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## Lt. Ralph Talbot DAV Chapter 65

Post Office Box 890300, E. Weymouth MA 02189-0005

### January 2018 Newsletter

#### FROM THE COMMANDER

I hope all had a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and the best of the Holiday Seasons however you celebrate them. We have been very active since our last meeting in November Our Forget Me Not Funds are being distributed as voted by the membership.

Our Comradery Luncheons are still going strong with 12+ attending on a regular basis. We had an "Executive Meeting" breakfast at Newcomb's in Weymouth and brought along our friend and Comrade Dave D'Amato who has been unable to drive of late. We had a short remembrance for Dick Jennings, one of the stalwarts of Chapter 65 and one of the founders of our Comradery Luncheon. His passing has left a hole in the leadership of the Chapter and he will be missed.

Finally, the E-Board voted to assist the spouse of a DAV member that is having severe financial trouble due to issues with the VA. While the National Service and others work on her issue, we provided a gift card to help with food expenses. This is in the spirit of Chapter 65 doing as much as we can for our local veterans. Our next meeting will be during the day as noted and then we will do another evening meeting in March. Please find time to attend and support our efforts for our fellow veterans.

As always, as they say in the National Service office,  
"We stand by to assist".

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#### Chaplain

*Ron Evans*



## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our Membership Meeting will be held on January 15th at 1:00pm at the  
MASONIC TEMPLE ARMORY HALL, 610 BROAD ST. EAST WEYMOUTH MA

We are looking forward to you attending to discuss Veterans Issues which will benefit all who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Save the date and see you there!

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**The following are the minutes of the Monday, November 20, 2017, meeting that convened at 6:40 PM at the Masonic Lodge Armory, 610 Broad St., E. Weymouth 02189**

**Presiding Officer: Warren Smith, Commander**

**b. Roll call conducted, in attendance: Commander “Warren Smith”, Senior Vice Commander “Arthur Sharp”, Junior Vice Commander “Genie Boland”, Adjutant “Vin Burdziuk”, Treasurer “Steve Hendricken”, and Chaplain “Ron Evans” was present.**

**Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance followed with opening prayer by Ron Evans.**

**c. Committee Reports**

**(1) Minutes from September 18, 2017 Membership Meeting read by Adjutant Vin Burdziuk And the Adjutant Report was Accepted.**

**(2) TREASURER’S REPORT: Steve Hendricken’s report is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to November 6, 2017. Beginning Balance in July \$8,866.12 – Due’s received from National \$717.00 – Forget Me Not Drive received \$255 from 5 members for our Virtual Drive. And we collected \$952.59 on Friday and \$1064.01 on Saturday for a total of \$2271.60 - We collected Interest of \$30.12 and from other source \$32 for a TOTAL of \$3050.72 – We spent \$1103.07 in total. \$40 for new membership. \$25 Commonwealth of Massachusetts filings. \$112.00 for PO Box Rental. And, print and mail came to \$906.07 – Rent for \$20.00 – Checking balance is \$4813.33. Our CD is \$6,000.44 - Our Ending Balance \$10813.77 - The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read.**

**Our Member Beau McIver asked what the interest was on our CD. Answer given was 1.5%**

**(3) SICKNESS & DISTRESS REPORT: Dan Meehan is ill and could not make it to the meeting.**

**Dave D’Amato was picked up and brought to our last Veterans Luncheon. And Dick Jennings still homebound.**

**\*\*\*We found out after the meeting that Dick Jennings had passed. We notified Chapter 65 members and sent the Jennings Family a Sympathy Card.**

**4) NEW BUSINESS: Forget me Not was very successful received donations of \$2271.60 – Stop & Shop Manager was given a Certificate from our Chapter thanking him for letting us use his store for our drive. Members voted on how to disperse our money to support Veterans Issues. \$150 was voted to be given to each town we represent. The \$150.00 check will be delivered to each towns Veterans Agent. We will invite them to attend our Vets Luncheons, Meetings, and Email Newsletters.**

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\$250 will be donated for the Van Program to get Veterans to the Hospital for their appointments.  
 \$250 will be donated to the VA West Roxbury Volunteer Services.  
 \$500 was discussed for the Honor Flight program which starts up again in the Spring time.  
 Total Amount to be donated by Chapter 65 is \$2500.00

DEP Meeting was brought up and Warren Smith and George Pontes attended. The department uses and suggests Quick Books to be used for the Chapter(s). If we purchase it the department will help set it up.

(5) **OLD BUSINESS:** Donation Boxes we're brought up again. DAV was approved to use the donation boxes to accept clothing. The Chapters would have to do all the work on the collections. Hanover is the closest Savers Store where the box could be set at. But, Commander Smith did not commit to it as we do not have enough members to handle the extra work.

(b) Veterans Day in Weymouth as well as in Hingham went well. Great turnouts!

(c) School Vets Program was fun talking to the school kids.

(d) Membership Chairman Paul Salvias did a great job in sending out letters to Chapter 65 Members. He donated the postage and supplies to the chapter.

(e) Ceremonial Rifles were discussed as the Army thinks we have them. Commander Smith will look  
**IN CLOSING:**

(a) Discussed the VFW across the street is closed.

(b) Service Officers paperwork was briefly discussed.

(c) Next Veterans Luncheon December 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon \*FREE LUNCHEON

(d) Next Meeting January 15, 2018 at 1:00pm.  
 Masonic Lodge Armory  
 610 Broad St., E. Weymouth

(e) Motion given to adjourn. Salute to the Flag.

(f) Chaplain gives closing prayer.  
 Meeting Ended 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wieslaw Vincent Burdziuk, Adjutant



Second Lieutenant Ralph Talbot  
 1897 – 1918

Ralph Talbot was born in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, on January 6, 1897. He lived on Park Street and attended the original Weymouth High School. High School was a very busy time for Ralph, as he was a member of the debate team, captain of the track team, and editor of the school newspaper. After high school, he attended Mercersburg Academy and Yale University. Upon completion of his freshmen year at Yale, he enrolled in the U.S. Navy. 2d Lt Talbot was the first Marine Aviator awarded the Medal of Honor. This is America's highest military honor for exceptional heroism. Talbot earned this distinction for actions during World War I above Pittem, Belgium.





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**VETERANS COMRADERY LUNCHEON  
ALL VETERANS WELCOME**

**D'Anns Restaurant - 340 Centre Ave Abington, MA 02351  
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 12:00 NOON**

**JANUARY 10, FEBRUARY 14, MARCH 14**

**MENU: CHOICES OF FISH AND CHIPS, CHICKEN STIR FRY, LIVER AND ONIONS, AMERICAN CHOP  
SUEY-meatball, HADDOCK MAC n CHEESE, HOMEMADE MEATLOAF with gravy, FRIED CLAM STRIP  
PLATE, CHOICE LONDON BROIL-ajus, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND COFFEE**

**COST: \$12 INCLUDING GRATUITY AND TAX**

**PURPOSE: TO FOSTER COMRADERY AND ASSIST COMRADES IN NEED**

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