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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, PALM SPRINGS, CHAPTER 66

## 2019 Officers

Next elections are held during the May 2020 Meeting

- Chad Shipley , Commander  
562-552-2187
- Noel Arvizu , Sr. Vice Commander  
760-987-6484
- Bob Norris , Jr. Vice Commander  
352-638-6759
- Craige Osborne , Treasurer  
760-404-7621
- Silas "Pete" Peterson , Adjutant  
760-914-7205

There are no Service Officers at this time. Please refer to the Riverside County Service Officer at 951-358-5636.

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## Fly Your Flag

- September 2 — VJ Day
- September 2 — Labor Day
- September 11 — Patriot Day (half-staff)
- September 18 — Air Force Birthday
- September 20 — POW/MIA Recognition Day
- September 29 — Gold Star Mother's Day
- October 13 — Navy Birthday
- October 14 — Columbus Day
- November 10 — Marine Corps Birthday
- November 11 — Veterans Day
- November 28 — Thanksgiving Day

## DAV Chapter 66 Meeting Schedule

Our next meeting is:

September 14th, 2019 @10:30 AM

October 5th, 2019 @10:30 AM

November 2nd, 2019 @10:30 AM



### No meetings in July or August

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend these meetings and become active!

Join us for our meetings at the American Legion Post 519, 400 N. Belardo Road, Palm Springs, CA.

Meetings are held on the FIRST Saturday of every month - with the exception of July/August dark months and Labor Day.

## From the COMMANDER

Chad Shipley

It has appeared to be a quiet summer, but in the background we have been selected to host the Disabled American Veterans State Convention next summer. Information had been requested in June on the function and we are awaiting more information. As it comes in we will update all of the Chapter Members.

This year marks my second as the Post Commander and I would like very much to express my sincerest thank you to all members for their support. In June of this year, I was finally able to complete a couple of medical appointments on my back. In acquiring new information, it has become very clear to me that it is time for the choice of self-care.

In order to have a healthier and less painful life on this, I have made the decision that I will remain the Commander until the next elections. At that time, I will not run again. The main issue is that driving is what aggravates the multiple conditions on my back and is the one item that I need to alleviate in order to keep my back as healthy as can be. It will never get better.

As we go into the Fall and Holiday Season this year, please be safe and remember you are not alone. Pick up a phone if you need assistance, or if you need help.

Chad Shipley, Commander

*Join the DAV today!  
Get active in your community!*

*"Forget-Me-Not" Fund Drive Volunteers Needed!*

*VillageFest Volunteers Needed!*

*Veterans Day Parade participants needed!*

## **"Forget-Me-Not" Fund Drive and History** *From November 1st through November 11th*

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 66 will hold its annual fund drive from November 1st, 2019 through November 11th, 2019. We will be conducting this in our usual three spots at Stater Brothers. We need volunteers and this year we will be cross pollinating with the American Legion and AmVets local Chapters to assist all Veterans in our communities.

The first time DAV members ever sold the little blue 'Forget-Me-Not' to the public was on February 24, 1926. The first Forget-Me-Not Drive was held to raise funds to support DAV services and assistance desperately needed by veterans disabled in World War I.

The idea behind the 'Forget-Me-Not' flower grew out of an image carried home from the First World War in the memories of soldiers who had seen spring flowers growing among the graves of comrades and allies killed in the fighting.

The flower soon became the accepted symbol for commemorating those who had fallen in war. This small flower says, "Please, don't forget me" for those who had come home as well as for those who had given their lives.

It's an appropriate symbol to remind us continually of the service and sacrifice that make our way of life possible. This symbol of living history is a legacy that continues to serve veterans of all eras today as it did in the aftermath of World War I.

This symbol of remembrance has been the staple of Chapter-level fundraising efforts, which provides assistance to our local heroes. Your support of our mission honors them and makes our grassroots service initiatives possible.

The public responds well to Forget-Me-Not drives because it believes in the DAV and knows our organization has consistently been there to assist all disabled Veterans and their families. The American people trust us to spend every penny they donate in our drive wisely for the good of disabled veterans who need the DAV's help.

Thank you for your remembrance and for helping us fulfill our promises to the men and women who served.

## **2019 Veterans Day Parade** *Monday, November 11th, Starting At 3:30!*

DAV Chapter 66 will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade, held in Palm Springs on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 3:30pm in downtown Palm Springs.

The parade begins at Ramon Road and Palm Canyon Drive and heads northbound on Palm Canyon Drive to Alejo Road. The setup and participants meet at approximately 14:00. We participate with local resources such as 'Marines Toys for Tots' and give some of our older Veterans rides. Join us as we pay tribute to all Veterans for their service in the Armed Forces.

Come on down and march in the Veterans Day Parade with us. Point of contact for the Parade is Silas "Pete" Peterson at 760-914-7205.

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## **VillageFest** *Join Us in Downtown Palm Springs*

With the heat breaking, DAV Chapter 66 will return to the Palm Springs VillageFest on Thursday, October 3rd, 2019. The VillageFest runs every Thursday from 6:00 pm through 10:00 pm.

With our booth set-up at the VillageFest, we strive to reach out to Veterans and their families to assist them with benefits applications, survivor benefits and others. We use this as an educational and community outreach function. People can donate, volunteer, and stop by for information at this free event. Several hundred dollars in support of our chapter and local Veterans have been raised at our booth at the VillageFest.

We also have wonderful conversations and some time outside in a nice pleasant environment. If you would like to come on down and help, please feel free!

Point of contact for the VillageFest is Silas "Pete" Peterson at 760-914-7205.



**Getting Things Done at DAV Chapter 66**  
**Working on Fund Raisers and Community Outreach!**

This past July we had our unofficial board meeting to discuss several things - fund raisers, grant processes, and internal workings. We have come up with some basic rules which should be formalized in the next 60 days.

In the last 18 months, our annual locations that we donate to have had several serious problems, and the Chapter has decided that funds would be more expeditiously utilized if we developed our own Grant Process for the Chapter in order to aid Veterans. Silas Peterson, our Adjutant, has graciously accepted being the point individual on this.

DAV 66 has also put in the request for the Veterans Day Parade this year.

We also have the intent of being in the Pride Festival this year, and we are waiting on a confirmation to get the go-ahead on this matter and will update the Chapter. While we will not be in the Pride Parade, our booth and presence there is highly beneficial to the estimated 3200 same-sex orientated couples that may not be aware of benefits they may be entitled to from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Volunteer to assist in November's*  
**"Forget-Me-Not" Drive!**

**Daily Transportation Service**

Now available for veterans from the Coachella Valley to Loma Linda VA Medical Center.  
 The SERVICE is FREE. Call 1-800-741-8387 ext. 2071 to make a reservation AFTER you know the date and hour of your appointment.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED - Cal R.C. AmVets Post 66

**National Contact Information**

National Headquarters .....3725 Alexandria Pike  
 Cold Springs, Kentucky 41076

Mailing Address .....PO Box 14301  
 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301



1-877-I AM A Vet  
 1-877-426-2838  
 1-859-441-7300

**dav.org**

**Important Resource Numbers**

eBenefits..... **ebenefits.va.gov**  
 - your gateway to benefit information

Veterans Crisis Line..... 1-800-273-8255  
**VeteransCrisisLine.net**  
 - confidential help for Veterans and their families

National Resource Directory..... **nrd.gov**  
 - resources in supporting troops, veterans and their families

Caregiver Support Program..... 1-855-260-3274  
**caregiver.va.gov**  
 - information on the Caregiver program and eligibility

CALVET ..... **cdva.ca.gov**  
 - California Department of Veterans Affairs

4 Paws 4 Patriots ..... **4paws4patriots.org**  
 - Service Dogs for Disabled Veterans

Suicide Prevention.....(24 Hours) 1-800-273-8255

County of Riverside Department of  
 Veterans Services ..... 1-951-955-3060

Riverside National Cemetery..... 1-951-653-8417

**Veterans Homeless Programs**

Emergency Shelter.....(24 Hours) 1-800-464-1123  
 - information and referral to shelters

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans  
 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838)  
**va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp**

Loma Linda ..... 1-877-424-3838

Hemet..... 1-951-766-7476

Rancho Cucamonga..... 1-877-647-8764

Riverside County ..... 1-951-358-5636

San Bernardino County..... 1-909-421-4614

**Area VA Hospitals and Clinics**

VA Loma Linda Healthcare System  
 11201 Benton Street  
 Loma Linda, CA 92357  
 1-909-825-7084 / 1-800-741-8387

**lomalinda.va.gov**

Palm Desert VA Clinic  
 41-990 Cook St, Bldg F Ste 1004  
 Palm Desert, CA 92211  
 1-760-341-5570



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SINCE 2010

*Our Thanks to all listed hereon for their support of this newsletter*

*In Remembrance* Following is a partial listing of memorialized deceased chapter members:

Lawrence O. Allen, Manuel G. Barron, Jim Bolson, Billy E. Claybrook, Leland R. Coman, Claire L. Cook, Everett H. Cook, Austin Crager, Gil Eidt, Jack C. Evans, Jr., Colbert Eyraud, Luis A. Felix, Sid Fisher, Theodore W. Folkers, Robert Gartner, William Gorby, Daniel W. Guice, Harmon S. Handler, David Herrera, Jack Isler, Olaf C. Johansen, Joseph Josephson, John Kane, William L. "Bill" King, Eve Kludt, Orville F. Kroll, L.A. Linnebach, Ed McLaughlin, John D. Murphy, Eugene C. Olson, James R. Quinn, Rick Richards, Marcelino Rivas, Lee Rone, Armando G. Rosa, Morton "Mort" Schuman, Thomas "Tom" Shupe, Jacob Stein, Howard T. Swafford, Robert Trafford, Harry Tyner, Dawn Wade, Richard E. West, Jack Weiner, James W. Wilson, A.G. Woods, Albert R. Wycalis & Shorty Zimmerschied...