



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED**

**The next meeting night is the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM.  
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**COMMANDER'S GREETING:**

Another year has gone by as we renew our commitment to our DAV Organization. We still stand committed to helping Veterans. Many of the past officers stepped up to the plate and continued their volunteer work as officers for the Chapter, and we would like to welcome the new additions to our line of officers. Ray Graham will be Publicity Chairman, and we have a great team of Service Officers led by Valente Alvarado. You may contact them through this newsletter or attend our monthly meetings which are scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at Vista College on Montana. I would like to invite you to attend our meetings and gain knowledge of changes to the DAV and find out how you can help in keeping the promises to those that serve. I hope to see you at our next meeting. We need your input and help.  
DAV Commander: Clarence Rael

**Adjutant's Corner:**

This past month DAV Chapter 165 held our annual elections. Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the Executive Committee of our Chapter:

- Sr. Vice Commander—Rafael Garces
- 1st Jr Vice Commander & Newly Certified Service Officer—John J. Kinghorn
- Treasurer—Don Stinson

The Chapter is currently participating in a fund raising drive to help us extend obtain the financial resources to extend more services in our community. If you enjoy eating out please consider eating at Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW). The Chapter will receive a donation from BWW each time you present the card shown here.

**Service Officer's Corner:**

**BURN PIT REGISTRY QUESTIONNAIRE**

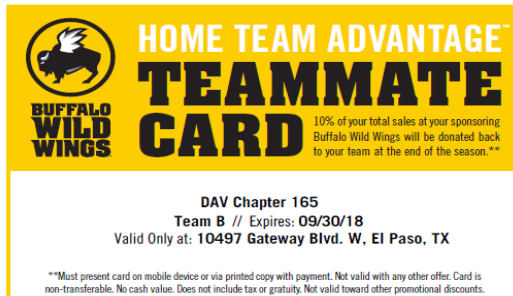
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**Website: [Veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry](http://Veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry)**

Complete & Print 2 copies

Attach a copy of DD-214 to all questionnaires

**Take both copies with GULF WAR PHASE 1 worksheet to SEU (Special Exam Unit) on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the El Paso VA Clinic which appointments will be scheduled at the time of visit.**



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**Service Officer Corner:**

Greetings my fellow Veterans. Recently the VA completed a research study concerning sleep apnea secondary to allergic rhinitis and restless foot secondary to PTSD. The results of the research stated that sleep apnea was aggravated by allergic rhinitis and restless foot was caused by PTSD, therefore, the VA has approved both issues for compensation. Ft. Bliss will host its annual Retiree Appreciation Day on September 29, 2018 at the Sergeant Major Academy. Attend and receive benefits information, renew acquaintances, ID cards and get a medical check up. The VA now offers early participation for faster new claim (appeals) decisions, it is called Rapid Appeals Modernization (RAMP). If you have an appeal you will receive a letter asking you if you would like to participate. The only problem is that if you apply for it, you cannot submit anymore medical or material information.

I encourage all veterans who had submitted claims with us to keep in touch so we will know what the VA is asking you to do and as such better assist you with your claims. If you had taken a C&P exam get a copy of the report as soon as possible, bring it to us so we can guide you in responding to the C&P report. If you have new medical or material evidence to submit bring it to us and we will submit it for you.

I would like to thank Ray Herrera for helping us with claims, your willingness to help has made our job more manageable, you have also demonstrated to be a faster learner and very competent in your service to veterans, thanks again for all you do.



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If you are hungry and don't have enough to eat, If your animals don't have enough to eat. They are a part of your family too! If you are need of cloths, Weather you are looking for clothes for an interview or just everyday cloths. Haircut vouchers are available (for VNP Veterans), at a barber or cosmetology school (Limited to one voucher per month).

**Veteran Food Pantry, Service/Pet Food Pantry, Veteran Clothing Closet, Free Haircut/Styling for Veterans**

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