



90th Annual Convention 2022

Department Service Commission Report



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MEMORANDUM

FOR: 2022 DAV Department 90th Annual Convention | June
FROM: John W. King, Chairman, Department Service Commission (DSC)
Subject: Report of the Department Service Commission Report for June 2022

This report is for the period March 14, 2022, through May 31, 2022

1. **The Department Service Commission:** The Department Service Commission (DSC) was established on June 20th, 1987, by the Department of Virginia, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Bylaws to “have jurisdiction and control over all service related and rehabilitative activities of the Department, subject to the general supervision of the Department Convention and the Department Executive Committee.” The mission, directed by the Department Bylaws, is accomplished by:

- Developing, organizing, and perpetuating a Department Service Program to aid and assist worthy veterans, their dependents, and survivors throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Exercising control and coordination, and general supervision over all service and rehabilitative activities within the Department.
- Developing rules, regulations, policies, and such other procedural practices necessary to effectively carry out its duties and responsibilities.

2. **DSC Publications:**

- Policy and Procedures (P&P): As directed by the preceding Bylaws task, the DSC Policy and Procedures describes how the DSC provides services to disabled veterans and their families here in Virginia. This document is an excellent “living document,” and will be updated as required, based upon realistic “lessons learned.” The P&P is available on the Department Web Site (www.virginiadav.org), at each Chapter, the Department Headquarters, and the DSC. However, this policy and procedure will be changed for the benefit of the program.
- Employee Handbook: The “Employee Handbook” sets forth the terms and conditions of employment of all DSC employees. The document establishes the official policy for all DSC employees. Employees of the Department of Virginia DAV who have entered into separate contracts are not covered by the terms of the DSC “Employee Handbook.” The “Employee Handbook” is available on the Department Web Site (www.virginiadav.org). This document will also be updated for the betterment of the program.

Note: All information for the DSC is now found on the Department Website at www.virginiadav.org. All of the Forms can be found here along with most of the information you will need about Conferences/Conventions, Meeting Minutes, Archived Reports and much more. Everyone needs to get familiar with this website.

3. **Distinguished Visitors(s)/Attendees:**

- Department Commander: Cynthia Bailey.
- National Guest: Deputy National Legislative Director, Shane Liermann.
- National Area Supervisor Area 3: Oscar Olguin, NSO.

4. **Commissioners & Chairs of Committees**

Commission Chairman, John W King, II (2), (**Term expires Convention 2022**)

Department Service Director (DSD), Oscar Olguin (60), **NSO Supervisor**

Deputy DSD, Brian Wells (60) **Assistant NSO Supervisor**

Commissioner/Director Projects and Special Programs, Bob Bent (48) (**Term expires Convention 2023**)

Commissioner, Terry Bohlinger (13) (**Term expires at Convention 2022**)

Commissioner – Roger Overstreet (50) (**Term expires at Convention 2022**)

Commissioner – Tanya Canty (**Term expires at Convention at 2023**)

Commissioner – **Vacant** (**Term expires at Convention at 2021**)

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State VAVS Chairman, Chris Cheney (60) (**Term expires at Convention 2023**)

Homeless Veterans Committee Chair, **Lisa Gregory** (7)

Employment Committee Chair, **Shawn Ware** (7)

Women’s Committee Chair, **Philissa Marable** (20)

Emergency Relief Committee Chair, **Tanya Canty** (21)

Incarcerated Veterans Assistance Committee Chair, **Jeff Ogilvie** (7)

Finance Committee Chair, David Cuff (60) (**without vote**)

Department Commander, Ex Officio member, Cynthia Bailey (20) (**without vote**)

Department Adjutant, Bob Cox (60), Ex-Officio (**without vote**)

DSC Secretary, Debbie Wood, LVAP Coordinator (**without vote**)

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5. **Meeting Goals:**

- Review Specific Goals during the course of the year:
- Significant activities during FY 2021/2022.
- Service activities planned for FY 2021/2022.
- Recommendations to improve service to veterans.

6. **DSC Business Matters:**

NOTE: Key veterans' legislation passes Senate committee posted on AUGUST 18, 2020

The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs passed several pieces of legislation that address DAV's critical policy goals at an Aug. 5, legislative markup. After returning from summer recess, Congress has a limited window on getting these bills on the Senate calendar and passed by the end of the year, which marks the end of the 116th Congress. Many VSOs indicates that a lot of ground this year has been lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, VSOs will continue the fight with hopes of seeing this key legislation passed into law in order to improve the lives of the men and women who have served our country.

S. 514—The Deborah Sampson Act

The Deborah Sampson Act is a comprehensive omnibus bill intended to improve women veterans' health care and to remove barriers many women face to accessing care. The House version of the bill—H.R. 3224—passed late last year. In August, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs took up and passed its version of the bill (S. 514) and marked up the legislation adding a number of key provisions from H.R. 3224. Now, it heads to the Senate floor for consideration. If enacted, this legislation would increase the number of women's health providers in the VA; provide additional funding for the women veterans health care mini-residency training program for primary and emergency care clinicians; permanently authorize women veterans' counseling retreats; and examine the effect of intimate partner violence on women veterans.

S. 2950—The Veterans Burn Pit Exposure Recognition Act of 2019

This requires veterans to provide sufficient evidence of burn pit exposure, the list of toxins emitted from the burn pit and a statement of nexus between the exposure to toxins and their current disability.

This bill would concede exposure to burn pits to any veteran who served in the locations recognized by the VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. It would also concede exposure to specific toxins, as currently accepted by the VA in their adjudication manual. This would remove obstacles for veterans establishing claims based on burn pits exposure and ensure the VA conducts a medical exam and provides an opinion as to the association of the toxic exposures and the claimed disease.

The Veterans Burn Pit Exposure Act of 2019 now heads to the Senate for a vote.

S. 785—The Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019

The Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act is a piece of comprehensive bi-partisan legislation that aims to expand eligibility and improve access to mental health services for transitioning service members and veterans in order to reduce suicide rates and improve mental health among veterans.

The VA mental health program experienced tremendous increased demand for services over the last decade. Troops returning from deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan required mental health care

readjustment services including treatment for PTSD, substance use disorders, depression, and anxiety. Despite VA efforts and increased resources for mental health care and specialized services, suicide rates among veterans have not declined.

VSOs urges members and supporters to contact your Senators and ask them to pass these vital veterans bills—S. 514, S. 2950, and S. 785. You can follow along with legislative updates by joining DAV CAN (Commander's Action Network) at davcan.org.

Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021 or the Honoring our PACT Act of 2021 Summary: H.R.3967 — 117th Congress (2021-2022)

VSOs statement on Senate agreement on Honoring our PACT Act posted on MAY 18, 2022: Passed House (03/03/2022). This bill addresses health care, presumption of service-connection, research, resources, and other matters related to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during military service. The bill provides eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care, including mental health services and counseling, to veterans who (1) participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (a qualifying activity that requires a corresponding entry in an exposure tracking record system), (2) served in specified locations on specified dates, or (3) deployed in support of a specified contingency operation. VSOs are pleased that the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee have reached agreement on the Honoring our PACT Act and calls on all Senators to support this long overdue legislation. A coalition of veteran's organizations have worked for years to develop and pass comprehensive military toxic exposure legislation to ensure every generation of veterans exposed to burn pits and other battlefield toxins receive the medical care and disability benefits they have earned. This breakthrough announcement is a major step toward moving the PACT Act through Congress and onto the president's desk for his signature.

7. **DSC Business Matters-Continues:**

- **Approval of October 14, 2021, DSC Meeting Minutes:** The minutes for the DSC meeting for the Spring Conference was motioned by Terry Bohlinger and second from Chris Cheney, Commissioner. There being no questions, discussion, or exceptions the motion was unanimously approved by the DSC members present.
- **DSC Committee Chairs Concerns:** All DSC chairpersons that give a presentation are entitled to 3 nights hotel accommodations and 50 cents/mile for travel to and from the conference/conventions. A voucher must be filled out and given to DSC Chairman King to approve and sign in order to get reimbursed. If a person waits longer than 30 days to turn in the voucher, it may get denied. All DSC chairs, via the by-laws, must check your website page and your email address and submit them to the Social Media Committee (SMC) and the department adjutant. This will help in case the SMC says they did not receive it.
- **By-Law Requirement for Submission:** Committee chairs should not have to be reminded to submit their information to the SMC. Calendars should be marked to submit your information on the first day of the month of a conference/convention. Each committee has an email address that needs to be checked regularly. Any emails pertaining to the committee will be sent to the committee email address, not your personal email address so please get in the habit of checking the committee email. **ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PASSWORDS MUST BE SENT TO DSC CHAIR KING NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF THIS CONVENTION. THE CONVENTION ARE THE PERIOD WHEREBY COMMITTEES VOTE ON COMMITTEE CHAIRS. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- By-Law Requirement for Submission-Resolutions
 - a) **Resolutions:** There are committees that need to submit resolutions each year. Thus far, Employment Committee; IVAC Committee, and Homeless Committee (integrated with DAV Chapter 7-Frederickburgs) has sent in resolutions.
 - b) **Service Awards:** Kudos to Kass Benson, Murray Rhea Peninsula Chapter 6, Hampton, Virginia was named “**Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year**”. Kudos also goes to Serena Babb Bermudez of Eastern Prince William County DAV Chapter 48 as “**Outstanding Local Veterans Representative Award of the Year**”
- Volunteer & HSC program:
 - a) **Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP):** The LVAP program is a great way for our members to get credit for the volunteer hours they are doing to help our veterans. We need to make sure we are aware of the hours that we are submitting. This year will be Virginia’s 9th time being awarded the National LVAP award. Chapters and Units should be reporting hours monthly using the new LVAP form 60. If you have any questions about how to report your hours, contact Debbie Wood at davlvapva@gmail.com. The following information is provided:

LVAP Hours for Top-5 Chapters & Units
July 2021 -July 2021 through April 2022

Top Reporting Chapters	
CH # 6	52,713
CH # 20	11,592
CH # 57	11,562
CH # 31	8,547
CH # 22	8,309
Totals - 92,723	

5 Top Reporting Units	
Unit 47	12,476
Unit 56	11,059
Unit 58	8,867
Unit 15	7,792
Unit 20	6,765
Totals - 46,959	

- b) **Hospital Service Coordinator (HSC):** The HSC Coordinators are responsible for keeping track of the transportation vehicles and coordinating with the VA medical centers. The status on the medical Centers is as indicated:
 - i. **VA Medical Center Hampton:** Mr. Keith Davis and Ms. Mary Wilson oversee the Hampton Roads Area. Currently, the HSC has notified eleven (11) volunteer drivers who are willing and ready to return as volunteer drivers; there are eight (8) vehicles prepared for dispatching with the adequate PPE need for transporting veterans; only one (1) vehicle is in an inoperative status at this time and currently in the maintenance department; Nevertheless, there are always pros and cons in all situations. In this case, the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) formerly VA Veterans Services (VAVS) and VA Medical Center Hampton are the leads in returning volunteer drivers back to the VAMC. The VA Medical Center Hampton, as of to date, has not scheduled verification class for volunteers, nor physicals, PPD or orientations. July is an anticipated start date.

- ii. VA Medical Center Washington D.C.: Washington D.C. has a new HSC, replacing Harriette St. John who has dedicated a number of years to this program. The replacement is Jacqueline Jackson. Ms. Jackson has been a volunteer as a driver and understands the program. Due to the pandemic, she has to start from scratch with computers, internet access, background check, etc. Expecting great things from her.
- iii. VA Medical Center Richmond: Currently, vehicle action is unexpected to occur in several months. However, approval claim permission for DSO has been granted. Fredericksburg is still in need of volunteer drivers. HSC (**waiting to hire**) Patricia Morgan at McGuire Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia will begin working as soon as matters at the medical center are okayed by the hospital director. This medical center assists veterans in the Frederick area as well as Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell, Charlottesville, and other surrounding areas.
- iv. VA Medical Center Salem: Thus far, not HSC is available. Commissioner Cheney is soliciting for support in this area. DSO Cuff is the claims officer for the Salem – Roanoke area.

8. **Commissioner and Committee Reports:**

- DSC Department Service Director (DSD), Oscar Olguin (60):
- DSC Deputy Department Service Director, Brian Wells (60):

Oscar Olguin, National Service Officer, National Area Supervisor, Department Service Director

Brian Wells, Assistant Supervisor, Deputy Department Service Director

John D. Reed, Senior National Service Officer

Lewis Ramsey, National Service Officer

William S. Bible, National Service Officer

Amy King, NSO Secretary

Shannon Riley, NSO Secretary

Transition Officer

Position

Brenda Lamb

Transition Service Officer (TSO)

Sandra Almond

Transition Service Officer (TSO)

Report for Roanoke NSO Office Statistics 2022 April 014, 2022 to May 24, 2022:

➤ VA Files reviewed	2,485
➤ Emails responded to	
➤ From Veterans from 04/01/2022 to 005/24/2022	1,052
➤ From CSO's/DSO's from 04/01/2022 to 005/24/2022	496
➤ TOTAL EMAILS	1,548
Power of Attorney's Submitted:	
➤ SEP	9
➤ Print:	78
➤ Direct Mail Upload	440
➤ TOTAL POWER OF ATTORNEY'S	527

Interviews:

- In Person
- Phone

➤ TOTAL INTERVIEWS

New Claims:

- Stake Holder Enterprise Portal (SEP)
- Print
- Direct Mail Upload (DMU)

➤ TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS

Rating Board Appearances:

- Formal
- In-formal

➤ TOTAL RATING BOARD APPEARANCES

Appeal Activities:

- Notice of Disagreements
- VAF 9's
- Appellant Brief's

New Conditions Applied For:

- New Service Connection
- Increased Compensation

Transition Service Officer Activities (2 TSO's assigned at Norfolk):

Briefing Presentation Meetings:

- Presentations
- Participants
- Files reviewed
- Interviews

Total TSO Office Activities:

	61
	327
	388
	21
	180
	594
	795
	15
	1,120
	1,135
	19
	1
	22
	3,341
	217
	21
	1,072
	104
	222
	1,419

DAV has two (2) Transition Service Officers (TSO)s on Naval Station Norfolk. Only one is currently filled. As you can tell by the numbers above, they stay busy providing the valuable services each transitioning service member deserves. Brenda Lamb provides separation benefit briefings to service members separating from all branches of the military and from the lowest ranking soldier to the highest-ranking Admiral. DOD requires ALL separating servicemembers receive a briefing on their disability benefits from the VA, and there are no better qualified TSO's in the Nation who can do it better Joyce and Brenda at Naval Station Norfolk and DAV.

i. Commissioner, Terry Bohlinger (13) Report:

- i. *Financials:* Due to COVID and everything being shut down we have not sold anything in a while but hope to turn that around. Any money made from the sale of patches and pins will go to the DSC.

- ii. *Items currently available:* Large Virginia patches for DAV/DAVA for \$23.00 each. 1) 4-inch iron-on patch for \$5.00 or 3 or more for \$4.00 each; 2) DAV/DAVA pins for \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10.00.

- State VAVS Chairman, Chris S. Cheney (60) Report of Voluntary Services:

Commissioner Cheney, newly appointed CDCE “ VAVS” received up-to-date information from the National Convention in Tampa, Florida from July 29 through August 4, 2021 and later during this quarter he received more informative information. During this time there were several meetings and seminars in which was attend by VAVS Deputy Representative from Hampton VA Medical Center.

- i. We have had the Richmond VA Medical Center VAVS Representative resign. However, we do have someone who is interested in the position in the queue. It is feasible that Mr. Joseph “Richard” Olivier of Chapter 50 in Richmond is a candidate.
- ii. The 76th Annual VAVS NAC Conference was held on April 27-29, 2022, in Denver, CO. and the Hampton VAMC VAVS Deputy Representative was able to attend and will be submitting her report to the Department for review so I will not repeat the information.

9. Committee Chairs Report:

- Incarcerated Veterans Assistance Committee (IVAC) Chair, Jeff Ogilvie (7) Report:

This committee is composed of 6 members. Our goal is to assist veterans who are incarcerated. The work at the city, state, regional and federal facility levels to assist the incarcerated veterans because they can't come to us. During the past quarter due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the committee was informed by a veteran that there are two (2) veterans in different facilities that need help filing their disability claim. These facilities are a distance from Fredericksburg and the surrounding areas where the committee members are. The committee will attempt to contact a DAV Chapter that is nearby these facilities, however, they have not been successful thus far. The Chair plans to bring this up at the Convention during my presentation. In checking with other facilities, due to COVID-19, PPE, etc. the facilities will not allow access yet.

- Employment Committee Chair, Shawn Ware, (7) Report:

This employment committee works together to assist veterans with getting jobs, preparing resumes and interview preparation. During the quarter, they worked to establish a relationship with the VEC (Virginia Employment Commission) in order to help not only the chapters in the Greater Metropolitan area but also the chapters in more remote areas. Shawn and his committee continue to work closely with the Chapters, DSC Committees, and VEC (LVER/DVOP Specialists) to foster relationships, share information, and assist veterans in the community. Just to note their worthiness, the committee has received two (2) “direct requests” for veteran employment assistance from Chapters 13 and 34 and was able to provide the veterans with employment resources and connect them with a LVER to assist with finding employment. Shawn represented is Committee with visits of several chapters to make introductions and give an overview of the committee and how the Employment Committee can help veterans seeking employment.

The Committee launched a committee Facebook page (@virginiadavemploymentcommittee) as another valuable resource to communicate and share information. Thus far they have 35 followers and growing.

With a legislative overview, per Department by-laws, the committee identified and submitted three (3) employment-related legislative proposals (resolutions) for consideration during Department Annual Convention: They have already been sent into the department, but it adds value to note it in this report to the Convention. They are as follows: 1) Support Prompt Payment of Contracts to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses; 2) Support Legislation Enhancing Government-Wide Goals for Participation by Small Businesses Owned and Controlled by Service-Disabled Veterans; and 3) Support Outreach to and Employment of Women Veterans.

As Chair, DSC, I would like to thank Shawn and his committee members for a job to be recognized. Kudos to: Will Bible (60), Sha'ron Dorsey-Monroe (2), La Juanda Gray-Parks (2), and PDC Lisa Gregory (7, Ex-Officio) for their support and work on this committee.

➤ Homeless Committee Chair, Lisa Gregory (7) Report:

During this period the Homeless Committee has worked to utilize local, state, and federal resources to assist with temporary housing for Homeless Veterans and working to get them connected to the proper resources to meet their needs. For those who may not understand this program, it can work with Homeless Veterans outside the scope or monetary amounts that DAV Chapters can offer. It is important for Chapters to be mindful when applying one-time grants to veterans, whereas the committee can contact agencies where no funds from chapters are needed. This committee encourage immediate contact with any agency that maintains a database to ensure they do not get disqualified from other programs due to our help and whether or not they have acquired assistance elsewhere.

I would also like to thank the Line Officers for coordination cross Chapter support in several cases. We have to remember we are here to work together regardless of our locations.

Chapters who offered assistance and reported back are: Chapter 2, offering \$1,000 in funds for temporary housing; Chapter 7, is currently working to assist moving a Homeless Veteran into a new home; and Chapter 13 has assisted with over \$650 in Homeless assistance.

Thanks to collaboration and joint effort with Homeless Committee the Emergency Relief Committee Chair Tanya Canty and her staff, the utilization of other services out there, such as the VA Homeless Transition Team, Local Shelters, Virginia Veteran and Family Support, The United Way, The Red Cross, and many others, we can provide what is needed to help get Homeless Veterans into permanent and safe housing. As Chair, DSC I want to thank the entire

➤ Emergency Relief (ER) Committee Chair, Tanya Canty, (21) Report:

Although the pandemic is slowing down and most restrictions have been lifted, COVID-19 definitely impacted our service delivery. During this reporting period, some DAV Chapters continued to limit their 'in person' contacts, instead using telephone and virtual formats as their best methods to provide much needed support and resources. Other chapters have opened their doors on a 'by appointment' basis to engage veterans and better understand their needs. No matter the choice, our DAV Chapters ensured they safely protected their chapter members and the veterans they served. Our Chapters also continued to rely on partner agencies and other local organizations that support veterans and their families.

The Emergency Relief Committee, during this reporting period, assisted veterans and their families financially with short-term emergencies to cover rent, lodging, utility payments, car notes, furniture, and food. The following are some of the disbursement:

- DAV Chapter 2: Expended \$2273.32 for 12 veterans and their families for lodging and other supportive services.
- DAV Chapter 5: Expended \$3553.36 for 6 veteran families for rent and utilities.
- DAV Chapter 6: Expended \$1500 for 3 veteran families for rent and utilities.
- DAV Chapter 7: Expended \$500 for a veteran family for utility assistance. Also received 20 children's bicycles from a community partner to distribute to veteran families.
- DAV Chapter 13: Expended \$972 for 3 veterans and their families for housing, rent and a car payment.
- DAV Chapter 20: Expended \$650 for 3 veterans and their families for housing, food, and furniture. DAV Chapter 20 also referred 18 veterans to community partners for additional resources.
- DAV Chapter 21: Expended \$2410.89 for 6 veterans and their families for rent and utility assistance, lodging, fuel, and furniture.
- DAV Chapter 22: Expended \$592.95 to assist a veteran with lodging.
- DAV Chapter 34: Zero funds expended during this reporting period.
- DAV Chapter 58: Zero funds expended during this reporting period.

The Emergency Relief Committee is committed to doing the work that support our veterans and their families. They will continue to link our veterans to community partners and others to build a network of resources. Their goal is to work through new economic realities and pandemic challenges in the future.

➤ Women Veterans Committee Chair, Philissa Marable, (20) Report:

This Committee met with Congresswoman Elaine Luria, the following topics were discussed:

- MST, Suicide, PTSD, Care at the VAMC Women's Clinic, and other legislation pertinent to women veterans' concerns.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the MST Claims Coordination Act, 417-0, sponsored by Elaine Luria. The Act will help survivors of military sexual assault and harassment access medical care and mental health services.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act, 420-0, sponsored by Elaine Luria. The Act ensures every medical facility managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs contains a lactation space for mothers.

In addition this committee also met with Michael Harper, Associate Director of Operations VAMC, the following topics were discussed:

- Women Veteran Concerns (similar to the items discussed with Congresswoman Luria)

- The potential closure of VAMC Hampton and its effect on access to care for Women Veterans

Meeting and greeting via Zoom – to plan and implement the following:

- Disseminated the Women Veterans Committee Newsletter March 2022
- Women Veterans Committee Newsletter June 2022 – working stage
- WVC presentation for Annual Convention – working stage
- Attend/Participate in Flag Day Ceremony (Norfolk, VA) – working stage
- Developing or supporting resolutions related to women veterans – working stage

Additional items of interest:

- Attended VWVP Women Veteran Pinning Ceremony at Virginia War Memorial (March 2022)
- Attended VWVP Women Veteran Wednesday (March 2022) (family, employment, financial resources, etc...)
- S.A.V.E. Our Heroes Suicide Prevention Training – Virtual (May 2022)
- Outreach to Women Veterans (Freedom Sings support group, wellness checks, send cards, etc....)

➤ *DSC Director, Projects and Programs / Commissioner Bob Bent.*

During the year, in his role as DSC Commissioner, worked diligently with the Washington D.C. VA Medical Center. During this reporting period Commissioner Bob Bent continued to make progress following three (3) major surgeries and four (4) hospitalizations since 15 Dec 2020. He maintained access and contact via cell phone and e-mail. His primary activities were conducted during the reporting period: [1] Visit families that needed comfort and assistance; [2] Assisted veterans' families during and after funeralized of loved ones; [3] assisted Washington DC Medical Center is establishing a new HSC hire, Jacqueline Jackson, at that location; [4]. Attended funeral for fallen comrades and assisted their families in the best way possible. A more detailed report will be conversed at the Convention.

10. *Conclusion from DSC Chairman John King*

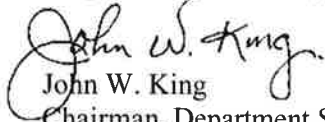
There is much work to be done. We have Veterans exiting out of local hospitals and cycling through jails with no place to go. We have Veterans with significant barriers to employment. Veterans who struggle to get to and from work because public transportation is limited. Despite these challenges and more, we continue to do the work and break down silos, advance policy, develop partnerships, leverage, grow and share new resources, and use our dollars for maximum potential. Thanks to the work of these committees that they have done keeps the DAV in line with its mission statement. Great job to all Committee members!!

Although LVAP is not a part of any committee many questions concerning these committee are filtered through her via email or telephone communication. As the DSC Secretary, she is the keeper and accountability of badges and letters that are to be given to volunteers. NOTE: There will be no badges sent out at this convention due to the designer going on vacation. However, they may be available for

National Convention. The Department of Virginia was once again successful in being selected as winners of the LVAP Award. Kudos to ALL!!!

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for the work that you all have done. I would also like to personally thank everyone else who provided support, feedback, and encouragement along the way. I am thankful for the opportunity, and it has been my pleasure to serve you all and our fellow veterans on this committee. I term ends this year so if there is anyone that desires to become the DSC Chair – speak now or forever hold your peace. LOL.

Respectfully submitted,



John W. King
Chairman, Department Service Commission
DAV Department of Virginia