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March 2019

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| EXEC. COMMITTEE: | Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz
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**UPCOMING HOLIDAYS
& EVENTS**

- Mar 6th - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
- Mar 10th - Daylight Savings time Begins
- Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20th - Veterans on the Hill day
- Apr 15th - Tax Day
- Apr 19th - Good Friday
- Apr 21st - Easter Sunday
- Apr 25th-27th - MN DAV Conference
- May 5th - Cinco De Mayo
- May 12th - Mother's Day
- May 27th - Memorial Day



THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 18TH 2019 AT 1900.

• Opening Prayer • Pledge of Allegiance

A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if quorum is present:

OFFICERS

Commander: Mike Zimmerman
Senior Vice Commander: Joe Vene
Junior Vice Commander: Vacant
Adjutant: David Myers
Treasurer: Jeri Harvey
Chaplain: Mike Gutz
Judge Advocate: Bruce Holden
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bruce Tiegen
Officer of the Day: Glen Aagard
Historian: Steve Hauschildt

B. Members Present: 19

C. Introduction of guests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers to Chapter #7.

Guests/Visitors: None

Prospective new members: Mr. Claude Sands

Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of January 21 2019 were read. *Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, 2nd Steve Hauschildt. Carried.*

E. Financial Reports for 1-31 January 2019:

Report given by Jeri Harvey (See enclosure). *Motion to approve report made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Robert Sadoris. Carried.*

F. New Member Obligation:

None

G. Communications:

1 letter from the Fargo VA thanking us for our donations of Refreshments to the CBOC; 1 thank you note from the Silver Bay Veterans home for our annual donation of \$500; and 2 individual Donations in the amounts of \$50.00, and \$20.00, respectively.

H. Committee Reports:

1. **Membership Report:** 1 New member; Mr. Claude Sands

2. **Service Officer Report:** 3 Veterans helped in various capacities.

3. **Legislative Report:** Heard a report on veteran's home progress

4. **Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress):** 25 veterans assisted in various capacities. 4 hospital visits made. 2 cancer patients.

5. **Entertainment:** No report given

6. **Fundraising committee:** Upcoming gun show sometime in April, dates to be announced. Should be held at the armory.

7. **Newsletter Committee:** Received \$375.00 from a sponsor. This leaves us \$100.00 short of our \$7500.00 goal.

8. **Medical Equipment:** Distributed: 6 Received: 2

I. Old Business:

Because of some problems that are ongoing within the chapter, the Department Commander and the Department Adjutant recommend that we make the following changes to our bylaws. This is the second reading. These changes will be voted on at the Regular meeting in March 2019.

CONSTITUTION • ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION

Currently Reads as follows:

Section 2: The Chapter Executive Committee (See articles 3: page 2 these bylaws) shall be composed: The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chapter Commander and three (3) other elected Committee members from two-thirds (2/3) of members present. Adjutant for record keeping only, in case of a tie Executive Chairman will vote only to break tie.

Proposed Change:

Section 2: The Chapter Executive Committee (See articles 3: page 2 these bylaws) shall be composed: The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, ~~Immediate Past Chapter Commander~~ Judge Advocate, and three (3) other elected Committee members from two-thirds (2/3) of members present. Adjutant for record keeping only, in case of a tie Executive Chairman will vote only to break tie.

Currently reads as follows:

Section 3: At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, (See article 4 – Officers these bylaws) the chapter may elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, and a treasurer. The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, as may be necessary

to operate the Chapter may appoint such other officers. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commanders may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

Proposed Change:

Section 3: At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, (See article 4 – Officers, these bylaws) the chapter may elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, and a treasurer. The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, as may be necessary to operate the Chapter may appoint such other officers. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commanders may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

Proposed Change:

Section 3: At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, (See article 4 – Officers these bylaws) the chapter ~~may~~ shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, ~~and a treasurer~~. The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, as may be necessary to operate the Chapter may appoint such other officers. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commanders may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

BY-LAWS • ARTICLE 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CONT.)

Currently reads as follows:

Section 2: The executive committee shall be composed of eight members (8). Commander, Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander, the Treasurer, immediate Past Commander, Adjutant (for record keeping only) and three (3) chapter Executive Committee members, the latter to be elected from Chapter members in good standing, as above provided, and in accordance with "Nominations and Election" and three such committee members shall be elected thereafter at each annual Chapter election. The committee shall elect its own chairman from the membership, who shall not be the commander. None of the three (3) Chapter Executive Committee members shall hold other elective office in this Chapter. The Chairman only votes to break a tie. (This chairman will always assure Chapter Commander is aware of all Executive Committee activity and actions should the commander not be present at a meeting).

Proposed Change:

Section 2: The executive committee shall be composed of eight members (8). Commander, Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander, the Treasurer, ~~immediate Past Commander~~ Judge Advocate, Adjutant (for record keeping only) and three (3) chapter Executive Committee members, the latter to be elected from Chapter members in good standing, as above provided, and in accordance with "Nominations and Election" and three such committee members shall be elected thereafter at each annual Chapter election. The committee shall elect its own chairman from the membership, who shall not be the commander. None of the three (3) Chapter Executive Committee members shall hold other elective office in this Chapter. The Chairman only votes to break a tie. (This chairman will always assure Chapter Commander is aware of all Executive Committee activity and actions should the commander not be present at a meeting).

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS

Currently reads as follows:

Section 1: The chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commanders as needed, and a Treasurer. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any vice commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

Proposed Change:

Section 1: The chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commanders as needed. ~~and a Treasurer~~. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any vice commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6 – TENURE OF OFFICE

Currently reads as follows:

Section 1: Officers for the Chapter shall be nominated during the December meeting and again immediately prior to the January election meeting (Weather permitting).

Proposed Change:

Section 1: Officers for the Chapter shall be nominated during the ~~December~~ January meeting and again immediately prior to the ~~January~~ February election meeting (Weather permitting).

Currently reads as follows: Section 2: Elected and appointed officers shall be installed at February meeting, within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed (weather Permitting).

Proposed Change:

Section 2: Elected and appointed officers shall be installed at **February March** meeting, within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed (weather Permitting).

ARTICLE 13 – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Currently reads as follows:

Section 1: The appointive officers of this chapter shall consist of the Adjutant, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Officer of the Day, Chaplain. They shall be appointed by the Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Adjutant may hold office as Treasurer if so elected.

Proposed Change:

Section 1: The appointive officers of this chapter shall consist of the Adjutant, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Officer of the Day, Chaplain, **and Treasurer**. They shall be appointed by the Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Adjutant may hold office as Treasurer if so **appointed**.

2. (Info Item) Treasurer point out that we have budgeted for a scholarship and need to form a committee to make recommendations. The following members were appointed to the committee: David Myers, Andy Staudt, and Bruce Holden.

The committee met twice and developed a scholarship program targeting the 2019 Summer Term. Information has been sent out to the High School, BSU, and NTC soliciting applications for the "DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS MINNESOTA Chapter 7 Scholarships Summer Term 2019" Program.

J. New Business:

1. Nominations for the Annual Election. The Following members have been nominated for election: The adjutant called for additional nominations three time for each office. There were none. When it came to the executive committee, there were 4 nominations for 3 available seats. The names were as follows: Tom Annonson, Steve Hauschildt, Bruce Tiegen, and Mike Gutz. A secret ballot was held, with the following results: Bruce Tien was elected, Steve Hauschildt was elected, and there was a tie between Tom Annonson and Mike Gutz. A second ballot was held, resulting in Mike Gutz being elected to the third position. Robert Saddoris made the motion that the proposed slate of officers (listed below) be elected and appointed. *Andy Staudt seconded the motion. Carried.*

- **Commander:** Mike Zimmerman • **Senior Vice Commander:** Joe Vene
- **Treasurer:** Scotty Allison • **Junior Vice Commander:** Gene Schwantes
- **Executive Committee:** Tom Annonson • Mike Gutz • Bruce Tiegen
- **Appointed Officers:** • **Adjutant:** David Myers
- **Chaplain:** Mike Gutz • **Judge Advocate:** Bruce Holden
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Bruce Tiegen • **Officer of the Day:** Glen Aagard
- **Historian:** Steve Hauschildt
- **Service Officers:** Robert Saddoris & Steve Hauschildt

2. The scholarship committee would like to set up a program for the Regular 2019-2020 School Year. They are requesting \$3,000.00 to set up 3 scholarships, similar to the single scholarship targeting the Summer 2019 Term Scholarship. *Motion: Steve Siats 2nd: Randy Hanevold. Carried*

3. Need to vote on members to send to the state convention. Rooms: Commander Zimmerman, David Myers, Bruce Holden, Bruce

Tiegen • Joe Vene will go sponsored by the department.

Additional Attendees: Robert and Opal Saddoris; Steve Hauschildt; Mike and Julie Gutz

4. Veterans Day on the Hill: Leaving from Bemidji at 6 am from the Walmart parking lot on 20 March 2019.

5. Discussed possible funding for veterans at the Adult Day Services. The director is sending the chapter a letter. When this has been received it will be taken to the executive board for further discussion.

K. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. Bruce Tiegen discussed the need for an AED for the Chapter Headquarters. Adjutant is tasked with bringing information to the next executive board meeting. Adjutant reports that NW EMS Supply no longer has grants available to purchase or supply AED's. They were able to provide the name of a company that sells AED's. Heartsmart.com. The best package for us would seem to be a ZOLL AED PLUS package. All information is included as an addendum to these minutes. The cost is originally \$1699.00. They will give us a discount, making the cost \$1,367.00 for a top of the line product. Bruce Tiegen made the motion to bring this before the general membership at the next regular meeting. *Steve Hauschildt seconded the motion. Carried.*

Andy Staudt made the motion, Darrell Baltzell seconded. Carried.

2. Received requests to write several resolutions supporting the following candidates for higher office:

a. Stephen (Butch) Whitehead, (Currently National Senior Vice Commander). Additionally, it was suggested that the Chapter consider a monetary donation to help support his candidacy.

Motion was made to send a letter of resolution, and a monetary donation of \$250.00 by Robert Saddoris, seconded by Bruce Tiegen. Carried.

b. Tom Annonson (Currently 4th Junior Vice Commander, Department of MN).

Motion was made to send a letter of resolution by Andy Staudt, seconded by Bruce Tiegen. Carried.

c. Joe Parseich (Currently National 4th Junior Vice Commander).

Motion was made to send a letter of resolution by Robert Saddoris, seconded by Bruce Tiegen. Carried

3. (Info Item) Veterans on the Hill: Tom Annonson is setting up the bus. Discussed paying for meal. Bruce Tiegen made the motion that we pay for no more than 1 bus and limit the passengers to 50. Steve Hauschildt seconded. This means that people will need to make reservations early, and that we will cut off after 50 reservations have been made. So, the motion is to pay for 50 meals, at no more than \$500.00. 5 yes votes, 1 abstention. *Motion carried.*

Tom Annonson wanted to discuss this issue. After much discussion Andy Staudt made the motion to limit the chapter's contribution to that which had been recommended by the executive committee. Randy Hanevold seconded, and the motion carried. Tom Annonson was informed that if he went over the set limits, he would be personally liable.

L. **Good of the Order:** Joe Vene discussed part time jobs available through the 2020 Census.

M. **Motion to adjourn:** Made by Steve Hauschildt. 2nd by Ward Sutton. *Motion Carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 2047 hours. The next meeting will be held on 18 March 2019 at 1700 at the Chapter Headquarters.



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Everyone, Hope everyone is staying warm in this beautiful Minnesota weather. Chapter elections were held at the February General meeting and the newly elected officers are:

Commander – Mike Zimmerman
 Sr. Vice Commander – Joe Vene
 Jr. Vice Commander – Gene Schwantes
 Treasurer – Scotty Allison

Executive Committee:
 Bruce Tiegen
 Mike Gutz
 Steve Hauschildt

Appointed officers are:
 Adjutant – Dave Myers
 Chaplain – Mike Gutz
 Sergeant at Arms – Bruce Tiegen
 Officer of the Day – Glenn Aagard
 Judge Advocate – Bruce Holden
 Legislative Officer – Joe Vene
 Historian – Steve Hauschildt
 Service Officers - Robert Saddoris
 and Steve Hauschildt

We had the second reading of the proposed changes to the By-laws and the changes were approved by the General membership. Veterans Day on The Hill is coming up March 20, 2019. Tom Annonson is working on getting transportation lined up. Please contact Tom at (218) 251-3025 as soon as possible if you plan on going the clothing program is still doing an excellent job. We've called off a couple of our Tuesday work days due to the extreme cold. We could always use more help. We meet at the Headquarters at 8:00 a.m. if you are interested.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. Thanks, Mike Zimmerman

AUXILIARY UNIT

Greetings Auxiliary Members, I have missed you all these past few months. I hope you had a happy holiday season and were able to stay warm during the cold months. It has been a cold long winter, but the days are getting longer and warmer and spring will be here before we know it. The month of March will bring us back to resuming our regular meetings for the year, starting on the 18th at 7 PM in the DAV HQ building. We will be holding our election of Officers at this meeting so we need as many members there that can possibly make it to have a fitting quorum.



Hope to see you there. Sara Gast

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Justice, Mercy and Grace, we have been looking at these three for the past several months in a variety of ways as the three apply to all of us. All of us know that nobody is perfect, but as veterans, we see the difficulties this brings into our own personal lives and yes, even into the lives of our Veteran Service Organizations (DAV, VFW, American Legion, AMVETS and many others - all veterans - all Americans). This is where chaplains, other veterans, and good interpersonal relationships, help us to navigate our past, present and hopefully, future situations - regardless of the challenges. We can see this in the scriptures when Jesus was talking to the religious authorities (Pharisees and High Priests) who were challenging His authority (Mathew 21:23-46). Crazy. As we can see Jesus is answering their question specifically (verse 27) but continues to expand the conversation and issue even more (verses 28-44). Needless to say, the religious authorities were not happy with the truth Jesus told them (verses 45 - 46). We see all the issues of justice, mercy and grace, but we also see two other issues too (verse 29), obedience and repentance (changing direction). Notice we receive justice, mercy and grace from God, who in turn, is looking for repentance and obedience from us. This is the story of the entire Bible. Yet notice Jesus talks about people who are scandalous (verse 31) going into the Kingdom of God before people who have an ("I'm better than you because") attitude. Why are we looking at this issue? Simple, because it involves a deeper truth that involves a wonderful hope for all of us, no matter what we have been through.

As you may recall last month, we looked at Adam and Eve, when God clothed them with animal skins. Some scholars see this as the very first sacrifice for disobeying God with the first set of priestly garments in The Bible. As mentioned before, nobody is perfect, this includes the church, but God is looking at us as a nation of priests through the sacrifice of Jesus' death. What did God do? He sent us His Son, Jesus Christ who glorified God on earth (John 17:4) and died on a cross as the final sacrifice (payment or consequence) for our disobedience towards God (Daniel 9:26a), hence Jesus' statement "It is finished" (John 19:30) refers back to Daniel 9:26a, "... Messiah will be 'cut off', but not for himself".... Yes, there are different views that scholars have regarding Daniel 9. One view is that Daniel provides a chronological, or sequence of events, that takes place between the rebuilding of Jerusalem's second temple and wall to Jesus (Messiah) arrival on earth. There were many people who saw Jesus as the Jewish Messiah, but many did not. Kind of sounds like today doesn't it? Just as Daniel describes the events leading up to Jesus' (Messiah) arrival on earth the first time. Jesus describes events leading up to His return to earth (Matthew 25). More on this, rapture and outer darkness next month.

There are many views and attitudes regarding the events leading up to and including Jesus return. There are many specific examples to describe these events (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21), which are really an extension of Daniel 7 with an overall view of human history (and future) seen in Daniel 2. Scholars show the Book of Revelation provides additional details regarding our future not known to Daniel, yet at the same time, there are themes in the Book of Daniel that continue throughout the Book of Revelation. God does not reveal these events all at once, but over the course of time. The Holy Spirit reveals to us what we need to know, on a need to know basis. Sound familiar? As mention before there are many views regarding these subjects and it is important to respect the views of others, because in the end we are all in the process of learning and accountable to God.

If you have a need or want to talk, call me at (218) 308-3927.

Mike Gutz



UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

Turkey Hunt – April 30- May 2
Ely Fishing – May 20-23

Trolling for the Troops Fishing – June 6-8
Deer Hunt – October 8-10

The Minnesota DAV Department's Outdoor program has scheduled their upcoming events and posted them on their website. Check them out at: <https://davmn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/>



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- Former Akeley VFW parking lot, arriving approx. 0640 Hrs. and departing 10 minutes later.
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Please Email me your information before the 15th of March so that I can add your names to my list. your information must contain the following:

- Name(s) of everyone planning to join us.
- Email address of participant(s) for ease of passing on additional info.
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