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**JUNE 9, 2024**

**Commander : I call the First Department Executive Committee Meeting to order. Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Chaplain will you lead us in prayer**

**Chaplain Coker-Bell: *Dear God,***

***As we gather together, we ask for your***[***spirit of unity***](https://get.tithe.ly/blog/rob-lane)***to be present among us. Help us to put aside any personal agendas or differences and work together in harmony towards our common goal. Let this be our desire as we engage in discussions and make decisions that impact others.***

***We, the DAV trust that with your guidance and grace, we can achieve a sense of unity and work together effectively. May our words be filled with love and respect for one another, and may our actions reflect the unity we strive for.***

***Your love is what we seek as we continue to encourage and support veterans and their families.***

***Glory to God during this time we will share together.***

***Amen.***

**Commander: Sr. Vice will you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Sr. Vice Commander: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Hand salute. I**

**Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the**

**Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty**

**and justice for all.**

**Commander: Adjutant will you read the Roll Call**

**TURN PODIUM OVER TO ADJUTANT**

**Roll Call Present**

**Department Officers: Present**

**Commander Lehmann X**

**Sr. Vice Commander Ramey X**

**1st Jr. Vice Commander Barkley X**

**2nd Jr. Vice Commander Stewart X**

**Judge Advocate Combs X**

**Chaplain Coker-Bell X**

**Immed. Past Commander King X**

**Department Appointed Officers*:***

**Adjutant Gregory X**

**Treasurer Cox X**

**Inspector Ana Alicea-Diaz X**

**Officer of the Day Early EXC**

**Sergeant at Arms Giles EXC**

**Past Department Commanders:**

**PDC Francis Mitchell x**

**PDC Cynthia Bailey X**

**PDC John Simmons X**

**PDC Lisa Gregory X**

**PDC Denice Williams X**

**PDC Cynthia Madison X**

**PDC David Cuff X**

**PDC Rita Aberegg X**

**PDC Steve Perkins X**

**PDC Robert Cox X**

**Chapter DEC**

**Chapter 2, Sharon Dorsey Monroe x**

**Chapter 5, Murphy Coleman x**

**Chapter 6, Isadore Major x**

**Chapter 7, Maria Santy x**

**Chapter 9, Warren G. Thompson x**

**Chapter 10, Shamala Capizzi x**

**Chapter 13, Larry Brewer x**

**Chapter 15, Joel Courtemanche x**

**Chapter 19, Janet Roberson x**

**Chapter 20, Danny Miller x**

**Chapter 21, Edna Myers x**

**Chapter 22, Michelle Hinton x**

**Chapter 23, Stephen Perkins x**

**Chapter 27, Dennis Conley x**

**Chapter 28, Michael L. Bagley x**

**Chapter 30, Rhonda Rawson x**

**Chapter 33, Tyrelle Felder x**

**Chapter 34, Larry Griffin x**

**Chapter 50, Otis Royster x**

**Chapter 58, Mack McCallon x**

**Chapter 60, Christopher Cheney x**

**Adjutant Gregory: Commander we have quorum.**

**Commander: I will now install the DEC members. Will the DEC’s for 2024-2025 come forward. (Rap the Gavel Three Times) All rise.**

**Raise your right hand and repeat after me:**

**I, State your name Upon my word and honor, as a member of the Disabled American Veterans, in the presence of almighty God and my comrades, and before the flag of my country, accept the office to which I have been elected, I promise to perform the duties of such office, to the best of my ability. I promise to conduct myself in such a manner, at all times and places as will only affect the good of the order, I promise to sustain and enforce, the constitution and Bylaws of this organization. When my successor has been duly elected or appointed, and installed, I promise to surrender to him or her, all the property of this order, in my possession, all of which I now affirm.**

**You may lower your hands**

**Please return to your seats (Rap the Gavel 1 time)**

**The following are my appointed positions and committee appointments for 2024-2025:**

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| **Audit** | **Chapter** |
| Sharon Dorsey-Monroe | 2 |
| PDC Rita Aberegg  | 7 |
| Ervin Basdon | 15 |
| PDC Steve Perkins = Finance Chair | 23 |
| Mario Beckles | 48 |
| Cecil Edwards | 60 |
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| **Awards** |  |
| Edward Ortiz | 15 |
| Wendell Patrick | 20 |
| Mark Durland | 30 |
| Michelle Bickley | 33 |
| Charles Morris | 34 |
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| **Constitution and Bylaws** |  |
| Joel D. Courtemanche | 15 |
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| Terrelle Lasker | 34 |
| Julie Hoyte | 48 |
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| **Emergency Relief** |  |
| Raul Muntean  | 20 |
| PDC Denice Williams | 22 |
| Kim Tomas | 27 |
| PDC David Cuff | 60 |
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| **Employment** |  |
| Sharon Dorsey-Monroe | 2 |
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| Jeff Ogilvie | 7 |
| NSO Will Bible | 60 |
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| **Homeless Veterans** |  |
| Graling Carter | 15 |
| James Werts Jr. | 22 |
| Dennis Conley | 27 |
| Keith Shaner | 30 |
| Michelle Hinton  | 22 |
| **Incarcerated Veterans** |  |
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| **Legislative** |  |
| Sha'mala Capizzi | 10 |
| Shay Odom | 13 |
| Joel Courtmanche | 15 |
| Zeola Brady | 20 |
| Larry Romaine | 22 |
| Cedric Barkley | 27 |
| Ethel Smith | 34 |
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| **Membership** |  |
| Edward Ortiz | 15 |
| MaLinda Washington | 17 |
| James Stevens | 27 |
| Rhonda Rawson | 30 |
| M.Tyrelle Felder | 33 |
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| **Social Media** |  |
| Timothy Mallory | 5 |
| Charles Walker | 5 |
| Chuck Hockinson | 15 |
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| **Time and Place**  |  |
| Zeola Brady | 20 |
| Cynthia Madison | 27 |
| Will King | 33 |
| Chris Cheney | 60 |
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| **Women’s Veterans** |  |
| Valerie Gray | 21 |
| Ethel Smith | 34 |
| Julie Hoyte | 48 |
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| **Department Inspector** |  |
| Ana Alicea-Diaz | 13 |
| **Officer of the Day** |  |
| Earl Bailey | 20 |
| **Sergeant-at-Arms** |  |
| Samuel Watkins | 28 |
| **BPTL** |  |
| Sha'mala Capizzi | 10 |
| **Deputy Judge Advocate** |  |
| Sha'mala Capizzi | 10 |
| **Assistant Adjutant** |  |
| PDC & Natl 3JVC Cynthia Madison  | 27 |
| **Assistant Treasurer** |  |
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| **Assistant Department Inspectors** |  |
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| **Assistant Department Chaplains** |  |
| Fred Moore | 28 |

**Will the named appointees please come forward. (Rap the Gavel Three Times) All rise.**

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**Please return to your seats. (Rap Gavel one time)**

**Chaplain will you give the closing prayer.**

**Chaplain Coker Bell: *Loving God,* *Thank you for this time that we have spent together. As we leave this place today, may we be committed to serving and supporting members of the DAV and their families. Lord, show us ways that we can bless others each day. Help us to see your blessings around us in the simple, small things that bring us joy each day. As we leave this place, please fill us with peace. Help us to go forth with joy that can only come from you. Amen.***

**Commander: Final salute to the flag, Hand Salute.**

**Adjourned at 0920**