connected and involved. Our conventions are an important time for veterans from all of our chapters to make their voices heard, collaborate with other members, and learn more about what is going on at headquarters and throughout the state. This was the motivation behind starting the CCAP, or the "Chapter Convention Attendance Program", which covers the cost of attendance for two members per chapter. This program has been successful in allowing members who otherwise may not have been able to attend, show up and be educated, entertained, and inspired. Also, it is our responsibility as convention staff to provide our members with content that does just that.

In order for our organization to keep its legacy secure and ensure our success in the coming years, it's important that we have active members of all ages. This past convention, we had approximately a 30% increase in attendance of post-9/11

veterans. First, it's wonderful to have this new era of veterans show up, but we also have to include them and engage with them. Those of us who are older veterans, or veterans who have been with the organization longer, owe it to new members to take them under our wing. Be willing to become a mentor when a young vet shows interest. Recognize these new leaders who are working to help their siblings-in-arms, like our 2022 Veteran of the Year, Post-9/11 era veteran, Doc Jacobs. Offer content that includes and informs all ages, such as this past convention's Adaptive Sports Clinic.

We want to make sure that our leaders are fully equipped with the knowledge they need to train new leaders. Because of this, we also held a training session for our newly-elected State Executive Committee, who are leading our newly restructured districts. We want these district leaders to be fired-up and passionate about staying connected with their chapters. Our goal in mentorship is to invest in the mentee's growth with the hope of creating more mentors.

We recently wrapped up another national convention, which is always an opportunity to foster connections with others who are committed to the same cause. We all bring something to the table, and these gatherings are a great source of insight and growth.

I want to close by encouraging all of you to check out our national organization's resource page. It's a one-stop shop of information for veterans and their families.



SR. VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

NANCY CASEY | SR. VICE COMMANDER

Hello, DAV California! As we march forward with our chapters, we all understand our greatest responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. It's the buddy system. And, in our chapters, the more we care for each other, the more we will retain and attract new members.

Does it feel like we talk a lot about membership goals? I think membership is all about the buddy system. It's a simple fact, that there is strength in numbers. In the Army I understood and relied on the buddy system. Later, in scuba diving, I was reintroduced to the pre-dive buddy check and protocol of never diving alone.

At Chapter #28 in Riverside, I witnessed first-hand the power of the buddy check. There, Commander Linda Butler, has implemented a monthly call to check in with their members. Meanwhile, Treasurer, Nicholas Anguiano, reaches out to his community by heading up an impressive drive-through food bank at the chapter. That's impact.

The greater the number, the greater our presence and voice in our local communities. Chapter #60 in Morongo Basin is the first veterans' group to be called on by local government and community leaders when there's a community event. More often than not, Commander Mike Smith, and Adjutant Allen Pagdilao (along with their dedicated members) are the only veteran representatives present. Chapter #60 also has one of the strongest Chapter Service

Programs, hosting frequent information seminars and extending the reach of claims service further into the community. That's powerful.

The greater the number, the louder our voice on Capitol Hill where real impact is achieved in veterans' quality of life. Please ensure your chapter members are aware of, and sign up for, the Commanders Action Network (CAN) to strengthen our voice. Our Department Legislative Director & PSC, J. R. Wilson has also connected us with a program where we can register for California Legislative Action Alerts. Just Click the button below to sign up! Remember, as California goes, so goes the Nation.

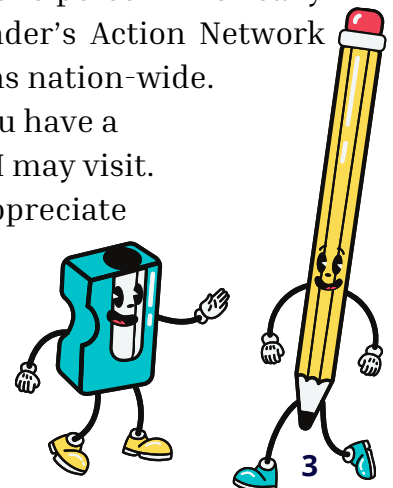


Chapter Service Programs and buddy calls are invaluable to our communities, especially if we reach one person who really needs it. The Commander's Action Network is invaluable to veterans nation-wide.

Please contact me if you have a program or event that I may visit.

In the meantime, we appreciate seeing all your efforts to strengthen our membership.

Thank you!





JR. VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

JOSEPH SKODA | JR. VICE COMMANDER

I'm proud to be serving as your new Jr. Vice Commander, thank you for electing me and I look forward to serving and hope to make you proud this year.

As chapters, we need resources if we're going to stay effective. Fundraisers are a helpful way of both making community connections as well as bringing in funds that can help local veterans and further DAV's mission. Holding a successful fundraiser can be challenging and may require some creativity. Fundraising can come in a variety of forms so that chapters can play to their strengths. Some chapters hold bake sales, rummage sales, sporting events, barbecues, and more. Also, don't forget about our popular Forget-Me-Not drives, which are a great annual opportunity to raise funds.

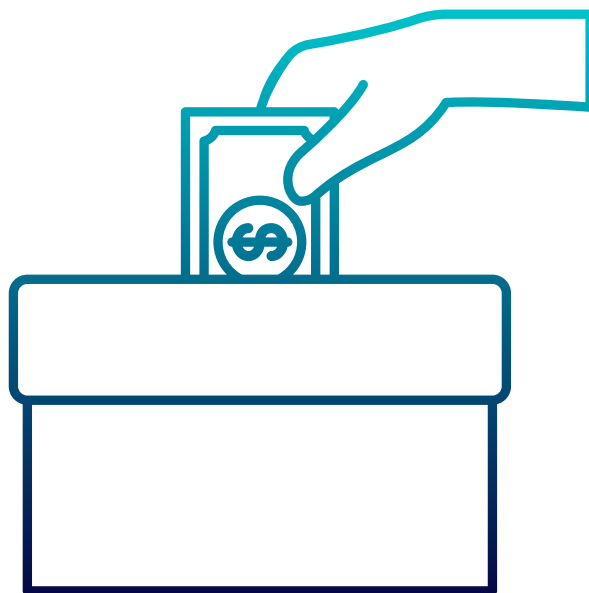
Our chapter, Chapter #82, has had positive experiences teaming up with our local Golden Corral for their annual Veterans' Day event, where we share information about DAV and collect donations. This year, we also hosted a Flag Day event. Los Angeles NSO Supervisor, LeRoy Acosta, PSC, came out and did a Veteran Benefits Seminar, the Mayor of Santa Maria gave a proclamation for our chapter's 75th anniversary, and we held a chili cookoff. We notified the community about this event through radio, chamber of commerce and social media, and by taking the time to advertise the event beforehand, we ensured it would be a success.

We also, of course, want to ensure that our fundraising efforts stay within national's guidelines.



[Click here](#) to learn more about fundraising as well as a couple of national's fundraising initiatives, the Ford "Drive 4 UR Community" program and the "Just B Kids" scholarship program. By reaching out to a local Ford dealership, the DAV California can receive money for each test drive taken, and by participating in a Just B Kids Fundraiser, your chapter can help send children of wounded or fallen veterans to camp.

I encourage you to check out the link, brush up on the guidelines, and start brainstorming about how your chapter can be more connected and more financially ready to help as many veterans as possible.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**CONGRESS PASSES LEGISLATION RECOGNIZING
VETERANS IMPACTED BY TOXIC EXPOSURE**

GERALD R. WILSON, PSC | LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The hard work of Veterans' Service Organizations, and the grassroots efforts of DAV members across the country, have begun to pay off regarding Burn Pits and Toxic Exposures. The good news, as many of you already may know, is that the Senate on June 16th overwhelmingly passed an amended (S. 3373) Honoring Our PACT Act (H.R. 3967) with a bipartisan 84 to 14 vote. This historic veteran legislation, which expanded health care and benefits to millions of veterans exposed to burn pits and toxic substances was passed by President Biden on August 10, 2022. This establishes VA healthcare eligibility for over 3.5 million veterans exposed to burn pits and a presumption of service-connection for over 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers. It eliminates the requirement that veterans prove exposure to toxic substances— a requirement that has prevented many from accessing the care and benefits they earned.

The House amendment to S. 3373, would rename the bill the “Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022”. The legislation, which was originally authored by Chairman Mark Takano, will finally treat toxic exposure as a cost of war by addressing the full range of issues impacting toxic-exposed veterans including access to earned benefits and healthcare through the VA.

On July 13th, Chair of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Chairman Mark Takano, issued the following statement on the House passage of S.3373:

“Once more, the House of Representatives has made clear to America's veterans how much we value their service and sacrifice. Veterans don't want more patriotic platitudes and hollow expressions of ‘thank you for your service’ – they want action – and this Congress has delivered. We have held true to our promise, held true to the pact we have made with America's veterans, held true to our belief that toxic exposure is a cost of war. ... “During his State of the Union address, President Biden said that he would be ready to sign comprehensive toxic exposure legislation into law if it came across his desk. Today, the House of Representatives has come one step closer to that goal by passing my Honoring our PACT Act and honoring the sacred promise we have made with America's veterans by delivering the most comprehensive toxic exposure legislation to date.”... “For years, toxic-exposed veterans held up their end of the deal. Today, the House of Representatives upheld our pact to them.”

On May 18th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed several other DAV-supported bills, which are now being considered by the Senate. These are:



- H.R. 5738, the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act
- H.R. 7335, the MST Claims Coordination Act
- H.R. 6961, the Dignity for MST Survivors Act
- H.R. 6064, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations to individuals who submit claims for compensation for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma
- H.R. 2724, the VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act
- H.R. 6052, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Training Act

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California Celebrates Centennial at 2022 Convention

DAV California had an exciting time reuniting with each other once again at this past May's Centennial State Convention at the Miramonte Indian Wells Resort & Spa.

We had the honor of hosting our National Commander, Andrew Marshal (Florida). Our Auxiliary also had a wonderful guest, National Sr. Vice Commander, Darlene Spence. Convention Chair, Commander of Chapter #12 and our Top LVAP Volunteer of the Year, Jose Mendoza, went above and beyond to ensure that members and guests were entertained and didn't go home empty-handed.



The ceremonies officially started with our Joint Opening Session, where we were joined by our guests: Palm Springs Mayor, Lisa Middleton, San Diego Regional VA Director, Patrick Prieb, and Loma Linda VAMC Healthcare Director, Karandeep Sraon. We were able to catch up on the business behind helping veterans in California, educate members about the resolutions process, and train our incoming SECs.



One highlight was the Adaptive Sports Workshop where attendees got to hear from several veterans from organizations that provide veterans with adaptive sports experiences. Afterwards veterans were able to try equipment and even scuba dive with "Signature Dive Veterans".



Fun Night was a good time for the whole family out on the beautiful Mesquite Lawn. We had a sports-themed night with food, games, a penalty box (of course) and lots and lots of prizes. Speaking of family, we closed the convention out with a dinner. It was really great to once again be able to celebrate and connect with DAV and DAVA members from around our state.





After a hiatus of not meeting as a state, due to pandemic conditions, this convention brought a renewed energy and dedication to our mission. Our newly-elected line officers and SECs are fired up and ready to work, and DAV ushers in a new century more empowered than before. Thank you to all of our staff, officers, members and guests who came out and made our centennial event one worth remembering!

Convention Shout-Outs



NEW DAV CALIFORNIA LINE OFFICERS

Commander- Joe Moseley
 Sr. Vice Commander- Nancy Casey
 Jr. Vice Commander- Joseph Skoda

TOP MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING CHAPTERS

Indio #78
 &
 San Bernardino #12

NEW AUXILIARY LINE OFFICERS

Commander- Joel Adema
 Sr. Vice Commander- Caroline Morris
 Jr. Vice Commander- Rosemarie Watts

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#1- John Hood	#5- CeeCee Hibbs
#2- Fred Daniels	#6- J.R. Wilson, PSC
#3- Karl Doenges	#7- David Trimmingham
#4- Steven D. Sales	

AWARDEES



Employee of the Year- Tammy Hernandez
 Top LVAP Volunteer- Jose Mendoza
 Outstanding Disabled Vet of the Year- Daniel "Doc" Jacobs
 Outstanding Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist- Alan McKean
 Outstanding Member of the Veterans National Cemetery Administration- Bradley Phillips
 Outstanding Member of the VA's Veterans Health Administration- John Bischler
 National Service Officer Membership Recruitment Award- Charlotte Rodgers-Jones
 Department Service Officer Membership Recruitment Award- Richard Randolph
 Commander's Community Award- Penni Lo'Vette Brown

100 YEAR CHARTER

San Jose #11
 & Al Jordan #15

75 YEAR CHARTER

Tri-Cities #95	Birmingham Hospital #73
Oxnard #99	Santa Maria #82
	& Gen. J Stillwell #85

Join Us!



CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING



Currently active and new CSOs must be nominated by their Chapter Commanders.

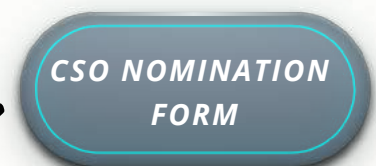
Click the link on the bottom right to download a CSO nomination form and email to dav.vbaoak@va.gov.

Emails should be sent by your Chapter Commander or Adjutant and should specify which level of training your chapter recommends for each participant.

Virtual Chapter Service Officer Training and Re/Certification will be held on October 17th and 18th. There will be a Level I training designed for beginners and CSOs with 1-2 years of active claims experience, and a Level II for DSOs and CSOs with 3 or more years of claims experience.

We deeply appreciate all of you who help your fellow veterans navigate the often-complicated VA claims process and know that this upcoming training will help keep our DAV California service family in peak working condition. See you there!

Click Here!



DAV California Remembers & Celebrates Mickey Ganitch



Michael "Mickey" Ganitch, a Pearl Harbor Survivor, was a hero to so many while in uniform, but his service didn't stop when he retired from the navy. Through his volunteer and charitable efforts, his life, energy, and story touched many.

He passed away on May 4, 2022 at the age of 102, surrounded by loved ones, shortly before he had planned to attend our May convention. He had been chosen to receive our 2022 George H. Seal Award, which is given to honor a member who has gone above and beyond in their service to the VA Voluntary Services Program- and, Mickey Ganitch volunteered until the day he passed. As Mickey could not be there, his long-time friend, and Past State Commander, Mike Steinbaugh, accepted it on his behalf and gave a touching eulogy.

The epitome of service, Mickey Ganitch served as Adjutant of DAV Oakland Chapter #7 for many years. As a volunteer, he spent several thousands of hours over 12+ years taking other veterans with disabilities to VA hospital appointments, and providing peer counseling for veterans in addiction treatment.

His memorial was held July 23, 2022 on board the USS Hornet, and was truly a celebration of his life. It was well-attended and lengthy, because so many loved, and had something to say about, Mickey. There was a moving flag-folding ceremony and the event ended with everyone singing "Anchors Aweigh". While many have called Mickey a hero, he resisted the label, saying "the real heroes were the ones who didn't come home."

Mickey had an infectious energy, a joyful spirit and leaves a powerful legacy. He's a reminder to keep showing up, and that we can always keep growing. A reminder that a generous and unselfish life is an admirable one, and that everyday we can help someone else is a good day. We were sad we didn't get to see and honor Mickey back in May, but we are blessed to have had him in our lives for the time we did. Rest in Paradise, Sir.





California goes to Orlando!

DAV CONVENTION 2022



Our recent convention in Orlando, Florida, was another exciting get-together with the whole DAV family. It was great to see all those of you who joined for an enlightening and engaging few days. There was a wealth of information shared on how to utilize national resources to recruit members, how to advocate for and protect our benefits, how to use media and social media, and how to best engage with and help women veterans. [CLICK HERE](#) to see more from DAV Convention 2022.

We here at DAV California were thrilled to see our CEO-Adjutant & PSC, Daniel Conteras, move up the chairs and get elected as National First Jr. Vice Commander. Congratulations, Dan! Also, shout-out to our new District National Executive Committee (NEC) member, our Legislative Director, Gerald R. Wilson, PSC, and to our PSC, Mike Kerr, his NEC Alternate.

And, what better way to close out the convention, than by witnessing the fruit of DAV's labor? The Pact Act was signed into law August 10th, expanding VA benefits and care to generations of veterans exposed to toxic substances.

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CHICO #125 & COMMANDER, MIKE ZYLSTRA, HELP KEEP AREA VETERANS FED



Commander of Chico Chapter #125, Mike Zylstra, is a busy man. As Alternate SEC of District #7, he's helped train new chapter Adjutants and assisted chapters in that area in getting back on their feet after the effects of wildfires and the impact of Covid. When the 2018 fires devastated that area, Mike Zylstra helped distribute thousands of boxes of food and supplies.

As a part of Chapter #125's ongoing effort to help homebound and unhoused veterans, Mike continues to give out weekly distributions of 4Patriots Food Supply Kits (Special thanks to U-Haul Chico Manager, Lauren, and 4Patriots).

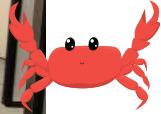
And, it doesn't stop there. As a chapter service officer Mr. Zylstra files veterans claims on a weekly basis and has also been working with Chico VA Clinic site manager, Don Black, to obtain a DAV VSO office at that clinic.

Thank you to the members of Chapter #125 and to Mike Zylstra and other helpers like him. We're proud of the work you are doing. And, remember, when you see someone working tirelessly to help their community, offer to lend a hand when you can.

Members of Vacaville
#84 show off some
4Patriot supplies,
dropped off by Mike
Zylstra, which will be
dispersed to veterans
in need throughout
District #7.



CHAPTER #48 HOSTS 1ST ANNUAL CRAB FEED



This past Spring, Sonoma County #48 hosted its first annual crab feed at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, featuring special guest, California Commander, Joe Moseley (who was still Sr. Vice Commander at the time), a live auction, and a raffle. Thank you to Richard Krona, who put a good deal of time and money into getting some amazing items for the auction, chapter Chaplain, William Van Valkenburg for also investing time and money, as well as recruiting his family to help with the event, Joe Arenson for his help and contributing several items for the raffle, and Ron Ciarrasso for his time, money and for borrowing items needed for food prep. Thank you, also to Adjutant, Jamie Fox, for bringing it all together, coordinating the venue, marketing the event, and more.

The event was a success, with 239 attendees, and over \$10,000 in funds raised. Way to go, Chapter #48! And, mark your calendars, because the 2nd Annual Crab Feed is going to be on January 21, 2023!

Alternate SEC District #7, Mike Zylstra, swears in new Sonoma #48 officers (from L to R : Jr. Vice Commander, Joe Arenson, (sitting) Chaplain, Terry Hilton, Sr. Vice Commander, Richard Steingruber, former Chaplain, Bill holding Treasurer, Ron Ciarasso, on video, Commander, Richard Jones, & Alternate SEC, Mike Zylstra





NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

After two years of pandemic guidelines our state saw a lifting of many Covid restrictions this year. Many of our chapters have really taken off running in 2022. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos and news and keep up the good work, DAV California!

ATWATER/MERCED #31

Atwater/Merced Chapter #31 has really been kicking things into high gear in 2022. They brought volunteers to share information on benefits and recruit members at an event at the Castle Air Museum. Members came out to help during Merced's park clean-up, and also set up an information table at the Run for the Fallen event, kicking off the Field of Honor week, which chapter members were also involved in.

The chapter conducted a Forget-Me-Not drive to help with recruiting efforts, and created and posted promotional posters in several local agencies and businesses around Atwater and Merced.

The small but powerful Atwater/Merced Chapter #31 has been fortunate to help homeless veterans through the Merced County Rescue Mission. As a chapter, they donated \$2,000.00 towards the endeavor of caring for ten homeless veterans. Not only that, but #31 also met up for a meal with the residents of Village of Hope, another organization for veterans transitioning out of homelessness. Chapter #31 looks forward to continuing to grow this relationship with Village of Hope and thanked CEO, Bruce Metcalf, for making this possible.

The chapter helped facilitate a Veterans Death Benefits Seminar to provide information to the community about funeral planning for veterans and their dependents, and had three members get trained as service officers. Additionally, they hosted an information seminar led by Oakland NSO Supervisor, Bob Cole. Many veterans were able to begin VA claims with DAV representation. They're fired up and we're excited to see what they do next!





NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

MORONGO BASIN #60

Chapter #60 represents DAV at the Farmer's Market in Twentynine Palms twice a month to recruit members, volunteers and share information on DAV services. Thank you to Jamie Holtry, Gerry De Los Santos and Brad Wolf for their work at the Farmers Market.



Chapter #60 installs new officers, May 2022, with the help of Sr. Vice Commander, Nancy Casey.



LOS ANGELES #5

Sr. Vice Commander, Ken Felton, and Adjutant/Treasurer, Karl Doenges, receiving an award from the State Assembly's 36th District in recognition of the chapter's work with veterans in the Antelope Valley.



FRESNO #1

DAV Homer Blevins Chapter #1 spent Memorial Day at Liberty Cemetery in Fresno. They placed a wreath on the grave of their chapter's namesake, Homer Blevins.

George Steese Jr, PNC/PSC; Mario D. Flores, Adjutant; Armando Hernandez, Commander; Louis Williams, Chaplain; and Davy Garcia, Sr. Vice Commander, attend the Memorial Day Wreath Laying.





NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER #6

Sacramento DAV Chapter #6 Remembered Joseph Antonino Sacca Jr. at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill in Elk Grove, CA, on April 21, 2022. Joseph Antonino Sacca Jr. was a combat Army Vietnam Veteran and Lifetime Member of Chapter #6. Joseph Sacca and Eldra Jackson Jr., served at the same time in Vietnam in 1967.

As the owner of the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill in Elk Grove, Joseph was very generous in supporting Veteran services and events around Sacramento .

At the 1-year celebration of life dinner for Joseph, Commander, Gilbert Tafoya and Adjutant/Treasurer, Eldra Jackson Jr., paid tribute to Joseph’s distinguished support of local veterans. DAV Chapter #6 presented to Joseph’s wife Carol and son, Michael, a plaque that reads:



“Presented to Joseph A. Sacca, Meritorious Service, In recognition to his Distinguished Services and Support to Veterans and Military Families. In particular, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 6, Sacramento, California.”

SANTA MARIA #82

DAV Santa Maria Chapter #82 Celebrated it's Centennial on Flag Day with a special flag presentation, guests, including- State Commander, Joe Moseley, and a Chili Cook-Off! Good job to our State Jr. Vice Commander, Joseph Skoda, and everyone who helped bring this event together



CAMP KEARNEY/VAN NUYS #13

DAV Camp Kearney/Van Nuys Chapter #13 helps Ernie Hilger celebrate his 81st birthday. Happy Birthday, Ernie!





NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

OAKLAND & MARTINEZ

Past State and Past National Commander, Delphine Metcalf-Foster, visited the Oakland Regional NSO office to check in and see that veterans are being served effectively. She also stopped by the Martinez VA Outpatient Clinic to help out with Patient Experience Week. Thanks for continuing to look out for veterans!



AL JORDAN #15

DAV Chapter #15 in Stockton celebrated 100 years on Stockton City Hall's front steps. DAV California Commander, Joe Moseley, attended and swore in the chapter's new officers- Commander, Michael L. Emerson, Jr. Vice Commander, David Lurgio, Adjutant/Treasurer, Andrew Whitehead, Chaplain, Bill Olson, and Master-at-Arms, Robert Montgomery.



SOLANO COUNTY

Solano County Veterans can now access Veterans Affairs and Medical facilities, both within Solano County and several locations in Contra Costa by participating in STA's Medical Trip Concierge (GoGo) Service or the Solano County Intercity Taxi Card (ITX) Program:

- Both programs are 60% subsidized (80% if Low Income qualified)
- No age restrictions
- No ADA eligibility requirements
- Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles available*



Must provide proof of Veterans status by one of the following:

- Military ID
- DD214
- VA Disability Rating



*Participation in the ITX program required for wheelchair accessible rides and access to Travis AFB Outpatient Clinic

Trips outside of Solano County include:

- Martinez VA Clinic at 150 Muir Rd., Martinez, CA
- Med Evals (QTR Assessment Center) at 2280 Diamond Blvd., Ste. 520, Concord, CA
- The Hume Center at 1333 Willow Pass Rd., Concord, CA

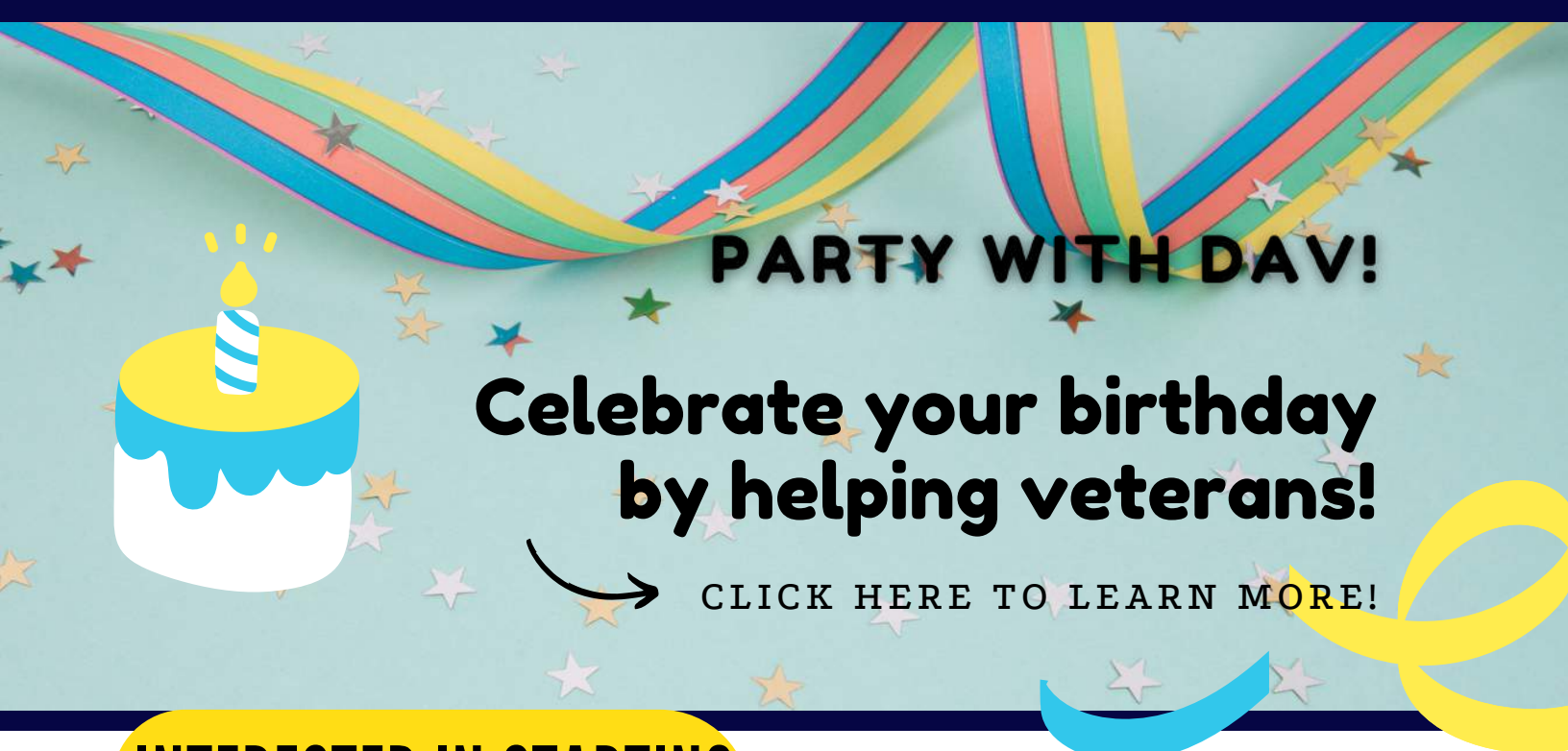
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Our Outstanding Disabled Veteran for 2022, Daniel "Doc" Jacobs, has participated in Terra Search missions to recover fallen service members from oversea war zones. To learn more about his experience and the organization, [click here!](#)



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