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May 2019

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OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Glenn Aagard
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HISTORIAN:	Steve Hauschildt
EXEC. COMMITTEE:	Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz Steve Hauschildt

ATTENTION CHAPTER #7 MEMBERS!

The General membership meetings are now being
"Called to Order" at 1800 Hrs. (6 P.M.)
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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

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 - Bemidji, MN

June 14th - Flag Day 

June 16th - Father's Day

July 4th - Independence Day

July TBA - Blueberry Festival - Lake George, MN

July 27th - Wood Carvers Festival - Blackduck, MN

July 31st - Aug 4th - Clearwater County Fair - Bagley, MN

Aug 7th-11th - Beltrami County Fair - Bemidji, MN

Sept 2nd - Labor Day 

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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON APRIL 15, 2019 AT 1800 HOURS.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on April 15, 2019 at 1800 hours.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

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

Commander	Mike Zimmerman	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Joe Vene	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present
Adjutant	David Myers	Present
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Bruce Holden	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Steve Hauschildt	Excused

B. Members present: 13.

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

1. Guests/Visitors: None
2. Prospective new members: None
3. Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of March 18, 2019 were read.

Motion to approve by Andy Staudt, 2nd James Williamson. Carried.

E. Financial Report for 1-31 March 2019: Report given by Scotty Allison.

Motion to approve by Darrel Baltzell, 2nd Andy Staudt. Carried

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications:

- 1) A \$50.00 donation with a note thanking us for the ride to the veteran's day on the hill
- 2) A letter from the Fargo VA thanking us for our donation of coffee and refreshments to the Bemidji CBOC.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: No report given.
2. Service Officer Report: No report given.
3. Legislative Report: Everything has been done locally that can be done for the Veteran's Home. We are waiting on a green light from the Federal Government.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): 2 Hospital visits, 2 transportations, 1 nursing home visit.

5. Entertainment: No report given.

6. Fundraising committee: The Gun Show forget me not fundraiser at the Armory brought in \$1,873.00. The next fundraising event on the horizon is the Ride for the Troops on June 2.

7. Newsletter Committee: Articles need to be turned in by Friday the 19th.

8. Medical Equipment:

a. Distributed: 11

b. Received: 6

I. Old Business: None

J. New Business:

1. The MN Department of the DAV put on a meal and program at the Silver Bay Veteran's home. Commander Zimmerman attended.
2. The new Rousseau Chapter will receive its charter on Tuesday the 16th of April. Anyone who can spare the time is encouraged to attend.
3. The following members were appointed to the Budget Committee: Andy Staudt, Bruce Holden, and Darrel Baltzell.
4. The Scholarship Committee will meet on Tuesday the 16th of April, at 0900, to select the winners of the scholarships.
5. Treasurer Scotty Allison brought up the need to set some stronger guidelines on how to give to a veteran in need. This is necessary because of people who keep coming back for additional help. The treasurer is tasked with drafting a proposal, which will be discussed at the executive board.

K. Executive Committee Action Items

1. Garage Door openers and repair. This will cost approximately \$1,161.00 for repairs, and the installation of 2 new openers for the medical equipment bldg. Scotty Allison made the motion that we recommend approval and take this to the general membership for approval. 2nd by Bruce Tiegen. Carried. This will be taken to the 15 April regular meeting.

Darrel Baltzell made the motion to approve the expenditure. Bruce Tiegen 2nd. Carried.

L. Good of the Order: None

M. *Motion to adjourn by Andy Staudt. 2nd by Darrel Baltzell. Motion Carried.*

- 1) The meeting was adjourned at 1844 hours.
- 2) The next meeting will be held on 20 May 2019 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

NEW NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA DAV CHAPTER 41

What a great meeting at the Middle River Legion Post on the 16th of April for the newest DAV Chapter. Two area Legislators, State Senator Mark Johnson and State Representative Dan Fabian, who are strong supporters of Veterans, and 4 CVSOs from out of the 5 or 6 counties that will be in Chapter 41's "working area" were there to show their support.

To have Dept. Adj. Stephen Whitehead, Chapter 7 Cmdr. Mike Zimmerman, Dept Jr. Vice Cmdr. Tom Annonson and Past Dept. Cmdr. Saddoris there to also show their support and commitment to ensure that this Chapter will "grow and last for the long haul" as Adj. Whitehead put it, speaks volumes for them and the DAV.

Northwestern Minnesota DAV Chapter 41 will be alternating their General Membership meetings between the Middle River Legion Post and the Roseau Masonic Lodge every other month with the May meeting being in Roseau. Meals are served at 6 P.M. and the meetings begin at 7P.M.



L-R State Rep. Dan Fabian, Chapter 41 Cmdr. Jerald Knutson, Chapter 41 Adj. Elizabeth Knutson, Dept Adj. Stephen "Butch" Whitehead, State Senator Mark Johnson



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Hello Everyone.

Hope that you all are doing well and getting ready for the summer weather. Some of our snowbirds are coming back up North and I welcome them home.

Chapter 41, the new Chapter in the Roseau and Middle River is an official Chapter. May 21st they will receive their charter and have their officers sworn in. They will meet in Roseau that Night at the Masonic Lodge.

April 26 & 27 is the DAV State Convention and we will come back with good information on the up-coming events and information for the chapter. We have 7 members attending.

May 20-23, 2019 is the Ely Fishing Trip. If you are interested, please go to the MN DAV site and get registered.

The Clothing Program is starting to pick up with the Garage Sale season starting. If you can volunteer, we are at the headquarters on Tuesday mornings from 8-11 am.

Sincerely,

Mike Zimmerman

UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The last several months we have been looking at the justice, mercy and grace of God. Last month we looked at grace in terms of waiting for God to gather us together in the clouds to meet Christ in the air (I Thessalonians 4:13-18). Being gathered together to meet Christ in the air brings with it a wonderful sense of encouragement. At one time we were all enemies of God (Romans 5:10), yet to actually see the justice, mercy and grace of God working throughout history and specifically in Christ reconciling us to God is hard to express with words. Jesus said he will not leave or forsake us, meaning he never quits on us, especially when we face a very real adversary (I Corinthians 4:4, Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28 and John 10:10). This month we are looking at the hard part, waiting. Patience for most of us does not come easy. Yet Jesus says for all of us to wait patiently for His return and for God to set up His kingdom here on earth (Daniel 2, 7, Revelation 21, 22).

So, what do we do in the meantime while waiting? One thing we can do is keep the patience of Job in mind (James 5:11). The context here has to do with loyalty. Job was incredibly loyal to God, while enduring all the hardships from Satan that is common to people here on earth. Yet in the end, Job realizes God brings good things into the lives of His people because He really cares. This brings to mind a parable Jesus mentions about waiting, and it is interesting because the audience of this parable (Luke 20:9-19) recognized Jesus was speaking about them (Luke 20:19). Jesus was describing His audience in their response to waiting for the Messiah - not a good response at all. As a result, waiting for Jesus' (Messiah) return has been known to the entire world for quite some time now. Some people's response to waiting for Christ is good, while the response of others (such as those in Luke 20:19) is not good.

Something else we can do while waiting for Jesus' return is to pray. There are two specific prayers: 1) being worthy to escape many of the future events mentioned in Luke 21, Matthew 24, Mark 13 and be able to stand in front of Christ (Luke 21:36): 2) pray for everything Jesus mentions (God's name in heaven, arrival of God's kingdom on earth, forgiveness, and protect us from evil - specifically the evil one - Satan) that is important (Matthew 6:9-13). A person may ask what does being worthy mean in the first prayer? The word "worthy" does not have anything to do with merit, as if to earn something, rather it is the English translation for a Greek word, which means deserving, in the sense of loyalty to Christ, which includes perseverance to the end - the same character qualities as Job. Keeping all this in mind, the ultimate purpose for us on earth while we are waiting is to do good things for others that comes from out of a desire to please Christ. This can be a part of our daily lifestyle as we stay connected with others through positive relationships, while always keeping things in perspective, some times it is good to keep the big picture in mind, not only in our own lives as veterans, but also in terms of how God sees us through Christ too - remembering the compliment God gave about Job (Job 1:1-8). This can also be seen as part of our purpose in life, that is, keeping in touch with others, events and activities that make you a unique person.

In closing, our chapter has a hospital committee consisting of several individuals, many of our interactions are based on interpersonal relationships and members of our hospital committee are here to help you. Anyone of us can be contacted in the event you are in need or would simply like to talk: Pastor Dave Meyers, Randy Hanevold, Ward Sutton, Bruce Holden, as well as Julie and myself.

Blessings,
Mike Gutz

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DAV CHAPTER 7 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As many of you know, Chapter 7 recently approved a scholarship program, and assigned a committee. The committee consisted of three members: Past Commander Andy Staudt, Past Commander Bruce Holden, and Adjutant David Myers. The committee met once to set up the program, and again to approve and promulgate it. Two separate scholarships were offered. The first was a thousand-dollar scholarship for the summer semester of 2019, and the second was for three one thousand-dollar scholarships for the school year 2019/2020. On Monday, 15 April, the committee met to select the recipients. For the Summer 2019 Scholarship, Ms. Ariel Tix was selected.

Ms. Tix's goal is to be a pediatric physician. She graduated from Bemidji State University last year with a degree in Biology, with a concentration in Medical Science. From July 2019 to June 2020, she will be participating in a program called the Medical Missions Gap Year, where she will spend the first half of the year taking courses toward a certificate in Primary Health Care, and the second half of the year serving onboard a medical ship to help set up clinics in Papua New Guinea. A worthy goal, and our scholarship will definitely help her achieve it!

For the 2019/2020 scholarship program, the following people were selected: Ms. Elizabeth Corradi, Mr. Jackson Sturk, and Ms. Emily Holler.

Ms. Corradi will graduate FROM Bemidji High School this year, and has been accepted to Concordia College, in Moorhead Minnesota. She plans to study BioChemistry, with a goal of becoming a physician.

Mr. Sturk will graduate this year from Bemidji High School and has been accepted to the University of Minnesota at Duluth to study Chemical Engineering.

Ms. Holler is a senior at Bemidji High School. She has been accepted at Bemidji State University, where she will study Biology. Her goal is to become a Dentist.

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