

DAV November Newsletter Senior Vice Lillis

in addition to being the Membership Chair, the Senior Vice is also responsible for the VAVS program. This program is a partnership with the VA and includes other service organizations such as the VFW and the American Legion. The VAVS mission is to provide volunteer support for veterans at VA medical centers, community-based outreach clinics and to our WI Veterans Homes. Most of our members don't realize that we also support two VA hospitals outside of Wisconsin: Minneapolis, MN, and Iron Mountain, Michigan. This is because many of our Wisconsin veterans live closer to these facilities and get their care at that location. I want to give a special shout-out to our two members who support the VAVS in that location, namely Lenny Shier and Brian Boehmke, who have been doing this for almost 20 and nearly 10 years, respectively! In addition to their hard work, they put an incredible number of miles on their cars each year. More about our other VS representatives in another newsletter.

I'd also like to recognize and thank all of our members who participated in the Veteran's Day 5K, bringing in money that was donated to National. A very special shout-out goes to the TEAM DAV Wisconsin Warriors, who raised the most money: over \$3,138.00!

This year marks the fourth consecutive year that the DAV Wisconsin Warriors have rallied together for this noble cause. Under the leadership of 2nd Junior Vice Commander and Past Chapter 19 Commander Tiffany Koehler, the team comprised twelve high-speed, dedicated individuals from Chapters 19 and 44. Special thanks go to Jeri and Thommie Jefferson (Chapter 44), Mary Ellen and Stuart Malcolm, Felix, Wendy, Mason Garcia, Melody Voskuil, Denise Northway, Kimberly Stuart, and Terry Longo.

As of today's date, we don't have all of the data back on the Veteran's Day 5K for me to recognize as our top individual fundraiser, but I can tell you we did have one individual who wants to remain anonymous raise over \$3000!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this year's DAV 5K Virtual event. Your efforts help make a big difference in the lives of our veterans.

Respectfully,

Pat Lillis
DAV WI Senior Vice