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Come and join us for the DAV Summer Picnic!

When: August 9th 2014 from 1200 – 1800Hrs. (noon till six, for you non-military people)

Where: Bemidji City Park, Warming Pavilion, 1115 23rd St NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

Menu: Pulled Pork, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans
along with hot and cold beverages (no alcohol allowed).

Entertainment: Games and Contests for young and old, Live music (w/dance area).

*Come on out and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food
and camaraderie with the rest of your “DAV family”!*

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National Guard Armory Bemidji, MN
Monday, August 18th at 7pm**

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Greetings Members,

We are embarking on a new era in our newsletter! There are some changes that we will be implementing in the next couple of issues as far as layout and delivery. There are several things we are looking to add to the newsletter in the coming months.

One of the things you will notice that is new is the addition of an abbreviated set of minutes from the July meeting; we will be trying to include these in every issue. We will soon be contacting the county veterans' service office in each of the twelve counties that are in our coverage area to ask them to submit an article for the newsletter and to be posted on the website. In addition to the current articles from our Commander, Adjutant and Chaplain, next month we will be welcoming our Auxiliary Commander to the list of regular contributors. We also would request that if you would have an upcoming activity pertaining to Veterans in your neck of the woods, that you would contact us with the information so that we can add it to the website and publish it in the next newsletter.

We are asking all of our members that have computer access to let us know if they would be willing to get their copy of the newsletter online so that we can cut down the overall cost of mailing out hard copies of the newsletter each month. For those of you with computer access and that are willing to read the newsletter online, we are going to be posting the newsletter on our DAV website (www.davchapter7.org) along with a host of other pertinent items and issues that are informative and helpful. In order to implement this, we will need all members who are willing to participate in this endeavor to send us their name and Email address so that we can notify you when the newsletter has been posted on the website.

Since our staff is fairly new at setting up a newsletter and website, we will welcome any and all inputs as to the content and layout of both. We would also invite any of you that have articles or helpful tips that would be of interest to all our readers, to submit them for consideration to be added to the newsletter (space permitting) or for inclusion on our website.

Thanks for your patience as we work out the details and bugs!

Sincerely,

Your Newsletter/ Website staff

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COMMANDER

Thank you, volunteers, so very much for your continued support of the clothing program and the Forget-Me-Not Flower fundraisers. You have not missed a beat since the passing of our exceptional and dedicated Commander George Edwards. As a matter of fact, you have made great strides in the programs benefitting our veterans in the 12 counties we serve. George would be extremely proud to know that the monies from Chapter 7's fund raising and other donations has assisted veterans in the amount of \$30,000 for fiscal year 2013.

Let's get together on August 9th for a picnic at the City Park (east side of the curling club) from noon until 6:00 for some summer fun and good eating. This invitation is extended to members and volunteers and their spouses. Let's celebrate our successful year and enjoy each other's company. I am happy to serve as the new Commander of this fine organization which consists of wonderful officers, members and volunteers.

Dave Sterr,
Commander Chapter 7 DAV

ADJUTANT

It has been some time since I have had the opportunity to communicate with all of you. We ran out of money from our advertisers and did not have funds to send out paper, we are very lucky in deed that Tom Annonson and our First junior vice SSgt Marten Schrage have taken over both the gathering of information and lining up sponsors. Di to this there will be more information on our web site as they will be working with or web master and fellow DAV member Kevin Litzau.

Many things are going on around the state, one you may be interested in is MN DAV Outdoors. They have many hunts and fishing events thought summer for Disabled American Veterans. If interested call John at 651-291-1Q212 or toll free 888-317-2291.

Our Stand-down will be at Bemidji Armory on September 24th 8AM -3PM please remind all veterans of this, everything is free to include food cooked by your own chapter. If you have never been to one do not miss this opportunity to go.

Summer picnic will be August 9th 12am - 6pm bring your family and come out. It will be at the Bemidji City Park just below the Armory or by the curling rink.

A big thank you for our new Commander Dave Sterr and Officer of the day Bruce Tiegen, they have organized a group of very dedicated Members and none members to work with the clothing drive, we can be very proud of them and all the help that mans the clothing drive I most certainly am. We were top in sales for state again this year with 430,000 lbs. of clothing, every chapter in State is trying to catch us; we have three loads going out this week alone.

We had two members receive awards at the State Convention this year Commander George Edwards was awarded the Commander of the year posthumously, Saddoris was awarded the Volunteer of the year so our chapter took two of four awards. We need volunteer drivers very badly for our Van to Fargo please consider volunteering, call me at 218- 243-2663 to do so.

I am honored to serve you, please advise me if I can be of help.

Robert Saddoris
Adjutant, Van coordinator
and Service Officer.
218.243.2663

DAV MEETING FOR JULY 21, 2014

(Abbreviated)

Meeting called to order at: 1901 Hrs.

Opening ceremonies performed

Roll call of Officers taken: A quorum was present.

Number of Members Present: 13

Guests or visitors: None

Reading of the minutes from the June 16th, 2014 meeting:

- Motion to accept as read made by Tom Annonson
- Seconded by Mike Zimmerman
- No discussion
- Motion Approved

Treasurer's report given:

- Motion to accept as read made by Tom Annonson
- Seconded by Jack Meckner
- No discussion
- Motion Approved

Reading of the Correspondence.

Committee reports given:

- **Newsletter committee:**
 1. Update given on progress of obtaining sponsors.
 2. Cost of printing and mailing
 3. Deadline for articles set
 4. New format discussed
- **Entertainment Committee:**
 1. Planning progress for the summer picnic given.
 2. Location and date set.
 3. Menu and entertainment are in work.

Old Business:

1) Purchase of a rust free box for truck #2:

- a) Further discussion and research required.
- b) Referred back to Transportation committee.

2) Newsletter:

- a) On track for August 1st mailing.

3) Disposition of 22 foot van truck,

purchase of new pickup:

- a) 22 foot van truck has been sold.
- b) A 2014 Dodge Iton pickup has been purchase.

4) Financial report for physical year 2013is

completed and requires and audit:

- a) Audit committee selected and date set for audit.

5) Summer picnic:

- a) Picnic is scheduled for August 9th 2014, from 1200-1800 Hrs. at the Bemidji City Park warming pavilion

New Business:

1) A disabled veteran is in need of financial assistance to help with moving costs:

- a) Motion made to give said veteran \$500 towards moving expenses:
 - a.i) Motion made by Tom Annonson
 - a.ii) Seconded by Glenn Aagard
 - a.iii) No discussion
 - a.iv) Motion approved

2) Research needed into moving two of our clothing bins from other locations to the Mall parking lot.

- a) Adjutant Saddoris was given approval to move forward with this. (info item)

3) Clothing trailer "C" requires new tires at a cost of \$622.98:

- a) The transportation committee will have the tires replaced using money from our vehicle maintenance fund. (info item)

Good of the order:

1) Jay Rudiger was installed as Second Junior Vice-Commander.

Closing Ceremonies were performed

Meeting adjourned at: 2030 Hrs.

2014 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES

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Bagley Tesoro Station west end of town; **Fosston** at LaPiere's on the east end of town;
Mahnomen Cenex park south of propane tank; **Ada** Country Store

To schedule rides:

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If you have problems leaving a message call Adjutant Saddoris at 218-243-2663.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Why do we use the Bible so often? Sounds like a strange question doesn't it? Yet, it is a question that needs to be asked, especially in our world today. As you may recall, a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy was corrected for posting a scripture. In some cases, service members on active duty in certain countries are being pressured regarding the use of the Bible in sharing their faith in Christ. What is it about the scriptures that are so near and dear to whom we are, yet at the same time a lightening rod of controversy in other situations? The reason for this can be found in the very nature of the Bible itself. It is God's word.

The Bible is authoritative, meaning everything written in it are God's words and actions (II Timothy 3:16), which were communicated by Him to people who wrote the Bible under His inspiration or sense of leading. This is no small matter, because to believe the scriptures is to believe God, and the opposite is also true, to not believe in what the scriptures say, is to not believe God. We cannot separate who God is from what He says. We know this because we can sense the conviction from God through the Holy Spirit when He speaks in and through the words of the Bible to our hearts, giving us an inner assurance that He is speaking directly to us (Acts 15:7-9 and I John 5:10-13). As a result, we use the Bible to help correct and teach us about living here on earth. The reason we use the Bible, is to really understand who we are, our true condition and what God says about our life, death and the good news about Jesus Christ, our resurrection and eternity. Another name for the good news about Jesus Christ is the word Gospel. Letting people know about this good news, is so vital, that Jesus went out to tell people about it (Mark 1:35-39), to include a Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42).

A study of the culture back in her time reveals she was an outcast in every sense of the word. She belonged to a different ethnic group, even in her own society; she was a second class citizen. She had a poor reputation and it was hard for her to keep and maintain relationships. She had a different way (meaning church or denomination) to worship God. No doubt, she was likely taken the wrong way and often misrepresented, in short, the subject of gossip. Today, we would say discrimination, but with Christ, all that was gone. Jesus could care less about what people thought of her. Jesus stood up for her, wanting her heart, telling her about the gift of God and how He (Jesus) was the promised Messiah. The town's people immediately saw a change in her attitude, outlook and lifestyle. The town's people began listening to her and wanted the same thing too, God's love and mercy and a new way to live. Consequently, the town invited Jesus to stay and He did! Read in John 4:42 what they said to the woman afterwards, Uff-dah!

God's love, mercy and gift of life, cause us to want to change our lives and be grateful to Him for what Christ did for us on the cross. No words can describe the newness of life He gives. Afterwards, a lot of things will come to pressure and distract us from our new relationship with Christ, but again, referring to the Bible's authority, in Ephesians 6, it says to stand firm in our convictions as we look forward to being with Christ after we pass away. As veterans, we know what it means to stand and be firm, no doubt about it. Death and unexpected events in our lives are never easy to discuss, they have a way of crushing us in the loss our comrades, loved ones and gives us a sense of confusion, especially when we are blindsided by life itself. There is no getting around this part of life here on earth (Ecclesiastes 9:11-12). Many of us, as veterans, have seen these events all too often, yet, we can hope in God, who is our helper (Psalm 28:7-9) and focus on resurrecting in the future to be with Christ according to the authority of the scriptures (Matthew 22:29-33, I Thessalonians 4:16-17). This peace, hope and assurance are incomprehensible.

It is my prayer for each of you and your families, that you experience knowing and growing in Christ.

If you have a need or you know someone else who has a need or just want to talk, call me.

May God bless and keep you always.
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