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Monthly Newsletter
September 2019

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, September 16th at 6pm



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OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Glenn Aagard
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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

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 10th - U. S. Marine's Birthday



Nov 11th - Veterans Day

Nov 28th - Thanksgiving




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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON AUGUST 19 2019 AT 1800.

- 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	Gene Schwantes	Present
Adjutant	David Myers	Present
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Excused
Judge Advocate	Bruce Holden	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Present
Historian	Vacant	

B. Members present: 23

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

1. Guests/Visitors: None
2. Prospective new members: Jim Preston filled out a membership request just prior to the meeting.
3. Transfers in: Glen Schuman applied for transfer into Chapter 7. Bruce Tiegen made the motion to accept the transfer, seconded by Andy Staudt. Carried

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of July 19, 2019 were read by David Myers. A mistake was addressed by Andy Staudt regarding a note in executive committee action items about the purchase of a flatbed trailer. This will be discussed under old business, and the note will be corrected. Motion to approve (as amended) made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold.

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

It was also reported that the audit committee had met, and the report was completed, with the help of former treasurer Jeri Harvey. Motion to approve made by Darrel Baltzell, 2nd by Ron Kaiser. Carried

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications: The following communications were received:

1. A congratulatory letter from the national commander awarding the chapter a "Battle Streamer" for meeting our recruiting goal for 2018-2019.
2. A letter from the Fargo VA thanking us for our donation of refreshments to the CBOC;
3. Several donations.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Three new members; Gary L. Krentz and Jimmie L. Preston are new members, and Glenn Shuman transferred in.
2. Service Officer Report:
3. Legislative Report: Discussed the "Bluewater Navy" issue, and the response to the Pioneer article reporting that Julie wouldn't be replaced.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): No report
5. Entertainment: Discussed upcoming picnic Saturday the 24th from 12-4.

6. Fundraising committee: Discussed the county fair. Tom Annonson reports that a total of \$1355.98 was raised. He also wishes to thank Leroy and Irene Johnson for their assistance in the booth.

7. Newsletter Committee: Articles need to be in by Wednesday 21 August, due to printing staff vacations.

8. Medical Equipment:
 a. Distributed: 6 Items
 b. Received: 25 items

I. Old Business

1. Fencing and gates on the property that were approved by the Executive Committee will be installed next week. This is not going to happen until Gopher One is able to come and trace out all underground wires.

J. New Business:

1. Flatbed Trailer issue:

The minutes (and newsletter) for the July meeting have an item that read as follows:

"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."

This was a mistake. It was supposed to be brought to the July regular meeting for discussion and approval, if forthcoming. But it was not, and in fact, the trailer was purchased.

This needs, either a retroactive motion and approval, or we need to sell the trailer.

After the issue as discussed, a motion was made by Randy Hanevold to approve the purchase of the trailer and seconded by Darrel Baltzell. While it was not unanimous, the motion carried.

A note of explanation will be included in the August newsletter, and the minutes will be amended.

K. Executive Committee Action Items: None

L. Good of the Order:

1. Scotty Allison discussed the fallout/feedback resulting from the recent Pioneer Article where he was quoted as saying that he believed the CVSO staffing level could be reduced when Julie Harris retired. The feedback was that this should NOT happen. Commander Zimmerman reports that he has received 86 phone calls regarding this issue, and Scotty Allison reports that the County Commissioners have also received a lot of pushback. The issue will be discussed at a meeting on the 20th, at the county building at 1630.
2. Andy Staudt discussed putting ALL of the services birthdays on the calendar, rather than just the USAF. Everyone had a good laugh at this.

M. Motion to adjourn: Made by Ron Kaiser, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Motion Carried.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 1905 hours.
2. The next meeting will be held on 16 September 2019 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and looking forward to the Fall season.

Our Summer picnic was held on the 24th of August and we will have an updated report on how it turned out in the October newsletter.

We were so overwhelmed with product from our clothing program that on the August 20th we loaded a semi full of cloth to be delivered to the new vendor we have in place for just such an occasion. The volunteers did it in just over 4 hours. I would like to Thank everyone who came out and helped.

If you know any veterans who are thinking about joining the DAV encourage them to join before January 1, 2020 because the membership after that will cost them \$300.00.

The Stand-down is coming up on September 25th at the National Guard Armory in Bemidji from 8-2, please help get the word out to all Veterans in our area.

Thanks,
Mike Zimmerman

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I hope your summer has been going well. Linda Engesether and Ginger Edward had a safe trip to the National Convention in Florida. They reported that they learned a lot and are serving on a couple of committees. Thank you Linda and Ginger for representing the State of MN.

Congratulations!!! Our Unit won the National Mae Holmes Award for our category. Thank you to everyone for your community service and turning in your hours. A Big Thank You to Linda Engesether, our Adjutant, for completing the forms accurately and completely.

The DAV fall conference is coming up shortly, please let Linda Engesether know if you will be attending, so we may get registered.

Happy Birthday Irene, we thank you for all you and Lester due for the Auxiliary.

Sara Gast



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Due to the declining health of a family member Chaplain Gutz has been the primary caregiver and therefore was unable to properly prepare his article for this month. He is asking for your understanding and for prayers for patience, courage and strength.

The Newsletter Staff

COMRADES

The following was printed in the last newsletter under the heading of executive Committee action items:

1. 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.

This is an error. It was supposed to have been forwarded to the July Regular meeting for approval. Due to an error by the executive committee, for which I hold myself accountable, it was purchased before the meeting, and never went to the floor for approval.

It was taken before the general membership at the meeting of 19 August, where the motion to approve the purchase was made by Randy Hanevold. It was seconded by Darrel Baltzell. The motion, while not unanimous, was carried.

Again, I offer my deepest apology, and assure you that we will do our very best to ensure that this does not happen again. Additionally, the minutes have been amended to reflect the mistake.

Sincerely;
David C. Myers
Adjutant

For Sale:

Canon Imageclass D480 all-in-one laser printer. It is in excellent shape, and too good to get rid of. It was used by our former treasurer and is now surplus to the needs of the Chapter. If you would like to purchase it, we are asking \$200.00 for it and it is valued at about \$325.00.

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UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

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<https://davmn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/>



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CONGRATULATIONS STEPHEN "BUTCH" WHITEHEAD, NATIONAL COMMANDER

Stephen Whitehead is a disabled Minnesota Army National Guard veteran of the Iraq War and was elected National Commander at the DAV's 2019 national convention in Orlando, Florida.

Butch is a native of Trimont, Minnesota and is a retired Command Sergeant Major from the 84th Troop Command Brigade of the Minnesota Army National Guard. In his fulltime job, he was the DAV Department of Minnesota adjutant and executive director of the Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Foundation.

Butch joined the Army in 1991 and He had two overseas deployments. He received a Bronze Star in 2007 for service in Iraq. His other military awards include a Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

In 2012, he was awarded the Veterans Voices award by Governor Mark Dayton.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Business degree from the University of Phoenix in 2009.

Butch and his wife Kim, live in Rosemount, Minnesota and He is a life member of Chapter 10 in Mankato, Minnesota.



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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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