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## COMMANDERS CORNER

Christmas Greetings:

It has been an eventful and successful 2014 with some sadness with the loss of Commander George Edwards. He is greatly missed. It has been an adjustment for all of us to continue his outstanding legacy, and thanks to you, we have been able to meet that challenge. Our mission is to help the veterans-in-need. I am so grateful that the membership has risen to the occasion by volunteering time and talents in so many different ways. We have been able to help many of our fellow comrades through the generosity of so many.

As 2014 comes to a close, I know you will step forward, again, in 2015. When we work together friendships are formed and comradery is renewed. That has certainly been the case for me. I have stumbled a bit in my adjustment to this new role of Commander, and sure enough, you have been there as friends and comrades to help me through my stumbling.

My sincere wish for you is that you have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015. Enjoy the holidays and surround yourselves with family and friends.



## AUXILIARY LETTER

Merry Christmas to everyone. We had a great turn out for the Christmas Party and I was glad to see all of you there. Just a reminder that we will not be having a meeting in January or February. Hope you have a great Holiday and see everyone in March.

Linda Engsether  
DAV AUX Unit #7 Commander



## NEWSLETTER STAFF

Season's Greetings everyone!

We hope your Holidays were a happy time of celebration! We had a very good turnout for our Annual Christmas party and awards banquet on the 15th of December. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner with a choice of beef tips and gravy, turkey and gravy, both of which were served with mashed potatoes or a vegetarian lasagna, all accompanied by a vegetable medley and dinner roll catered by Marketplace Foods. Refreshments of hot cider and coffee were served along with cake and an assortment of desserts provided by the Unit Auxiliary. A special presentation of a Bible was given to the son of one of our fallen comrades. Then the awards and recognition were then given out to those individuals who help our Chapter out this past year with their continuous volunteer efforts in the various programs that help benefit the Disabled Veterans and their families in the communities that our Chapter serves. Without their help and assistance our programs would not be as effective as they are!

We would like to welcome our newest advertiser, Hurricane Grill & Wings. Check out their new restaurant and availability of online ordering.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Your Newsletter Staff



## ADJUTANT CORNER

Folks: **It is with a very sad heart and at time tears as I write this.** There is no way I can begin to tell you how very much Chapter #7 means to me, I have watch it grow from infancy to where we are today! Joining Chapter # 7 when there were only two active members; Ron Butler Commander very good man hated to see him leave, and a female Adjutant Treasure; Don McKinnon, Walter James and I joined the same evening. Don became Treasurer, Walter Chaplain; I was made Junior Vice. This was going on 10 years ago, Brother Don has passed I still get tears over this, and Brother Walter is still a member, but no longer Chaplain. I have served as Junior Vice Commander; as well as Senior Vice Commander, two years as Commander; and Adjutant since; point being I have been an officer of one position or other since joining DAV. **When new Officers are sworn in the third Monday of February 2015 I will no longer be Adjutant!!!!.** **This is not debatable but final.** I will help the new Adjutant with some of the ropes. I would like to keep the Transportation System as I have worked it from the onset; I also would like to keep the CBOC as I have served it for our Chapter since they opened; I would also be willing to work with CVSO's in getting help for Veterans in need as Chapter service Officer. All of this is up to the Commander you elect February 16thor 17th.

As far as the newsletter I'm finding it very difficult getting information on new member and members new address's this is Adjutants and Senior Vice Commanders job thus I will no longer be involved...

**I will no longer be working with equipment** as my wife and I do not have a covered trailer to haul equipment in bad weather. I will as always do Parades and help with For-Get Me-Nots. Will use our trailer (my Wife and mine) and will buy a sound system to use. **It has been an honor to serve you all of these years, thank you for allowing me to do so.**

**Cmdr Saddoris Adjutant Chapter # 7 Signing off.**

As your **Service officer** I had a fellow DAVer tell me he had trouble getting his card from VA even though he lived over 40 mile from a VA facility; he had to use this number to get card **877-222-8387**; remember once you get your card use the following number 866-606-8198 to receive permission to use the card.

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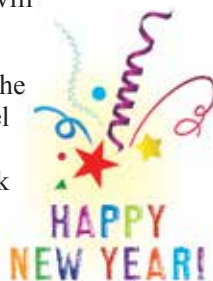
## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Merry Christmas everyone. During the last several months we were looking at three main questions along with several very real issues associated with spiritual warfare. Last month we concluded with the second question and were looking at the third question, what is God doing on the earth? We examine the primary intent of God is to give all mankind the opportunity for salvation and live with His people (Lev 26:12, Deut 23:15, II Sam 7:6-7, Luke 9:56, John 1:14, Romans 11, I Timothy 2:3-5, I John 2:2, Rev 21:22-23). God is constantly taking the initiative in history to be with and warn His people. There are times when God seems so far away and yet, other times He is so very close.

As you may know from the news media, more troops from the United States are being directed to Afghanistan and currently there is no end in sight to the Middle East conflict. Many of the people (Christians, Jews, and others) living in these areas are being forced to change their faith, pay a religious tax, relocate, or face execution. A person could say, "If God is wanting to save and be with mankind, why is all of this happening? Again, because of spiritual warfare and the dynamics of the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation, which will continue until the end of this age. During Christmas we think of the nativity story. Yet, there is another side too, a reminder of the existence of spiritual warfare in connection with the birth of Christ. The order from King Herod to kill all the babies born in and around Bethlehem once he found out he was duped by the wise men (Matt 2:16-18). This was Satan's attempt to kill Christ before His time. Satan wanted to kill Christ before Jesus had the chance to do His Father's (YHWH) will (Gal 4:4-7).

It is Satan's strategy to kill, steal and destroy (John 10:10). This strategy in-part involves intense fear which pushes us away from God and God's people into any number of different directions (John 10:11-12), overwhelming us with sorrow and intense emotional hopelessness (II Cor 2:6-11), quarrelling (II Timothy 2:22-26) along with the unwarranted and terrible condemnation which comes from others wrongly accusing and judging us (Romans 14:1, 9-14). The question now becomes what now? In some of our lives it seems Satan either is winning or has won. God has a tremendous amount of grace for us, even when things like this happen. When this happens, know that Jesus prays (John 17:20-26) and the Holy Spirit intercedes for us (Romans 8:26). When we are overwhelmed, regardless of whether we are in a jam because of what we, somebody else, or Satan did, it is important to call out to God (Psalm 55). If it is something we did - repent (which means we will change the course direction [attitudes, decisions, motives, actions] of our situation back towards God). Jesus reminds us to never lose hope (John 14:1), not allowing this life to distract us from God and the direction He chose for our lives regardless of the circumstances (Luke 12:7). This means God has our back, like nobody else, as He wants to be with His people, while waiting patiently for the end of the age. Even God's people in heaven are patiently waiting for the day when God will make everything right (Rev 6:10). Jesus even mentions it would be through our patience (trusting in Him) we can look forward to being with God, while not allowing this life to distract us (Col 3:1-3). Our prayer is that you will know the riches of God through Christ.

Please do not hesitate to call us. If you are in the hospital we would like to come and visit, feel free to contact us. If you are in need please let us know. If you have comments, or want to talk we look forward to meeting you. Chaplains Mike and Julie Gutz (DAV & DAV Auxiliary) 444-5015 (Home). Julie (218) 368-9747 (Cell).



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