Disabled American Veterans

Blind Veterans National Chapter #1

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"IF I CANNOT SPEAK GOOD OF MY COMRADE,

I WILL NOT SPEAK ILL OF HIM OR HER."

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PLEASE, if you know of a member who is sick or deceased contact one of the above members ASAPP.

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Word from the Commander

Man o’ Man what a Winter this has been . I know many have not enjoyed the extreme weather we are having this year; I hope it will end soon.

Just listen to another book or two and Summer will be here before you know it.

Well the Blue Water is looking good . So get those claims in as soon as possible. If you have filed before get it updated. Lots of luck.

A Word from the Chaplain

Many People are concern about the things our nation is experiencing right now.

I just want to share what the Word of God says; “Do not fret because of evil man or envy of those that do wrong. For like the grass they will soon wither like the green plants they will soon die away”. (niv Ps. 37:1,2)

In John 14:1 the word says: “Let not your Heart be troubled.

So put a smile on your face say This is the day the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it.

You are blessed.

ABOUT OUR COMMANDER

Dr. Ron Lester was born and raised in Oklahoma and proudly served in the USAF during Vietnam. He is a disabled veteran with retinitis pigmentosa, a hereditary eye disease resulting in total blindness. Despite this challenge, he has earned a bachelor’s degree in business, a master’s degree in elementary education, and a doctorate in educational administration.

Dr. Lester has over 40 years’ experience teaching, coaching, and mentoring young people and adults. He has most recently mentored at-risk children and youth in the South Tucson area with the non-profit resource center Higher Ground. From 2008-2012, Dr. Lester educated veterans on the benefits available to them and assisted them with filing disability claims through the Veteran’s Administration. In 2009 he received the David L. Schnair Award as Volunteer of the Year at the Blinded Veteran’s Association national convention. Dr. Lester currently hosts the Special Needs Watch segment on bpnradio.com Thursdays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Central time.

Dr. Lester was installed as commander of the DAV National Blind Chapter for 2017-2018 and was reelected for another year in 2018. He has been a member of the DAV since 1979 and became active in the blind chapter in 2013. He said, “My goal is to see the blind chapter become more accessible to disabled veterans, including maintaining a greater presence at the National Convention, publishing regular articles in DAV Magazine, and procuring increased funding with which we can bring greater awareness to blinded veterans and add more members to the chapter.”

“I know I will make mistakes, but with the help of each member, we can become a chapter of action. Let’s go for it! God bless each of you. In addition to being the commander, I am also the chapter chaplain, here to serve and pray with you if you have need.”

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2019 DAV Convention Notice: from Paul Kaminsky A/T

It is not too early to make plans to attend the 2019 DAV National Convention. This year it will begin for the Blind Veterans National Chapter on Friday, August 2 and run until Tuesday, August 6, 2019. It will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32819. The reserved block of rooms go fast so make reservation as soon as possible by calling 407-996-9939 or 866-996-6338. Mention the Group Code: Disabled American Veterans. Room rates are $137 Single/ Double. You can also reserve your rooms online through the dav.org website on the Homepage select tab "Learn More" then "Events". The following is the Blind Chapter's meeting schedule:

Friday: August 2, 2019.

9:00 am First Business Meeting.

4:00 pm Second Business Meeting.

Saturday August 3, 2019.

DAV Convention Schedule.

Monday, August 5, 2019.

8:00 am Blind Chapter's Installation Breakfast.

10"00 am Third and final Business Session.

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Last Day of the Convention.

***GOD BLESS the UNITED STATES of AMERICA***!