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August 2019

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, August 19th at 6pm



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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

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

Oct 31st - Halloween

Nov 3rd - Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 11th - Veterans Day

Nov 28th - Thanksgiving



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA

CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON JULY 15TH, 2019 AT 1800 HOURS.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on July 15th, 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	Excused
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Excused
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Bruce Holden	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

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 June 17th, 2019 were read by the Commander in the absence of the Adjutant. Motion to approve by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Carried.

E. Financial Report for 1-30 June 2019:

Report given by the Commander in the absence of the Treasurer. Motion to approve by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Carried

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications:

1. A \$20 donation was received.
2. A \$25 donation was received.
3. Received a thank you letter from the Ride for the Troops.
4. Received a thank you letter from the Fargo VA Medical Center for our support of the Bemidji CBOC.
5. Received notification of the National Night Out at St. Marks on the 6th of August.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: 1 new member
2. Service Officer Report: None given
3. Legislative Report: Joe Vene reported that it looks good for the veteran's home in Bemidji and that if approved construction should commence in 2020 and staff training completed in 2021 for immediate occupation thereafter.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report: One of our members has passed away.
5. Entertainment: Picnic will be August 24, from 12-4 pm.

POC is the Commander for registration. Please let him know how many will be attending.

6. Fundraising committee: Upcoming events are:

- i) Blueberry Festival in Lake George on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of July. Volunteers are need for this event, contact Tom Annonson if you are available to man this booth.
- ii) Wood Carvers Festival in Blackduck on the 27th of July.
- iii) Beltrami County Fair on the 7th through the 11th of August. Additional volunteers to help man the booth will be needed. Contact Tom Annonson if you are available to help.

7. Newsletter Committee:

- iv) Need to have articles in by Friday the 19th.
- v) To date \$5,525.00 has been collected towards the Newsletter fund for the Fiscal year 2020. Still awaiting responses from eight of our regular Advertisers.

8. Medical Equipment:

- vi) Distributed: 7 Items
- vii) Received: 2 Item

I. Old Business: None

J. New Business:

1. Mike Gutz presented an Email from Karl Salscheider with the Evangelical Free Church about a learning opportunity on how to better foster a sense of belonging within our church, with veterans and persons with mental health problems on July 20th and July 31st, both events begin at 5:30 pm.
2. Tom Annonson suggested that we invest in additional flag poles to display the POW/MIA flag and the flags from each branch of the Service. Discussion ensued and it was stated that although it was a good idea it would not be practical due to the lack of visibility to the general public.
3. (Info Item) Fencing and gates on the property that were approved by the Executive Committee will be installed next week.

K. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. Discussed the proposed new guidelines for helping veterans. Motion to accept by Randy Hanevold. 2nd by Andy Stoudt. Carried
2. A flatbed trailer was authorized for purchase at no more than \$4,000.00 to haul handicapped ramps and additional equipment along with miscellaneous tasks that it could be used for. The trailer has been purchased and the final cost was \$3,544.00.

L. Good of the Order: Nothing currently.

M. Motion to adjourn: Made by Andy Stoudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Carried.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 1844 hours.
2. The next meeting will be held on 19 August 2019 at 1800 hours in the Chapter Headquarters building.

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you all are doing well with this hot weather and these nasty storms.

The back-parking lot is now blacktopped and looks very nice. The water drainage now works like it is supposed to, so we shouldn't have any more mud problems.

The Chapter Picnic is coming up this month on the 24th from 12 - 4 pm. Please call me at (218) 556-4633 and let me know if you are planning to attend and how many people will be coming with you. I will need a good headcount by August 16th to insure we have plenty of food and drinks available.

The A&W Root Beer Free Float day is August 6th from 2-8 PM. I will be at the A&W on Anne street taking donations and providing information about what we do in Our Chapter to help the Veterans in Our Chapter area. Stop by for a free Root Beer float and show your support for what the local A&W is doing to help us Veterans.

The Beltrami County Fair is August 7th – 11th and Tom Annonson is looking for volunteers to help him man the booth. If you have some spare time stop by and talk to Tom or give him a call at (218) 251-3025 to let him know that you are available to help. The times are from 12 – 8 PM Wednesday and Thursday, 12 – 10 PM Friday and Saturday, and 12 – 5 PM on Sunday.

Hope to see everyone at the Picnic!

Mike Zimmerman

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I hope all is going well for you this summer.

The DAV summer picnic is on August 24th at 12:00, a signup sheet is at the DAV building or contact Mike Zimmerman at (218) 556-4633. The DAV could use some help with setup and cleanup. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Ginger Edwards (218) 368-8562 or Linda Engesether (218) 308-1041.

The DAV Fall Conference will be held on October 3rd – 5th at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. Please let us know at the next meeting if you will be attending, so we can get you registered and reserve the appropriate number of rooms.

If you are DAV member and would like to join the Auxiliary, please visit with one of us to get you signed up. We would enjoy having you join us.

Our next meeting is on August 19th at 6 P.M. and we would like to get your ideas for event planning and budgeting for the upcoming months.

I hope to see all you there.

Sara Gast



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Since the article in June, we have been looking at the considerations concerning Christ's return. A person's anticipation and expectation of Christ's return is something only that specific person and Jesus can personally address. No amount of church membership or religion can replace a person's individual relationship with Christ. On that note, the consideration we looked at last month considering the scriptures was 1) God's Goal - What has God accomplished, is accomplishing, and will accomplish?

This month we will be looking at #2) Time and Culture - Does the Bible reflect the time we live in now, and how can this relate to our current culture? Jesus made a very interesting statement in The Book of Revelation "Write down what you have seen - both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen (or another way of writing it...) what you have seen and what they mean - the things that have already begun to happen" (Revelation 1:19).

The Book of Revelation was actually a book written to the churches at that time around 95 AD, and just as Jesus indicated, the entire Book of Revelation is timeless and applicable to our current time as well as into the future. There are so many references of The Book of Revelation to The Old Testament, history and culture that it is not possible to read The Book of Revelation in isolation from any of the foundations from which it was based as well as the specific statements made by Christ. Granted, The Book of Revelation is difficult to read with all the symbolism in it, but the symbolism has a specific meaning and is communicating an important message. Let's look at an example. Keep in mind although there are several interpretations to an example, there is a specific message Jesus is communicating to the churches, just as we communicate specific messages when we communicate (written or speech) with people. The messages may be specific, or general, serious or humorous, informative or relational, but all messages have meaning, and are communicating a unique message.

You may note that the example here involve the Jews, The Book of Revelation is a book concerning Jewish culture and history, but is certainly applicable for us all because it involves the current time we live in because as Jesus said, 'the things that will happen...'. An example of this is the writing about Babylon. The Jewish expulsion from Judah into Babylon was a part of their history and a devastating experience (Lamentations) so it would be important to understand that history as a background to understanding the latter chapters of The Book of Revelation and the reference this history has to the future. It is interesting The Book of Daniel and The Book of Revelation both talk about political governments as well as the future government God intends to establish here on earth (Daniel 2, Revelation 21). The Book of Daniel and The Book of Revelation use many of the same symbols, symbols of foreign government entities interacting with Israel, that both Daniel and John saw in their visions from God. We know this because both The Book of Daniel and The Book of Revelation were interpreted by angles to both Daniel and John. As a result, The Book of Revelation, written in Greek, crosses all cultures, political entities and deals with God's plan for establishing His Kingdom here on earth. This is really something to look forward to, a sense of hope that is very real and very certain.

If you are in need, in the hospital, or would simply like to talk, give us a call at (218) 308-3927.

Mike and Julie.

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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MINNESOTA SENATE FILE #5

In June the Minnesota 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.

MN 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.

DAV

DAV calls for end to the VA's stay on Blue Water Navy claims

On June 25th, DAV hailed the enactment of the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran Act*, which made veterans who served in waters offshore of Vietnam eligible for health care benefits for conditions linked to Agent Orange exposure. However, just as many veterans were learning of this news, the Department of Veterans Affairs issued a blanket stay on all Blue Water Navy claims until January 1st, 2020, further delaying decisions on these claims for at least six months.

DAV strongly disagrees with VA's decision to stay all claims and we call on the VA to begin processing and granting claims immediately to ensure veterans are provided access to the health care and benefits they have been denied for decades.

We believe that the *Procopio* decision made earlier this year provides the VA with the authority to begin granting claims right now for veterans who served up to 12 miles from shore. While those who served beyond 12 miles (up to the limits established by the new law) may have to wait until January 1, 2020, we see no justifiable reason why the VA should not move forward on claims which can be immediately adjudicated in order to grant veterans access to life-saving health care and benefits.

Blue Water Navy veterans have waited far too long, and further delays are simply unacceptable. DAV will continue to work with our VSO partners and supporters in Congress to urge the VA to lift the stay and begin granting Blue Water Navy veterans' claims before it's too late.

In the meantime, we urge all veterans who think they may be eligible for these benefits, including survivors of Blue Water Navy veterans, to contact a [DAV benefits advocate](#) and file a claim as soon as possible so that they can receive the maximum benefits to which they are entitled, at the earliest date.

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NORTHWESTERN MN DAV CHAPTER #41

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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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