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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, PALM SPRINGS, CHAPTER 66

## 2020 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

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## Fly Your Flag

- March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- March 29 — National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- April 12 — Easter Sunday
- April 19 — National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- May 4 — International Firefighters Day
- May 8 — VE Day (75th Anniversary in 2020)
- May 10 — Mother's Day
- May 15 — Peace Officer's Memorial Day (half-staff)
- May 16 — Armed Forces Day
- May 25 — Memorial Day (half-staff until noon)

## DAV Chapter 66 Meeting Schedule

Our next meeting is:

March 7th, 2020 @10:30 AM

April 4th, 2020 @10:30 AM

May 2nd, 2020 @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 is with immense honor that I have served as your Commander for the past two years. We have had many achievements over the last several years - the "Forget-Me-Not" fund drives, the VillageFest and participation in the Veteran's Day Parade - to name a few.

We have helped Veterans with emergency needs, grants to get off the streets, fund raisers, and more. We have maintained a great deal of support and networking in the Valley to help our brothers and sisters.

It is with a great deal of fore thought and reflection that I announce that I will no longer be able to fulfill the role as Commander for the Chapter. I have decided not to run for any office in the coming election. My choice of self care is a long term solution to address my personal health issues without aggravating the conditions in my back and neck.

However, I will continue to be of service to our local Chapter 66 with my availability to provide mentorship and support for administrative discipline for reports and finances.

Again, it has been a pleasure serving on the Board over the years. Thank you for providing me this opportunity!

I would like to invite all interested members to run for the Commander's position in order to provide support and growth of the Chapter for the future.

Chad Shipley, Commander

**NOTICE: ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD AT THE MAY 2nd MEETING!**

## **2019 "Forget-Me-Not" Fund Drive a Success! \$4,300 Raised To Assist Local Veterans.**

In November 2019, we conducted our annual "Forget Me Not" Fund Drive. We raised \$4,300.00 in assistance for helping the Veterans of the Coachella Valley. We have our monthly meeting coming up on March 07, 2020 where we will discuss where to make the annual donations to in order to assist Veterans.

Traditionally we have donated to the California Veterans Homes in Victorville, and Yountville locations, and then to Loma Linda Veterans Hospital in order to assist with the Homeless Program, Coffee Carts for Veterans and Families, Behavior Health and more.

There were some legal problems with the organizations that has been addressed and I would like to re-start our Donation Program again which needs to be voted for by the Chapter Members to move forward.

Please come on down to the next meeting and let your voice be heard. And thank you for your remembrance and for helping us fulfill our promises to the men and women who served.

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## **2020 DAV State Convention**

***Local Chapter 66 Is Hosting The Event!  
May 21-24, 2020***

This year our local Palm Springs DAV Chapter 66 will host the Annual California State Disabled American Veterans Convention from May 21 through May 24. The Convention will be located at the MiraMonte Indian Resort & Spa, located at 45000 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210.

We invite all of our members and guests to come learn about what the organization has accomplished over the past year, current events related to Veterans, and what is to come in the future of the DAV.

The Chapter 66 board has been working diligently in order to make this event a success. We are in charge of the Fun Night for this event and the theme has been selected with our input and support. The theme selected is "The Roaring Twenties" in 2020.

For more information on the event please visit: **[www.davcal.org](http://www.davcal.org)**

## **Post Elections Coming Up! Nominations at our April 4th Meeting.**

Now is the time for you to submit your nominations for new Board Officers! Nominations for the positions of Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Jr. Vice Commander will be taken at our April 4th meeting.

Please get involved to help contribute in our efforts to support our local chapter and the Veterans in our community by coming to the meeting and participating in the election process.

Elections will be held at our May 2nd meeting, and the installation of new officers will be held at our June 6th meeting. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending these important meetings.

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## **DAV State Mid-Term Conference Two New Service Officers Certified!**

In the last month several members attended the State Mid-Term Conference in Anaheim, CA and participated in an exciting event.

Two of our members - Mr. Noel Arvizu and Mr. Luis Solero (Gunny), attended the DAV Chapter Service Officer Course and are now certified by the DAV in order to assist more Veterans with their claims, survivor benefits, and more.

I would like to take a moment of time to thank them for their dedication to service and Veterans in our Community.

If you need assistance, do not hesitate to reach out and ask for help. All services are free of cost except for your time.



*Luis Solero (Gunny) and Noel Arvizu receiving their Service Officer certificates*

**Helping Homeless Veterans**  
**Silas Peterson Is There To Help!**

In the last year we have established a program to financially assist Veterans to get off the streets and into housing and to assist with emergencies.

Our Adjutant, Mr. Silas Peterson, is the point man for the grant process and does an on-site evaluation in order to see how we can assist. If you are in a spot, we have very limited finances to assist. Please inquire if you have any questions.

**VillageFest - Downtown Palm Springs**  
**Volunteers Needed!**

Please consider volunteering to participate in our booth set-up at the Palm Springs VillageFest! This event is held each Thursday of every week in downtown Palm Springs on Palm Canyon Drive from 6:00 pm through 10:00 pm.

At our booth 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!

**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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Disabled American Veterans  
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43 YEAR LIFE MEMBER

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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...