

2014 Department of Idaho Convention
Chapter Report

Chapter Information:

Chapter number:	Nine
Chapter Name:	Fort Sherman
Chapter Location:	Coeur d'Alene
Year of Charter:	1938
Date Last Incorporation Update:	September 2013
Chapter Commander's Name for period of report:	Mike Teall
Chapter Adjutant's Name for period of report:	Robert B. Hunt
Number of members:	570
Average numbers of attendee's to meetings:	22 – 26

Number of Regular meetings per year: 9

Place of meeting: American Legion Post 143
Post Falls, Idaho

Date and time of meeting: Last Tuesday of the Month at 6:00
PM

Legislative Activity:

- a. Number of Letters and e mails to Congress: 898
- b. Number of letters and e mails to other agencies: 35

Note: The Chapter Fish and Game Officer initiated action that resulted in a change to Fish and Game Regulations pertaining to the eligibility of the DAV to sponsor disabled veterans in special hunts. The bill was passed by both houses of the Idaho Legislature and signed by the Governor.

DAV Van:

- a. Make – model - year of Van: 2010 Ford 10 Passenger
- b. Mileage on van: 92,000
- c. Average number of miles annually: 23,000 +/-
- d. Amount of money set aside for van replacement: \$21,670.00
- e. Where is van parked: Coeur d'Alene CBOC
- f. What VAMC is the owner: Spokane VAMC

Note: Van engine was replaced under warranty at 55,000 miles which means that all else being equal, this Chapter should not have to replace the van in the next two years or more.

Auxiliary:

- a. Does Chapter have an auxiliary: Yes
- b. Does Unit meet same time and place as Chapter: Yes
- c. Number of Auxiliary members: 51
- d. Average # of Unit members attending meetings: 11

Officers:**List of Chapter officers:**

Commander	Mike Teall
Sr. Vice Commander	Jerry Morrison
1 st Jr. Vice Commander	Clyde Adams
2 ND Jr. Vice Commander	Patrick McDonald
Treasurer	Kirk Kindley
Chaplain	Neil Strom
JAG	Ralph Shrigley
OOD	Lew Allert
Sgt At Arms	Bill Owens
Sports Officer	Don Waddell
Field Marshall	Charlie Till
Web Master	Charlie Till
Energizer Bunny	Lew Allert
Fish and Game Officer	Bernie Fox
Adjutant	Robert Hunt

Income Sources:

a.	Forget Me Not Drive	\$5,474.00
b.	Raffles	\$2,385.00
c.	Per Capita from DAV National	\$1,663.00
d.	Donations – Misc – some are from the members themselves and others come in various amount from the public.	
e.	Pepisco Frito Lay National Guard Project	
f.	Christmas Project Donations	\$12,386.00
g.	Christmas Project Non Cash Donations (Estimated)	\$4,812.00
h.	Christmas Project Gift Cards Donations	\$650.00
i:	Hayden Eagles	\$750.00

j:	Catholic War Veterans	\$500.00
k:	Global Credit Union Wear Red	\$497.00

Projects:

Parades:

Chapter participated in parades in Athol, Bayview, Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Post Falls, Spirit Lake, St. Maries, and the Hayden Veterans Day Parade.

Blinded Veterans Convention:

Chapter members met blind veterans at the Spokane Airport and assisted them in luggage retrieval and getting into the correct vans to the hotel. Members manned the information desk at the convention hotel and then assisted attendees in checking baggage at the airport and getting to the correct departure gate.

Vietnam Wall:

Chapter set up Army tent at the wall site and provided free food and drink and did service work and recruiting for five days, 20 hours a day.

Frito Lay – Pepisco National Guard Project:

Chapter and Auxiliary members manned tables at multiple stores for six days distributing lists of items suitable for the National Guard and then accepting the items. Cash was tendered in some cases. Two truckloads of items were collected for the National Guard.

Stand Down:

Chapter members provided labor and some members were major planners throughout the year. A special ramp was needed to move large numbers of people safely in and out of the donated building. A Chapter member used his extensive connections to locate such a ramp and got it delivered free of charge.

State Commander's BBQ:

This Chapter hosts a BBQ for DAV State Commander and the DAVA State Commander and the members of the five northern DAV Chapters. This is provide the opportunity for the Commanders to visit with the five northern chapters and their membership. It is a near

impossibility for the state commander to travel the length of Idaho time after time to visit only one Chapter

Shooting:

The Chapter has a Field Marshal and is responsible for a shooting events. The Chapter has shot at the Sandpoint City Range, Center Target Sports, Osburn NRA Range and the Panhandle Regulators Single Action Shooting Society facility. Usually fried chicken and potato salad are available and the day is a enjoyable social event

Christmas:

The Chapter provided Christmas presents, gift cards, stockings, candy, nuts, food baskets to 88 children of 29 families of veterans, National Guardsmen, Reservists and active duty in North Idaho. The Chapter provided approximately \$20,000 in gifts, food, cards, etc. The Chapter had support from the Blue Star Mothers, Catholic War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, two car clubs, the local newspaper, and 85 cash donors.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day:

Chapter members and Auxialiary members attend ceremonies in multiple area schools.

The adjutant speaks to six middle school classes in Post Falls. Mrs. Strom, puts on patriotic programs in two schools and this Chapter sends six to ten members to each school. Members attend events at the local cemeteries.

The Chapter attended as a group a Veteran's Day dinner at the CDA Tribal Casino and Resort.

Community and misc:

Chapter members have cooked hot dogs outside of Cabela's in support of other charities and participated in a large chili cook off in Coeur d'Alene for the Children's Village. The Chapter has a large Army tent and it is used for the stand down, the mobile service van to provide shelter and a place to serve coffee and rolls to veterans.

Special disbursement of Chapter Funds:

\$200.00 Assist veteran

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\$500.00	Assist American Legion Post 143
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\$500.00	Assist veteran
\$130.00	Assist veteran
\$200.00	Assist veteran
\$500.00	Assist Newby Ginning Start Up
\$400.00	Buck Knives National Guard. Project
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\$1,000.00	Send dying veteran to Disneyland with two children
\$200.00	Walter Reed Army Soldier Fund
\$500.00	American Legion Food Convoy to Lewiston Veterans Home]
\$1,500.00	Assist sending three Chapter members to Snowmass Winter Games
\$500.00	Assist veteran back from Afghanistan
\$825.00	Assist veteran back from Afghanistan
\$500.00	North Idaho Stand Down
\$100.00	Assist veteran back from Afghanistan
\$100.00	Assist Chapter 10 in convention expenses

The list above is not an exhaustive or complete list. It is merely to highlight the main activities of the Chapter. This report is meant to give the reader a snapshot of DAV 9 activities.

Robert B. Hunt , QMC, USN, Ret.

Chapter Adjutant – Past Department Commander

The photo below shows U.S. Navy Patrol Craft Fast (swiftboats) in night ambush position in the Mekong Delta region of South Vietnam 1969. Photo provided by Past Department Commander Robert B. Hunt.

