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Monthly Newsletter
October 2019

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, October 21st at 6pm



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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

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 SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2019 AT 1800.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on September 16th, 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	Excused
Judge Advocate	Bruce Holden	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Present
Historian	Vacant	

B. Members present: 18

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: Pat Rose applied for transfer into Chapter #7.

Andy Staudt made the motion to accept the transfer, seconded by Randy Hanevold.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of August 19 2019 were read by David Myers. Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold.

E. Financial Report for 1-31 Aug 2019: Report given by Scotty Allison (See enclosure).

The treasurer expressed his thanks to Ms. Jeri Harvey for her assistance in completing the annual report, and getting it submitted to National. Motion to approve made by Randy Hanevold, seconded by, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Carried

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications:

1. Various thank you letters from the Fargo VA Hospital
2. Various anonymous donations, as well as a donation made in memory of Mr. Rueben J. Killian.
3. A thank you letter from Chapter 41 for our gift of \$1000.00 to help start them up.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: No new members, and 1 transfer request.

2. Service Officer Report: No report given

3. Legislative Report: Scotty Allison informed us about the start date of the "Bluewater Navy" Legislation and brought us up to date *inre* the County Commissioners decision vis a vis replacing Julie upon her retirement.

4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): No one currently hospitalized.

5. Entertainment: Discussed upcoming picnic (Saturday the 24th from 12-4).

6. Fundraising committee: No report given

7. Newsletter Committee: Commander Zimmerman called for volunteers to work the Gun Show at the Armory on the weekend of 28/29 September.

8. Medical Equipment: Distributed: 6 Received: 9

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. Partially completed, still tabled.

2. Stand-down: 25 September (Wednesday 25 September at the Armory (8-2 pm). Need volunteers to help serve lunch. Ms. Geri Harvey is our POC for this event.

J. New Business:

1. Fall Conference is October 3-5 2019. The following are nominated to attend. Mike Zimmerman, David Myers, Joe Vene, Scotty Allison, and Bruce Holden. Motion made by Geri Harvey, 2nd by Billy Wood. Carried.

K. Executive Committee Action Items

1. Info Item: The meeting time has been permanently changed to 1630 vice 1700.
2. Discussed the reason for facing east during the "Moment of silence."

L. Good of the Order: None

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

1. The meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours.
2. The next meeting will be held on 21 October 2019 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Hope that everyone is enjoying the weather.

We had another busy month at the chapter headquarters. We had beautiful weather for our annual picnic, and we had a very good turnout.

The day of the picnic we also dedicated the Chapter headquarters building to be named the David Sterr Memorial Headquarters Building.

The DAV Fall Conference is October 4th & 5th. Scotty Allison, Dave Myers, Bruce Holden, and I will be attending and all four of us will be attending the Service Officer training on Oct 3.

Hunting season is approaching, and I know a lot of you will be out there so be careful.

October 8th – 10th is the Minnesota DAV outdoors program Deer Hunt at Camp Ripley.

The Chapter Christmas Party will be held on December 16 at the Eagles in Bemidji, more info will be provided in the November newsletter as to the starting time, menu available and Whom to contact for reservations.

The Clothing program is still very busy. If you have time on Tuesday mornings stop by and give us morale support if you can't physically help. We understand.

Sincerely,
Mike Zimmerman

DAV OF MINNESOTA 4TH QUARTER MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

From 1 October 2019 through 31 December 2019 the DAV Department of Minnesota will match up to \$75 with equal Chapter matching funds for a total of up to \$150 in combined funds towards a new Life Membership.

The Department will also make available \$10,000 for the Chapters to use towards promotional advertising with a limit of \$500 maximum per Chapter. Chapters are encouraged to utilize the National and State commanders at the Chapter level for events and programs to help promote recruitment.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As many of you may know, these last several months have been particularly challenging, I want to thank all of you for your patience, kindness, and prayers towards my family. The details are intense, yet at the same time, I appreciate all of you and your understanding as many of us are navigating through our senior years that involves tough circumstances and hard decisions.

In light of this, we have been looking at Christ's return, a definite reality for sure. A person's anticipation and expectation of Christ's return is something that is very personal. Jesus relates, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28).

On that note, over the last few months we have looked at 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? This month we are looking at 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 (Galatians 5:22), while responding to God, brings blessings to others, while enriching their own relationship with Christ too.

One very good example can be seen in the argument between Paul and Barnabas about John-Mark (Acts 15:36-41). John-Mark had in the past deserted them at Perga (Acts 13:13). Paul in his task orientated view did not think it was a good idea to bring John-Mark because of his past performance. Barnabas on the other hand in his people orientated view considered John-Mark an asset, while giving him a second chance. The disagreement became so divisive that Barnabas and Paul parted ways, they both continued in their plans to check on fellow Jewish Christians, but they went to two separate areas Paul took Silas to Syria and Cilicia, while Barnabas took John Mark to Cyprus. It was not until later that Paul saw the value of John-Mark's contribution and commitment to the ministry, as a result Paul asked Timothy to bring John-Mark with him when Timothy visits him in prison at Rome (2 Timothy 4:11). This is the last letter written by Paul prior to his execution. Yet prior to this letter Paul wrote to the Galatians about what it meant for a Christian to have God's spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Yet at the same time Paul earlier in the same letter wrote about what happens if they do not yield themselves towards Christ, which is basically creating all kinds of drama and tearing each other apart (Galatians 5:15). Some people according to their personalities, strengths and weaknesses may need to be more careful about some things than others. This is something we all struggle with, just like the Galatians, although they had specific issues they were dealing with, nevertheless there is a comparison that exists whenever a person is genuinely being challenged. Yet, Paul wrote to the Colossians about this very same thing, being a part of Christ, while focusing our attention towards heaven (Colossians 3:1-11).

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Mike and Julie Gutz.



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The VA has launched Veterans Legacy Memorial to honor deceased Veterans online. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA) launched the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM), August 14th, the country's first digital platform dedicated entirely to the preservation of the memory of the 3.7 million Veterans interred in VA national cemeteries. Each Veteran will have their own memorial page on the VLM, a secure, web-based platform that creates a perpetual memorial extending beyond the physical border of the national cemetery.

"Veterans Legacy Memorial ensures "no Veteran ever dies" by honoring the legacy of our nation's Veterans, not just in our cemeteries, but in a new and innovative digital setting," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It enhances the onsite national cemetery experience and extends the experience to those who otherwise are unable to physically visit the cemetery."

NCA, in conjunction with VA's Office of Information and Technology, built the architecture for the site starting with the information contained on every Veteran's headstone. In the initial rollout, the public will be able to search the site for Veterans, find out where they are buried and read the basic details of their lives and service. Future capabilities may be expanded to allow families, survivors, fellow Veterans and others to add historic photos and share memories to a deceased Veteran's memorial page. Such capabilities will include provisions that allows NCA to manage the site in a manner that maintains the same level of decorum our customers experience in our national cemeteries.

For more information about the Veterans Legacy Memorial, visit <https://www.va.gov/remember>, or contact Dr. Bryce Carpenter, Veterans Legacy Program Manager, at bryce.carpenter@va.gov. Have questions about Veterans Legacy Memorial? Find what you're looking for at VLM FAQ.

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

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UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

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

November 19th - Masonic Lodge - Roseau, MN

December 17 - American Legion building - Middle River, MN

Join us on the third Tuesday of every month for supper at 1800 Hrs. and the meeting at 1900 Hrs. DAV members and their families, volunteer drivers, and visitors are welcome.

UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

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