

March 16, 2006

IN A LETTER FROM DAVID STONE
DAV FLORIDA STATE COMMANDER
Re: PHILLIP MESKIN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DAV CHAPTER 9 UNLAWFUL CHARITABLE
SOLICITATIONS, AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

After being served with a Complaint from Regulatory Specialist Frank Roycraft from the Florida Division of Consumer Services, in a letter dated March 08, 2006, Stoner replied to Roycraft. Below are excerpts of that letter in pertinent part as follows:

“The persons who participated in the fund raising activities were, in fact, members of the DAV Chapter 9 but were acting as individuals on their own. Their participation was not sanctioned, approved, or allowed under DAV National and State Bylaws.

DAV National Bylaws clearly provides that in all fundraising, 30 days notice must be given to the State DAV Department. No such notice was given to this department. In fact, it appears that the fundraising took place in July of 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 but the first notice to State DAV Headquarters was in November 2005 by Herbert G. Lewis, member of Chapter #9, dated November 16, 2005 on our Standard Fund Raising Request Form FR2-88 which was submitted February 19, 2006

Upon learning of this unapproved fundraising, DAV State Headquarters took prompt and aggressive action, which resulted in revoking the Charter of Chapter #9, therefore, Chapter #9 no longer exists.

WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE THE FUNDS COLLECTED BY THIS UNAPPROVED ACTIVITY WENT. WE COULD FIND NO CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE FUNDS WERE DEPOSITED IN CHAPTER #9 ACCOUNTS.

The activity was conducted by individuals operating outside DAV directions, unapproved by DAV and without knowledge of State and National DAV Headquarters.

We welcome participation in any investigation by your agency and will cooperate fully. Please contact Carlos Rainwater, State Inspector at Department Headquarters (352) 331-0945 if you have any questions or if we can assist in the investigation.

Very truly yours,
David Stone
State Commander

To receive an official copy of this letter contact:

Florida Department of Agriculture
Division of Consumer Services
Toll Free 1-800-435-7352
Refer to Case # 0603-07960 / FR

Or

Contact Carlos Rainwater at DAV Florida at the phone number noted above.

A copy of Stone's letter has been sent to:

- Robert Thompson,
- The Attorney General Economic Crimes Division, Tampa, Florida,
- The Florida Department of Justice, Pinellas County Consumer Services,
- The FBI Internet White Collar Crime Unit,

- The Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS, and
- All the current Advertisers of Philip G. Meskin's Veterans Post Newspaper whom have been named as Witnesses by Terry Richards and alerting them to the fact that as Advertisers, they may have unknowingly participated in unlawful and illegal criminal fundraising activities associated with Phillip G. Meskin, Et Al., and urging them to stop Advertising with Meskin's Veterans Newspaper, as Meskin's Newspaper is nothing more than a "FRONT" FOR CHARITY AND OTHER NON-PROFIT FRAUD...

Sincerely,
Terry Richards