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July 2019

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, July 15th at 6pm



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| ADJUTANT: | David Myers |
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| 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: | Vacant |
| EXEC. COMMITTEE: | Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Tom Annonson |

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.).

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

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 2nd - 7th - DAV National Convention

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

Aug 24th - Chapter #7 Summer Picnic

Sept 2nd - Labor Day

Sept 18th - U.S. Air Force's Birthday

Sept 25th - MACV Stand Down



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON JUNE 17, 2019 AT 1800.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on June 17, 2019 at 1800.

- > 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 | Vacant | Excused |

B. Members present: 17

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 May 20, 2019 were read. *Motion to approve by Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Carried.*

E. Financial Report for 1-30 April 2019: Report given by Scotty Allison. *Motion to approve by Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Carried*

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications:

1. A twenty-dollar donation from a regular donor
2. A thank you from the In-Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club for our donation of \$100.00 to their PTSD Awareness day BBQ
3. A thank you letter from the Veterans on the Lake Resort for our donation of \$500.00
4. A thank you notes from two of our scholarship awardees, Ms. Elizabeth Corradi, and Mr. Jason Sturk
5. A thank you from a young national guardsman who returned from deployment and was assisted with automotive repairs
6. A thank you letter from Ft. Snelling National Cemetery for our donation of \$300.00.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: 3 new members (2 full, 1 part); Mr. Keith Buell, Ms. Joy Eastman, and Mr. Larry Lief
2. Service Officer Report: 3 Veterans Assisted in various capacities
3. Legislative Report: Scotty Allison gave a report on several items before the government, including an update on the Blue Water Navy act.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report: No report given.
5. Entertainment: Picnic will be August 24, from 1-4 pm. Menu was discussed.
6. Fundraising committee: Discussed the need to set up a few more fundraisers.
7. Newsletter Committee: Need to have articles in by Friday the 24th
8. Medical Equipment:
 - i) Distributed: 7 Items
 - ii) Received: 1 Item

I. Old Business: None

J. New Business:

1. Now that Steve Hauschildt has officially taken a job in southern Minnesota, he has been removed from his elected and appointed positions. Commander Zimmerman is looking for another historian, and Tom Annonson will become a regular member (vice alternate) of the Executive committee.

2. Jeri Harvey brought up the need to appoint and audit committee. The following members were appointed: Bruce Holden, Darrel Baltzell, Andy Staudt.

K. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. Commander pay equal to Adjutant/Treasurer. Discussed paying the commander the same as the adjutant and the treasurer. Adjutant has been tasked to contact the department and ascertain if the is legal and ethical. Tabled.

The adjutant reported that the department adjutant stated that it was both legal and ethical. Gene Schwantes pointed out that the bylaws need to be changed before this can be approved. Tom Annonson made the motion to bring this issue before the general membership. 2nd by Scotty Allison.

This didn't go to the May general meeting. Adjutant will ensure that it goes to the June Regular Meeting. Randy Hanevold made the motion that we change the bylaws to reflect paying the commander as well as the adjutant and the Treasurer \$500.00. *Andy Staudt 2nd. Carried.*

2. Discussed several issues relating to convention attendance and reimbursement.

Tom Annonson, Robert Sadoris, and Ginger Edwards have requested funds to travel to the National Convention in Orlando, Florida (August 3-6). An E-Mail from the department adjutant detailed that matcing funds (up to \$600.00) were available.

In accordance with chapter #7 guidelines, no more than \$250.00 shall be given to any individual. Gene Schwantes made the motion that \$250.00 be made available to Robert Sadoris, Tom Annonson, and Ginger Edwards. *Scotty Allison 2nd. Carried*

At that time, the executive board discussed the need and desire to have our commander attend the conference. Gene Schwantes moved that \$600.00 be made available for our commander. *2nd by Scotty Allison. Carried.*

These decisions shall be brought forward as INFO ITEMS at the June Regular meeting.

Even though this was presented as an info item, quite a bit of discussion was generated. Andy Staudt wanted to know why we were paying more than \$250.00m for the commander. After explanation, he agreed with the decision.

Robert Sadoris then said that it was unfair to give the Commander \$600.00 and everyone else \$250.00. The adjutant tried to explain why this decision had been reached, but Mr. Sadoris was unwilling to listen to the adjutant. The Commander explained, and then Gene Schwantes explained as well.

L. Good of the Order:

1. Andy Staudt brought up an event that will take place on the 4th of July. There will be a 5K run for suicide prevention (formerly called the "Silkies" run), gathering for registration at 10:00, and starting at 11:00, at the statues of Paul and Babe downtown.

2. Discussed the need for volunteers to assist in building a ramp at the home of Rolly Lewis on the 20th of June.

M. Motion to adjourn: *Made by Steve Siats, 2nd by Geri Harvey. Motion Carried.*

1. The meeting was adjourned at 1840 hours.
2. The next meeting will be held on 15 July 2019 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

COMMANDERS CORNER



Greeting Everyone,

Hope everyone is having a safe summer season.

I'm getting all kinds of fish stories but don't know how much to believe.

DAV Day with the Minnesota Twins is coming up August 25, 2019.

There have been some changes with the clothing program, but it is still going very strong. If anyone asks you about picking up a garage sale, please have them contact me.

We will be in the 4th of July Parade in Bemidji this year and we are trying to get into other parades in our chapter area.

Northwestern MN Chapter 41 is up and running. They have had some problems, but they are getting them worked out. If you live up in the Chapter 41 area, try and attend a meeting if possible. Check out their meeting schedule listed farther along in the newsletter.

I know they are going to have a booth set up on the 4th of July selling Forget Me Nots and doing outreach for the Veterans in their area.

Amy and I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend.

Sincerely,

Mike Zimmerman

AUXILIARY CORNER

Greetings Auxiliary Members:

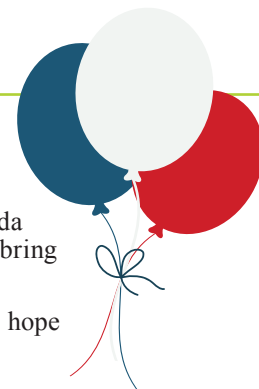
Happy 4th of July!

The DAV National Convention is being held in Orlando, FL starting on August 2nd and running through the 7th. Linda Engesether and Ginger will be attending as Minnesota State DAV Auxiliary Officers. We wish them safe travels and to bring back the knowledge they learn.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on July 15th at the DAV building, remember that the meetings now start a 6 P.M., hope to see you there.

Have a safe 4th of July.

Sara Gast



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Last month we were looking at some of the considerations involving a person's understanding and appreciation for Christ's return. The four considerations we saw last month are by no means an inclusive list, rather it is an overview of the factors influencing our relationship with Christ, which in turn, influences our expectations regarding His return. This month we will be looking at the first consideration, God's Goal - What has God accomplished, is accomplishing, and will accomplish?

This question last month was written in terms of God's focus on people, creation and relationships. If a person took the entire Bible and chose only five chapters, then this question could be readily answered. In other words, if a person continuously read only five chapters all the way through in one contemplative setting, or period of time - let's say one hour - a person could readily answer this question. Those five chapters are Genesis Chapters 1, 2 and 3 with Revelation Chapters 21 and 22. This pretty much sums up the entire Bible and answers our question.

This answers the first part of the question, what has God accomplished? God made creation so He can have a relationship with people who will respond to Him. There certainly may be other reasons too, for example, God has a desire to simply create, while enjoying a variety of life. Yet at the same time He creates a living sanctuary and wants people to share in this life. It was God's intention for mankind to respond to Him in a relationship based on this kind of life. This is why so many times in the scriptures (and in our above five chapters) that God often times will share with us His instructions on how to live this kind of life and provides directions to do so through the Holy Spirit.

At the same time this process is on-going and so we can answer the second part of this question, what is God accomplishing? He continues to provide the means by which we can enter and grow in our relationship through Jesus Christ. God continues to work in our lives by developing our character in order to respond to Him and participate in His current and future goals. His current goal is to reach out to people with the Good News that through His Son, Jesus, people can be saved from their disobedience towards God and become a group of people who will serve Him in the future. So many people are under a preconceived and unspoken notion that Jesus was here to right all the wrongs of the world and destroy evil. There are so many cultural indications people are looking in a single person to do this - take on evil and right all the wrongs of the world. This kind of thinking is in many cartoons and themes of many stories from the entertainment field. Yet, God has a different plan. Jesus was sent here to be a sacrifice in order to pay for the penalty of our sin - do good works (just as we have been called upon to do) and introduce or inaugurate God's Kingdom here on earth through His people. This is a tremendous responsibility - being God's ambassadors here on earth. Yet, at the same time Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil too, but to do it God's way - not our way.

All of this continues to be an on-going process, yet it is really exciting to know we are being prepared for a future role that lasts into eternity, while ruling with Christ on a new earth. Yes, God will be setting up a new government on a new earth with His people (anyone who correctly responds to Him) as part of His administration. Yet in order to be a part of this, as Jesus said, a person needs to be born again from above (John 3) and have a commitment to finish with God our Father. This answers our last question, what will God accomplish [in the future]? Essentially, we are destined for the Throne.

If you are in need or would like to talk, feel free to call Me or Julie at (218) 444-5015.

Mike Gutz

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:

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SENATE FILE #5



This passed month of June Senate File 5 the Omnibus Tax bill was passed into law. This culminates the efforts of the last 5 years to eliminate the 8-year limit on the surviving spouses' provision of the property tax value exclusion.

Senate File #5, Article 4, Section 13 reads as follows:

Disabled veterans homestead market value exclusion. Eliminates the eight-year carryforward limit for surviving spouses and allows a surviving spouse to continue receiving the market value exclusion until the spouse remarries or ceases to own the property. This section also moves the application due date from July 1st to December 15th. Effective beginning with assessment year 2019.

STATEMENT FROM DAV NATIONAL COMMANDER DENNIS NIXON

After years of fighting to correct an injustice for disabled Vietnam veterans, DAV takes great pride in announcing that the president has signed into law H.R. 299—the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act.

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UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

July 16th - Masonic Lodge - Roseau, MN

August 20th - American Legion building - Middle River, MN

September 17th - Masonic Lodge - Roseau, MN

October 15th - American Legion building - Middle River, MN

November 19th - Masonic Lodge - Roseau, MN

December 17 - American Legion building - Middle River, MN

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