

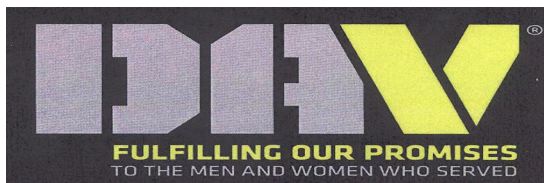
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APRIL & MAY 2015

CHAPTER MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

TAKE NOTICE OF ALL THE EVENTS LISTED. ADDRESS FOR THE CHAPTER: Omaha Beach Chapter No. 7, DAV, P.O. BOX 428, Bowie, MD 20718 (301) 464-8899

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I NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO SEND YOU THE NEWSLETTER AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Chapter No. 7 & DAVA Unit 7 Members:

URGENT MESSAGE: PLEASE SEND ME YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. DUE TO VERY HIGH PRINTING AND POSTAGE COSTS, WE WILL ONLY BE SENDING OUT A NEWSLETTER BY MAIL A COUPLE TIMES A YEAR. I WANT TO USE THE EMAIL TO SEND OUT NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION RETARDING THE CHAPTER. PLEASE RESPOND!!!

I will be sending this newsletter to those members who have already sent me their email address, so if you get this by email you do not have to respond.

In September 2014 you received the newsletter with the Forget Me Not donation envelope. You can still send in your donation. September is the official collection month for the DAV in Maryland, but donations are accepted for the Service Programs all year long.

SERVICE OFFICER: See Bottom of Page 2. Contact Jerry if you need any assistance with filing a VA claim or need to refile to get your compensation raised. He will meet with you on Tuesdays at the DAV Chapter Home. Please call to make an appointment. Appointments are not required but they are helpful.

(Continued next column)

The Election and Installation of Officers for 2015-16 was held at the March 10th meeting. Past Department Commander Jerry Devlin was the Installing officer.

CHAPTER 7 OFFICERS FOR 2015-16

COMMANDER	RAY CHATARY
SR. VICE COMMANDER	BOB FLICK
JR. VICE COMMANDER	ROGER JOHNSON
TREASURER	JERRY GEORGE
JUDGE ADVOCATE	TONY BEGENWALD
CHAPLAIN	KATHLEEN LACEY
OFFICER OF THE DAY	DENNIS HAMOLIA
SERGEANT AT ARMS	JOHN YOURISHIN
THREE YEAR TRUSTEE	JERRY DEVLIN
TWO YEAR TRUSTEE	HARLIN TUCKER
ONE YEAR TRUSTEE	HENRY NAGER

Chapter Officers and Home Committee Members: Note the time change for the meetings to 6:30 p.m. with the Executive Committee immediately following. Both meetings last about 30 minutes this is because all is running very smoothly at the Chapter and Chapter Home.

We are serving Pizza, beer, soft drinks and water after the Chapter Meetings. Our meetings only last around 30-45 minutes, at the most. Plan to attend and get involved with the Chapter. If you haven't been to the Chapter Home lately, please come and visit. We have a pleasant atmosphere and good fellowship. Breakfast at the Elks, see page 2.



Congratulations to Kathleen Lacey who was elected our Chapter Chaplain. Her contact information is on Page 3 under Chaplain's Column. Please contact Kathleen or leave word at the Chapter Home (301) 464-8899 if you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, s in need or has passed away.

BOWIE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE—Saturday, May 23rd. Jerry George will have information at the next couple meetings.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES: Monday, May 25th (See page 4 for complete information).

STATE OF MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION: Wednesday, May 27th through Saturday May 30th. See page 4 for details. I have emailed the Convention Packet information that the Department of Maryland sent to me. We will discuss the Convention at the April 14th meeting Please try to attend this year.

Yours in Comradeship
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DAV CHAPTER 7 IS THE HOST
BOWIE VETERANS ORGANIZATION
THIS YEAR FOR MEMORIAL DAY
SEE PAGE 4.



DAV AUXILIARY NEWS

URGENT NOTICE: A Big change We are changing our meeting day and time to the 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The Date will be at the Call of the Commander.

Our Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, April 18th @ 10:30 a.m. at the DAV Chapter Home Hall. Bring a dish to share for refreshments after the meeting. The slate of officers are as follows:

Commander	Vicki Mikalajunas
Sr. Vice Commander	Inez Michael
Jr. Vice Commander	Sue Ormond
Treasurer	Mary Markuski
Chaplain	Inez Michael
Sgt at Arms	Terry James
SEC	Terry James
SEC (Alternate)	Mary Markuski

BINGO

1	21	32	54	87
9	5	24	7	45
33	48	23	76	10
44	26	67	45	98
3	12	83	45	90

We still are going to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on the First Wednesday of each month to help them with Bingo and serve refreshments. We could use some extra people to volunteer to help with this program. Please call me if you would like to volunteer. You are invited to go with us!!!



Save your **BOX TOPS!** We are still collecting box tops for education. Please bring your box tops to the next meeting or put them in an envelope with Mary's name on it and leave it at the bar. Thanks to Mary Unthank for heading up this project!

PLEASE SEND Commander Ray your Email address. Put DAVA Unit 7 Member in the subject line. See top of page 1 for details.



Take note of the Elks Breakfast next column. They have a good meal and all Veterans and Auxiliary members are invited and is open to the public. Past DAV Commander Jerry Devlin is the Chairman for this program through the DAV and Marine Corps League, please call (301) 262-1696 if you plan to attend. He makes the arrangements at the

Elks for a Reserved table for the Veterans.

BOWIE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Saturday, May 23rd

MEMORIAL DAY on Monday, May 25th. See page 4)

STATE CONVENTION, DAV DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND, See page 4 for details. If you have not received a convention packet and would like to attend, please contact Commander Chatary for a copy. If you have email let him know and he will send you one.

Or Call Ray at (301) 249-5499 and he will make a copy for you.

Yours in Service,
Vicki Mikalajunas
DAVA Unit 7 Commander
(301) 218-3930



JOINT VETERANS COMMITTEE
OF MARYLAND

VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2015

James E. Hauser

Past State Commander

Military Order of the Purple Heart, Maryland

The Banquet was held on Saturday, March 28th at the Bowie Elks in Crofton, Maryland. Chapter 7 had a table of 10 attending. There were 190 in attendance along with the newly appointed Secretary of Maryland Veterans Affairs, George Owings. Also in attendance was MOPH National Commander Pat Little, the guest speaker and National Commander AMVETS, Larry Vi. Mr. Hauser will be transferring his DAV membership to Chapter 7 and we welcome him. He is an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for his wounds. Jim is a great advocate for Maryland Veterans and this was a well deserved award.

BREAKFAST AT THE ELKS



The next breakfasts are from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, April 19th and May 17th. The cost of the meal is \$8.00. Let's start attending as a veterans group. The breakfast is always on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Call Past Commander Jerry Devlin (301) 262-1696 to make your reservation. If you can make it at the last minute, please come we will make room for you.

SERVICE OFFICER

Call me if you need any help with your VA claim or want to get any information regarding claims. Take note of my new Email address for Service Officer. I can meet you at the DAV in person to help you with your claim, just call me and make an appointment.



JERRY GEORGE,
Chapter Service Officer
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DAV Hats: The cost of the hat will be \$35 to include a plastic cover container. Also, Omaha Beach Chapter No. 7 Bowie, MD and Life Member are included. We do the embroidery, locally.

If you cannot make it to the meeting to purchase your hat, give us a call and we will mail one to you. **THE HATS ARE AVAILABLE NOW IN VARIOUS SIZES**

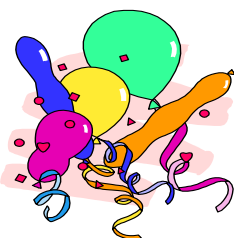
All members are encouraged to purchase and have a DAV hat to wear for the Chapter meetings and veterans ceremonies and occasions. Please order your hat today!! (Call Ray or send him an email)



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Chaplain's duty at our Chapter is a very important job. Please continue to notify the Chapter regarding any sickness, distress or deaths in your family. Please give me your complete phone number or address so we can communicate with you promptly and in a timely manner. If you hear of anyone who is sick or has passed away and you are not sure whether we know, leave a message or send me an email (See below); or call the Chapter Home (301) 464-8899 and leave a message. As approved by the Chapter membership, we will be flying the flag at half staff that last day of the month in honor and memory of all Chapter and Unit members who have passed away during the month.

Kathleen Lacey
Chapter Chaplain
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HAPPY HOUR

Every Friday Evening is Happy Hour at the Chapter Home from 4 to 7 P.M. Plan to attend for a great evening of fellowship. If you haven't visited the Chapter Home lately, come on down on a Friday evening and have FUN!!! Refreshments, too. "Most of the time"!!! Happy Hour prices during the week from 4-7 p. m. If you would like to furnish the snacks or food for Friday evening, call Dennis.



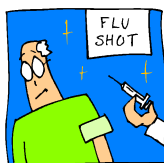
VA CLINIC

Greenbelt Community
Based Outreach Clinic

Greenway East Professional Center
7525 Hanover Parkway, #T-4
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

(301) 345-2463

FLU SHOTS: Call and make an appointment to get your flu shots TODAY!!!



CHAPTER HOME

HALL RENTALS - The DAV Chapter Hall is available for your crab feast, party, birthday, graduation, and weddings. Contact the Chapter Home Committee Chairman, Dennis Hamolia, for details (301) 464-8899. Check out our HALL, it may be just what you need for that party or special event. **MEMBERS GET DISCOUNT RATES.** Hours listed below are subject to change without notice.

CHAPTER HOME HOURS

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY-12 NOON TO 11 P.M.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 12 NOON TO MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY - 12 NOON TO 9 P.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2015

Apr 02 Thurs 7:30 pm VFW Post 8065 Meeting
Apr 08 Wed 7:30 pm Free State Marine Det. Meeting
Apr 14 Tues 7:30 pm DAV 7 Chapter Membership meeting
Apr 11 Sat 11:00 am DAV DEC Frederick, MD
Apr 18 Sat 10:30 a.m. DAV Auxiliary Unit 7 Installation Of Officers DAV Hall
Apr 19 Sun 9-11 pm Breakfast at the Elks (Page 2)
Apr 21 Tues 6:30 p.m. Home Committee followed by Chapter Executive Committee

MAY 2015

May 07 Thurs 7:30 pm VFW Bowie Post 8065 Meeting
May 12 Tues 7:30 pm Chapter No. 7 Membership Mtg.
May 13 Wed 7:30 pm Free State Marine Det. Meeting
May 17 Sun 9-11 am Breakfast at the Elks (Page 2)
May 19 Tues 7:00 pm Home Committee meeting followed immediately to the Executive Committee meeting
May 23 Sat 10:00 am Bowie Memorial Day Parade
Mon 25 Mon 11:00 am Memorial Day Services, Bowie Veterans park (See Page 4)
May 27-30 All Day DAV State of Maryland Convention Ocean City, MD (See Page 4)

ALL VETERANS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

TAKE NOTE OF ALL THE EVENTS LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN AS MANY AS YOU CAN. Your support is always welcome and appreciated.

VETERANS FORUM: Bob West, Jerry Devlin and Ray Chatary are the hosts on Veterans Forum TV program distributing information for the veterans living in Bowie and Prince George's County. The program is aired on Channels 77 or 11 depending on your cable carrier. Tune in and get the latest information.



We air daily at 3:30 and 8:30 p.m.

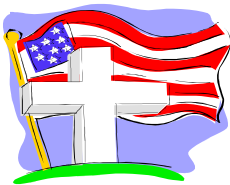
**We are back on You Tube:
TinyURL.com/Veterans Forum**



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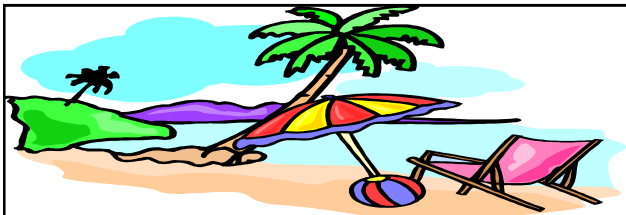
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

Monday, May 25th, 2015
 @ 11:00 A.M.

Bowie Veterans Memorial Park

Omaha Beach Chapter No. 7, DAV is this year's host veterans service group. A Luncheon Buffet will be served at the DAV Chapter Home Hall, 8205 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD after the ceremony. Plan to attend and show your support for our Veterans and wear your DAV Cap. All members are encouraged to arrive by 10:45.

In case of Inclement Weather: The place of the Ceremony will be announced. Possible place will be James Bates Hall of Ascension Catholic Church across the street. The decision will be made at 6 a.m. May 25th



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS 71st STATE CONVENTION DAV Auxiliary's 70th Convention

May 27th through May 30th
 Check out on May 31st

Princess Royale Hotel
 Ocean City, Maryland
 410-524-7777

I sent out an E Mail with the Convention Packet as an Attachment. Take note of all the deadlines and sign up to attend this year. This is a great Convention and the Commander's Reception on Friday Night is a Blast.



I WILL HAVE COPIES OF THE CONVENTION PACKET AT THE MEETING ON APRIL 14th. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CHAPTER OFFICERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THIS YEAR. The Joint Session on Thursday is very informative and the Forget Me Not Luncheon on Friday honors the State DAV Auxiliary Commander.

CITY OF BOWIE MEMORIAL DAY/PATRIOTIC PARADE SATURDAY, MAY 23RD



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES
 MONDAY, MAY 26TH @ 11 A.M.
 BOWIE VETERANS MEMORIAL
 PARK

THESE TWO EVENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED
 AT THE NEXT TWO DAV 7 MEETINGS