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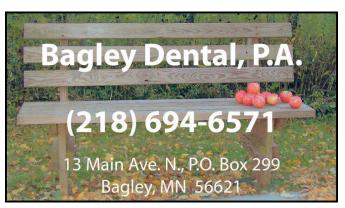
Monthly Newsletter April 2019

North Central MN Chapter #7 PO Box 564 Bemidii, MN 56619

#### NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, April 15th at 6pm







#### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

COMMANDER: Mike Zimmerman - (218) 556-4633

SENIOR VICE: Joe Vene - (218) 556-5478

JUNIOR VICE: Gene Schwantes
ADIUTANT: David Myers

SERVICE OFFICERS: Robert Saddoris and Steve Hauschildt

TREASURER: Scotty Allison

CHAPLAIN: Mike Gutz - (218) 444-5015 CHAPLAIN (ALT.): Bruce Holden - (218) 467-3591 JUDGE ADVOCATE: Bruce Holden - (218) 467-3591

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bruce Tiegen
OFFICER OF THE DAY: Glenn Aagard
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Joe Vene

HISTORIAN: Steve Hauschildt

EXEC. COMMITTEE: Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz

Steve Hauschildt

#### **ATTENTION CHAPTER #7 MEMBERS!**

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND FROM NOW FORWARD the General membership meetings held on the third (3rd) Monday of every month will be "Called to Order" at 1800 Hrs. (6 P.M.) instead of 1900 Hrs. (7 P.M.), starting with the April 15th, 2019 meeting.

## **UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS**

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 18th - Old Glory Run

May 27th - Memorial Day

June 2nd - Ride for the Troops

June 14th - Flag Day

June 16th - Father's Day

July 4th - Independence Day



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

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on March 18 2019 at 1900.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if quorum is present:

OFFICERS			
Commander	Mike Zimmerman	Present	
Senior Vice Commander	Joe Vene	Present	
Junior Vice Commander	Vacant	N/A	
Adjutant	David Myers	Present	
Treasurer	Geri Harvey	Present	
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present	
Judge Advocate	Bruce Holden	Present	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Excused	
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused	
Historian	Steve Hauschildt	Present	

- B. Members present: 34
- C. Introduction of guests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers:
  - Guests/Visitors: Commander Gerald Knutson and Adjutant Elizabeth Knutson from the new chapter in Roseau.
  - Prospective new members: John Henjum, and Kenneth Buel
  - Transfers in: Billy Wood. Transfer approved by general membership.
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of February 18 2019 were read. Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Wood. Carried.
- E. Financial Report: 1-28 February 2019, Report given by Jeri Harvey. Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, 2nd Billy Wood. Carried
- F. New Member Obligation: None
- G. Communications:
  - A letter from the State Atty Generals Office acknowledging receipt of the 2018 Annual Report;
  - 2) A \$20.00 donation from a grateful citizen;
  - A thank you letter from the VAHCS director, thanking us for our donation of \$500.00 to the Recreation/Activity fund of the Fargo VA;
  - 4) A thank you letter from the Ride For The Troops Committee thanking us for our donation of \$750.00;
  - 5) A letter from the Middle River Veterans outdoors letting us know that they are in the process of purchasing a tracked wheelchair;
  - 6) A letter from the Chief of Voluntary services of the Fargo VA for our contribution of \$350.00 for holiday meals:
  - A thank you letter from the Ralph Gracie Post 14 of the American Legion for our donation of \$250.00 for their Honor Guard.
- H. Committee Reports:
  - 1) Membership Report: John Henjum, and Kenneth Buel; 1 transfer member Billy Wood
  - 2) Service Officer Report: Working with the spouse of a veteran
  - 3) Legislative Report: Heard a report on the developments in the Bemidji Veterans Home. As of 23 March,

all matching funds must be received and held in escrow. We have pledges in the amount of \$2,305,826.00. Altogether, 42,000,000.00 has be set aside. Construction is tentatively set to begin in December 2020.

- 4) Hospital Chaplain Report:
  - 4 visits made to various hospitals and nursing homes.
  - ii) Ward Sutton was driven to and from Fargo and underwent Surgery to have a tumor removed
- 5) Entertainment: No report
- 6) Fundraising committee: Gun Show at the Armory on the 23/24 of March.
- 7) Newsletter Committee: Articles need to be in by Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost of mailing is going to go up due to increase in price by the USPS.
- 8) Medical Equipment:
- Distributed: 10 Items
- Received: 5 Items

#### 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:

# CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION

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.

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.

#### **BYLAWS**

ARTICLE 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CONT.)

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 Ex-

ecutive 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**

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**

- 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).
- 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
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.

Having been read three times, we will entertain a motion from the floor to accept the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE Department for approval. Motion made by Robert Saddoris, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Carried.

#### J. New Business:

- 1. Robert Saddoris and Tom Annonson are planning to attend the National convention in Orlando Florida. The dates are: 08/03/2019 08/06/2019.
- Scotty Allison brought it to everyone's attention that outgoing Treasurer Jeri Harvey had worked much harder during her tenure as treasurer than anyone knew.

#### K. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. Commander would like to change our general meeting time from 1900 to 1800. This will be taken to the general membership at the next regular chapter meeting.

Motion was made by Scotty Allison to change the meeting hours, effective immediately. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Billy Wood. Carried. THIS MEANS THAT THE NEXT REGULAR



#### **MEETING (APRIL) WILL BEGIN AT 1800.**

2. Several members have asked that we get remote garage door openers for the building. Bruce Holden is tasked with gathering information.

This is primarily an info item, with the caveat that we have found an older remote that functions, and has been placed in the truck.

3. The new chapter starting in Roseau needs at least \$1000.00 to help get set up. Motion was made by Jeri Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hauschildt. Carried. This will be taken to the general membership at the next general meeting.

Motion was made by Andy Staudt, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scotty Allison. Carried.

#### L. Good of the Order:

Ron Kaiser informed us that the Vietnam Veterans Dinner will be held at 5 pm at the Bagley VFW on the 30th of March.

#### M. Installation of Officers:

The Commander asked "If there is no objection, we will dispense with all business except the installation of Officers. Hearing none, it is so ordered."

At this point, Commander Zimmerman introduced Past Commander Bruce Holden, who will serve as the installing officer.

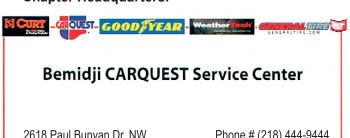
The Following Officers were installed for the Ensuing year:

- > Commander: Mike Zimmerman
- Senior Vice Commander: Joe Vene
- > Junior Vice Commander: Gene Schwantes
- Adjutant: David Myers
- Treasurer: Scotty Allison
- Chaplain: Mike Gutz
- > Judge Advocate: Bruce Holden
- Sergeant- at-Arms: Bruce Tiegen
- > Officer of the Day: Glen Aagard
- > Historian: Steve Hauschildt
- Chapter Service Officers: Steve Hauschildt, Robert Saddoris
- Executive Committee at Large members: Bruce Tiegen, Steve Hauschildt, Mike Gutz; and Tom Annonson as an alternate executive committee member

After the installation was completed, Past Commander Bruce Holden turned the gavel back over to Commander Zimmerman. Commander Zimmerman reopened the meeting for the purpose of the closing ceremony.

N. Motion to adjourn: Made by Billy Wood. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Siats. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours. The next meeting will be held on 15 April 2019 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.



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#### **COMMANDERS CORNER**

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the Spring weather. I'm ready for summer and warmer weather.

The election of Chapter Officers and Executive Committee members was held at the meeting on 18 March and then they and the Appointees were sworn in. We are all looking forward to serving you during our term in office.

There is a new Chapter starting in the Northern part of Minnesota. They are alternating every other month between Roseau and Middle River for their meetings. Their next meeting will be April 16, 2019 in Middle River at the American Legion starting at 6 pm. They will be receiving their Charter that night so if you can attend to help them get started, I am sure they would appreciate the support. They will also be hosting a meal starting at 5:00 pm.

The Clothing program is in full swing with garage sales happening already, I have 4 more already scheduled for pick-up. If you know of anyone having a garage sale and they would like for us to pick up their donatable items have them call me as soon as possible so we can get it scheduled.

We had a total of 34 people join the bus ride down to the Capitol in St. Paul for the Veterans on the Hill day event. We had members and spouses from the DAV, VFW, American Legion and their respective Auxiliaries represented. It was my first time going and I learned a lot. I would encourage more people to go next year. It's a long day but it's very well worth it as we get to have our representatives in the State Legislature hear our united voices concerning Veterans issues that they are about to address during their upcoming agenda.

Some upcoming events for the outdoor program:

Disabled American Veterans Turkey Hunt- 4/30-5/2/2019

Ely Fly Fishing- 5/20-5/23/2019

You can go on the Department website and get the applications filled out to go plus see what other events they have coming up.

Thank You.

Mike Zimmerman



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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# 2019 - BEMIDJI VAN - 2019 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES



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#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A long time ago, on a peninsula far-far away, in the "land of morning calm," performing armed defensive security duties as a military policeman, in the early morning at the end of the midnight shift, it was bitterly cold, freezing and I was waiting. Waiting for what you might ask? Waiting for my shift to end? Waiting for this tour of duty (foreign assignment) to end? Waiting for a potential invasion from the North Koreans with supplemental orders to follow, or for Jesus Christ to return? The answer is, waiting for all four, but there was one thing all of us who were there did not have to wait for, the arrival of the Russian winter weather from Siberia. You may ask the question, what happened to the continuing article about Justice, Mercy and Grace? Last month as mentioned we were going to look at the return of Christ and what is meant by outer darkness. Well, in answer to your question - here it is because here we go.

We will do this as a continuation of the discussion in last month's article (March 2019) when we were discussing Jesus's answer about His authority to the Pharisees and High Priests (Matthew 21:23-46). As mentioned last month, Jesus not only answered their specific question (Matthew 21:27) but continued to expand the issue and bring it full circle in His conversation back to them (Matthew 21:28-46). It is very important to look at and understand the Pharisees and High Priests response (Mathew 21:45-46), because in this article on Justice, Mercy and Grace, we will look at the way Jesus continues to connect with the same Pharisees and High Priests as part of the same conversation, but using a different parable (Mathew 22:1). There have been volumes of books written about this parable (Matthew 22:2-15) with the response of the same Pharisees and High Priests in Mathew 21. We want to understand the parable's meaning in the context of the people Jesus is talking with (Pharisees and High Priests), the rules for bible interpretation and to ensure our view (the way we look at the parable) is consistent with the rest of the scriptures (Old and New Testaments) in terms of God's purpose - creation and salvation.

The parable has to do with the way people (everyone) responds to God (Romans 1:17-32), and Jesus Christ (John 3:16-20) through the Holy Spirit (John 14:16), which includes the plan God has in gathering into the air to meet Christ (I Thessalonians 4:16-17), all those (good and bad - Matthew 22:10) who positively respond to Him. Notice the Thessalonians, who came to know Christ (about AD 50), may have thought this already took place (II Thessalonians 2:3) about 17 years ago (about AD 33) at Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 27:52-53) during the earthquake (Matthew 27:51), which caused the Roman Soldiers who crucified Christ to realize Jesus was the Son of God (Matthew 27:54). Yet, Paul in his letters to the Thessalonians shows the resurrection of the dead people at Jesus' crucifixion (who went into Jerusalem showing themselves to many people) was not the gathering of God's people to meet Christ later in the air. Paul shows the Thessalonians the rapture (gathering of God's people in the air to meet Christ) is a future event. A picture of this is consistent with the Old Testament regarding Elijah (II Kings 2:11). Jesus' mention of the person being put out into outer darkness (Matthew 22:13-14) has been understood by some scholars as hell, or by others as going into the great tribulation. Yet another view has to do with Jesus' audience. The Pharisees and High Priests, who may see the person in the parable as themselves (future generations) rejecting Jesus. Just like they would be the five foolish virgins as a picture of those not ready to wait a long time for Christ's return (Mathew 25). This rapture is God's ultimate Grace for those who wait patiently for Jesus.

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#### VETERANS ON THE HILL DAY BUS TRIP

On March 20th the bus left Bemidji at 0500 Hrs. with 15 Veterans and Spouses from the DAV, VFW, American Legion and their respective Auxiliaries. We picked up 4 more in Akeley from the Park Rapids area and then 16 more in Motley from the Brainard/Baxter area for a total of 34. We had 3 last minute cancelations due to illness and one no-show due to being called in to substitute teach. As you can see here, we are all bright and cheerful after the sun came up on our way down to St Paul for the planned brunch at the Armory and the program in the Capitol Rotunda.







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