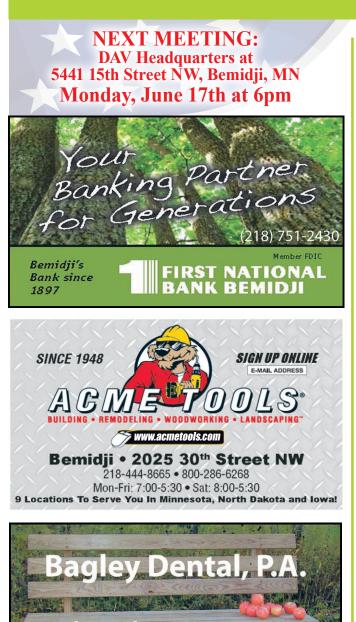


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### **ATTENTION CHAPTER #7 MEMBERS!**

The General membership meetings are now being "Called to Order" at 1800 Hrs. (6 P.M.) instead of 1900 Hrs. (7 P.M.).



## THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON MAY 20TH, 2019 AT 1800.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on May 20<sup>th, 2019 at 1800.</sup>

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mike Zimmerman	Present
Joe Vene	Present
Gene Schwantes	Present
David Myers	Present
Scotty Allison	Present
Mike Gutz	Present
Bruce Holden	Present
Bruce Tiegen	Present
Glen Aagard	Absent
Steve Hauschildt	Excused
	Joe Vene Gene Schwantes David Myers Scotty Allison Mike Gutz Bruce Holden Bruce Tiegen Glen Aagard

- B. Members present: 20
- 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 April 15, 2019 were read. Motion to approve made by Randy Hanevold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Staudt. Carried.
- E. Financial Report for 1-30 April 2019: Report given by Scotty Allison (See enclosure). *Motion to approve made by Steve Siats, 2nd by Ron Kaiser. Carried*
- F. New Member Obligation: None
- G. Communications:
  - 1. A flyer about the Minnesota Veterans Home Choir performing the National Anthem at Target field on Saturday, August 102019
  - 2. A letter from the Fargo VA thanking us for our donation of coffee and refreshments to the Bemidji CBOC.
  - 3. Two letters from the MN DAV Department thanking us for our donation of \$250.00 to Stephen Whitehead's National Higher Office Candidacy.
  - 4. A letter from the MN DAV Department thanking us for our donation of \$750.00 to the foundation.
  - 5. A letter from the MN DAV Department thanking us for our donation of \$500.00 to the foundation.
  - 6. A thank you note from a veteran who we helped with the purchase and installation of a new hot water heater.
  - 7. A donation of \$20.00
  - 8. A thank you letter from one of our scholarship recipients, Mr. Jackson Struck.
  - 9. A \$20.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dahl in honor of their son Tom, a US Army veteran. A donation of \$50.00.
- H. Committee Reports:
  - 1. Membership Report: Ms. Joy Eastman, Mr. Bruce Malterud
  - 2. Service Officer Report: No report given
  - 3. Legislative Report: Heard a report on the progress of the Bemidji Veterans Home.

- 4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress):
  - i. 2 Hospital visits
  - ii. 2 Nursing home visits
  - iii. 2 telephonic visits
- 5. Entertainment: No report
- Fundraising Committee: Next event is the Ride for the Troops on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Starts at Marketplace at 0800, ends at the Eagles whenever they arrive there.
- 7. Newsletter Committee: Need all articles by the 24th.
- 8. Medical Equipment:
  - iv. Distributed: 19 Items
  - v. Received: 8 Items
- I. Old Business: None
- J. New Business:
  - 1. Commander reports that we received \$2500.00 from the Department Executive Board. This was a donation to be used to help local veterans exclusively.
  - 2. Commander reports that we received a clothing program bonus check of \$20,672.96.
  - 3. Commander discussed the status of the insurance claim from the accident he had in December of 2018. The insurance company is suing the person who hit the commander to recover \$1,000.00.
  - 4. The Budget committee met and prepared the budget. Scotty Allison read the budget, and Commander Zimmerman called for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Randy Hanevold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Tiegen. Motion carried.
  - 5. Ron Kaiser informed us that his PTSD Awareness group was putting on a presentation and free meal at the Eagles at 1200 on the 23rd of June. Bruce Tiegen made the motion that we donate \$100.00 to help pay for the food. 2nd by Andy Staudt.
  - 6. Commander Zimmerman explained some recent changes to the clothing program. Specifically, that Fargo and Sioux Falls would no longer accept donations from the DAV.

#### K. Executive Committee Action Items

Commander gave a report on the back-parking lot. We had voted to have the lot paved in the spring, after we received this year's bonus check. We set aside \$9150.00 and need another \$7,700.00 to complete the project. Scotty Allison made the motion to bring the issue before the General membership at the next regular meeting. Tom Annonson 2nd. Motion carried.

Commander Zimmerman explained why the black topping needs to be done. Our former Treasurer explained that the money we set aside had passed the time limit and been placed back into the general funds account. So, a total of \$16,850.00 is necessary. Randy Hanevold made the motion to get the work done, 2nd by Bruce Tiegen. Motion carried.

L. Good of the Order: Tom Annonson brought up several events that will be taking place. Memorial Day (May 27<sup>th</sup>) at Greenwood Cemetery, and Flag Day (June 14th) at Ralph Gracie park.

# M. Motion to adjourn: *Made by Andy Staudt. 2nd by Bruce Tiegen. Motion Carried.*

- 1. The meeting was adjourned at 1846 hours.
- 2. The next meeting will be held on 17 June 2019 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

## **COMMANDERS CORNER**

#### Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone's summer is going well in spite of all the rain. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

Chapter 41 Officers were sworn in on May 21, 2019. They received their charter and now are an official Minnesota DAV Chapter. Jerald and I will be meeting in the weeks to come to figure out our corresponding Chapter coverage areas. We will lose some area but I'm glad to know that there is now a Chapter up North for the veterans in that area.

Our clothing program is still going strong. The Savers stores in Fargo, ND and Sioux City, IA are no longer taking any deliveries from any Minnesota DAV chapters. The Department has worked out a plan with Savers to locate semi-trailers in several centralized towns to help the Chapters that are affected by this change. Also, the Department has contracted with another company to pick up semi loads of excess clothing that Savers can't take.

We can always use more volunteers on Tuesday mornings at the Chapter Headquarters for the clothing program.

Summer Picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 24, 2019 at the Chapter Headquarters. It will be from 12-4 pm like in the past. Meal will be Brats, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Beans, Potato Salad, and Coleslaw. Come for a day of just relaxing and socializing.

Hopefully by the time of our picnic our back lot will be blacktopped so it will be nice and smooth and no dirt.

Sincerely, Mike Zimmerman

### **AUXILIARY CORNER**

#### Greetings Auxiliary Members:

Happy spring and Hello Summer! Thank you for those that was able to make it to Monday's meeting on May 20, 2019. We will not meet in June, but will resume July 15th at 6:00.

We would like to congratulate our junior member Mya Eichstadt on your high school graduation. She has been involved in our community, high school activities and 4-H. We thank her for assisting the DAV and DAV Auxiliary at the Beltrami County Fair Booth each year. We would also like to congratulate our past DAV Auxiliary Commander Elizabeth Edwards on her upcoming wedding on June 1st. Thank you for your service to the DAV Auxiliary. Best wishes to booth Mya and Elizabeth.

Our next meeting is on July 15th, at the DAV building, hope to see you there.

Sara Gast



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Last month we were looking at the current time we all live in (regardless of faith), while waiting for the return of Christ. This is not to say everyone is expecting or wanting the return of Christ. Some people are gladly expecting his return, while for others this is not a concern, and many could care less. There are many issues relating to whether a person expects Jesus' return; one issue is belief - whether or not a person believes He is the Jewish Messiah, another issue is relationship - how genuine is their relationship with Christ. There are a lot of discussions about these considerations, some of those conversation are genuinely helpful, while others are not. A person's anticipation and expectation of Christ's return is something only that person and Jesus can address. On that note, over the next few months, let's look at some of these considerations and discussions in light of the scriptures. We will be considering such issues as:

- 1. God's Goal What has God accomplished, is accomplishing, and will accomplish?
- 2. Time and Culture Does the Bible reflect the time we live in now, and how can this relate to our current culture?
- 3. Personality and Authentic Relationships with Christ What about individual personalities relating to the manner you respond to God and others? An example may be - are you a task orientated person who initiates things (demanding, decisive, controlling), or on the other side of the spectrum, a people orientated person who responds to things (calming, sincere, easy going). An observation - each personality has both positive and negative attributes, but all personalities under the influence of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22), while responding to God, brings blessings to others, while enriching their relationship with Christ.
- 4. Integrity and Authentic Relationships with Christ. What do the scriptures reflect about a person's true relationship with Christ? This really does involve integrity. There are so many military veterans with integrity who serve with honor, yet there are those who are copycats (stolen valor) and who are not veterans at all. Just as there are stolen valor issues, there are false relationships with Christ too (Matthew 7:15-29)

The above considerations will be presented in a positive and informative manner. No doubt some of these issues have been controversial. There have been volumes written about the many facets concerning these issues, which has actually created quite a bit of concern for many people over the years. One observation has to do with the intense deception that seems to be so prevalent in our world. This deception actually is not new (Genesis 3), although it continues to develop. Some examples of this deception can be found in the functioning of our political system that really puts a black mark on those who truly are wanting to be honest and do their best. This goes for any career where integrity and trust are vital, such as retail - employee theft, law enforcement - internal affair investigations, accounting - tax evasion, education - standards compromised, and clergy - religious abuse. As a result, while looking at these issues over the next few months, keep in mind the purpose is not for someone to falsely accuse anyone in particular of an improper relationship with Christ, nor is it appropriate for any person who has a genuine relationship with Christ to question or second guess their relationship.

Before closing I would like to announce a PTSD Awareness Lunch and Presentation at Noon, Sunday, June 23rd, at the Eagles club, 1270 Neilson Avenue SE, Bemidji, MN. Hope to see you there.

Mike Gutz (218) 308-3927.





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## **CHAPTER 41 MINUTES**

#### THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTHWEST MINNESOTA CHAPTER #41 MET IN ROSEAU ON MAY 21, 2019 AT 1800 HOURS TO SHARE A MEAL AND 1900 HOURS REGULAR MEETING.

- 1. Members present: 11
- 2. Guests: 4
- 3. Prospective New Members: 1
- 4. Transfer In: 1
- 5. Chapter Charter was presented by Scott Berendt, MN DAV Sate Commander 2019 2020.
- 6. Swearing in of new officers by Scott Berendt, MN DAV State Commander 2019 2020.
- 7. Minutes of Previous Meeting: April 16th, 2019 were read by Elizabeth Knutson. Motion to accept minutes made by Gordon Huerd and 2nd by Wes Pederson. Motion carried.
- 8. Recommendation for appointment to accept Elizabeth Knutson as chapter adjutant. Accepted and carried.
- 9. Constitution and bylaws: It was decided copies will be made of the first draft to be presented at the upcoming chapter meeting on 18 June 2019 in Middle River.
- 10. Bank: As a new chapter, there are many forms to file. And the chapter must receive an EIN number from the IRS. Our EIN number arrived yesterday, May 20th, 2019. Discussion by the members agreed Border State Bank has many locations in NW MN and would be most convenient to access. Also discussed bank fees and inquiring of Border State Banks relationship with nonprofit groups. We do not want to pay for every transaction conducted. If they are a

- good fit for the DAV chapter, we will open an account.
- 11. Presentation:
- 12. Greg Remus presented a check for \$ 1,000 from Park Rapids Chapter# 38
- 13. Mike Zimmerman presented a check for \$ 1,000 from Bemidji Chapter# 7
- 14. Thank you, Bemidji and Park Rapids, for startup money. This allows us to pay the fees for the many forms required for startup. Required framing of the Chapters charter and the thank you from the MN Dept of Veterans for the \$2500 jump start for the 50/50 program.
- 15. State Commander Scott Berndt spoke about the 50/50 program. Motion to participate in the 50/50 program made by Brett Brandon. 2nd by Wes Pederson. Motion carried.
- 16. Greg Remus and Mike Zimmerman spoke about the clothing program. Bemidji has 38 volunteers. The clothing program requires a huge commitment of time, volunteer power and costs.
- 17. Fundraising: Tom Annonson spoke about fundraising programs.
  - a. We were informed any fundraising must be put in as an official request.
  - b. Wes Pederson asked about other fundraisers. Forget Me Nots fundraising can only be done for 7 individual



days per year, and the money can only be used for Disabled Veterans and their families.

c. A fundraiser at the gun show raised eighteen hundred dollars in 2 days.

- d. Cloquet had a brat stand on opening fishing weekend that raised ten thousand dollars.
- 18. Newspaper coverage gets the word out.
- 19. Discussed DAV van and volunteer drivers.

- 20. The next meeting of Chapter #41 Northwestern Minnesota DAV will take place on June 18th, 2019 at the Middle River American Legion. 1800 hours supper and 1900 hours meeting. DAV members, their families, drivers, and visitors welcome. Join us to share a meal and attend the meeting.
- 21. Motion was made and 2nded to adjourn. a. The meeting was adjourned.

# NORTHWESTERN MN DAV CHAPTER #41 UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

June 18th	American Legion building Middle River, MN
July 16th	Masonic Lodge – Roseau, MN
August 20th	American Legion building Middle River, MN
September 17th	Masonic Lodge - Roseau, MN
	American Legion building Middle River, MN
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Join us on the third Tuesday of every month for supper at 1800 Hrs. and the meeting at 1900 Hrs.

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