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**DAV Headquarters at  
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EXEC. COMMITTEE:	Bruce Tiegen, Darrel Baltzell, Mike Gutz, First Alternate Andy Staudt, Second Alternate Tom Annonson

**CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS**

- July 4th - Independence Day
- July 6th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1630 Hours
- July 20th - General membership meeting @ 1800 Hours
- July 26th - Americans with Disabilities Act signed in 1990
- July 27th - End of the Korean War in 1953
- Aug 3rd - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Aug 7th - Purple Heart Day
- Aug 17th - General membership meeting @ 1800 Hours
- Aug 22nd - Chapter #7 Summer Picnic from 12 - 4 PM @ HQ building
- Sept 2nd - Victory in Japan (VJ) Day 1945
- Sept 7th - Labor Day
- Sept 14th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Sept 11th - Patriot Day
- Sept 18th - POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept 19th - Rosh Hashanah
- Sept 21st - General membership meeting @ 1800 Hours
- Sept 27th - Gold Star Mother's Day
- Sept 28th - Yom Kippur



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# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON JUNE 15TH, 2020 AT 1805.

- 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	Jeri Harvey	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

## B. Members present: 12

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

- Guests/Visitors: None
- Prospective new members: None
- Transfers in: None

## D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of May18 2020 were read. *Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, seconded by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.*

## E.1. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 31 March 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison gave the report for March 2020. *Motion to accept the report as read was made by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Tiegen.*

## E.2. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 30 April 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison gave the report for April 2020. *Motion to accept the report as read was made by Darrel Baltzell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Eslinger.*

## E.3. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 31 May 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison gave the report for May 2020. *Motion to accept the report as read was made by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Baltzell.*

## F. New Member Obligation: None

## G. The following communications were received: Various donations, as well as thank you notes. All are stored in the June 2020 folder, if anyone wishes to read them.

## H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Nothing to report
2. Service Officer Report: Nothing to report
3. Legislative Report: The Bemidji Veterans Home project is now on hold.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): No hospital visits were made because of Covid 19 precautions. Commander Zimmerman attended a veteran's funeral.

5. Entertainment: Our annual summer picnic will be held on 22 August, from noon until 4 pm.
6. Fundraising committee: The Blackduck woodcarver's festival has been cancelled, as has the Beltrami County Fair.
7. Newsletter Committee: Need articles in by the 19<sup>th</sup>.
8. Medical Equipment: 2 donations were received. No distributions were made.

## J. Old Business:

Mr. Roger "Bob" Beckstrom, a veteran of the US Air Force, came to ask us for help with medical bills for his son. His son has Castleman's syndrome, and it has progressed to the point where he cannot walk, and is wheelchair bound. His son is not a veteran or a dependent. The adjutant has been charged with calling the department to ask if we can help, under those circumstances.

After the adjutant spoke to the national commander regarding this issue, it was determined that we ARE able to assist Mr. Beckstrom with medical bills incurred because of his son's illness. *Randy Hanevold made the motion that we pay \$1500.00 of the medical bills (when they are provided by Mr. Beckstrom). Jack Young 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried*

The adjutant has been tasked with attempting to contact Mr. Beckstrom.

## K. New Business:

1. The following people are appointed to the budget committee: Jeri Harvey, Darrel Baltzell, and Bruce Tiegen. The treasurer will look at his schedule and contact everyone for a meeting in the near future. A prospective budget was distributed.
2. A letter from the National Adjutant concerning a reduction in the chapters share of membership dues (after July 2021) was discussed.
3. We will be receiving a "Savers" Semi sometime next week. Our bins will be going back in anticipation of resumption of normalcy.
4. We have been tasked by the department to place bins at the transfer station.
5. Tom Annonson brought up our Newsletter sponsors. A number of them are unable to pay at this time due to loss of business from the SAH orders. It was agreed that we would help them through this time by adding a line item to the budget to help our loyal advertisers.
6. Tom Annonson is looking for volunteers to stand by at the "Static" Fourth of July parade at the Sanford Center on the 5th of July.
7. Scotty Allison reports that the CVSO is open by appointment only.

## L. Executive Committee Action Items: None at this time.

## M. Good of the Order: Nothing was brought forward.

## N. Motion to adjourn: *Motion made by Bruce Tiegen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.*

- The meeting was adjourned at 1836 hours.
- The next meeting will be held on 20 July 2020 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

## 2020 DAV AND AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTION

Out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of members, their families, our guests and staff, DAV has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Dallas, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

DAV has continued to monitor conditions and guidance over the past few months in the hopes that it would be possible to move forward with our most important annual gathering. However, based on guidance and feedback we've received from a variety of sources, we would not be able to effectively host an event that would allow us to complete our important business and ensure the safety of our veterans, Auxiliary members, families and other important guests.

DAV will issue updates to this page and use other channels to update our members. The organization will be hosting a digital event to recognize our volunteers and leaders while delivering important mission-related information. Understandably, as the national convention has only been canceled once before in our organization's history, you may have questions concerning the status of normal proceedings and elections. Please visit this page for guidance on these and other issues.

DAV remains incredibly grateful for your understanding during this extraordinary time. For your continued safety, we encourage you to follow the instructions given by the CDC, and to keep reaching out to your fellow department and chapter members as a way to stay socially connected while maintaining physical distance.

We look forward to seeing you all next year at the [2021 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention](#) in Reno, Nev.

# COMMANDER'S CORNER



Greetings Everyone,

Hope you all are doing well and continuing to stay healthy.

I know a lot of people wanted to have a float in the 4th of July Parade, but due to the Virus we have decided that it was not prudent for us to participate this year.

The following are a few pertinent items that I want to pass on to you.

› The Home Depot Projects for Veterans:

Jack Young has taken over the grant writing and paperwork for the Home Depot projects. The Home Depot Foundation is currently shut down due to the Virus pandemic. We have 3 projects in line, but we will not know anything until they open again. If you have any questions give me a call and I will get you over to Jack.

› Clothing Program Update:

All the Savers stores in Minnesota have reopened and most of them are operating at full capacity, but they have been getting overloaded because people have been dropping a lot of their stuff off directly at the stores since then. Savers also reported that business has been very brisk since their reopening, so that is a promising note for the future of our clothing program.

After receiving the report from the Department staff on Friday June 12th, we decided to return our bins back out to their original locations on June 18th and 19th. We were also informed at that time that we should receive our first semi-trailer from Savers on June 25th or 26th. Once it arrived, we started up our Tuesday morning clothing program again.

› Summer Picnic:

Our picnic this year is set for Saturday August 22nd, from 12-4 pm at our headquarters building. We have not set up the menu yet, but we will let everyone know in the August newsletter. We are hoping to have music again this year if we can get it coordinated with the musicians that are able to play on that day. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you there that feel comfortable in attending during this Virus, Social Distancing will be the order of the Day.

Sincerest regards,

Mike Zimmerman

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Whether it's doing yard work or home maintenance for a disabled veteran, delivering groceries for a veteran who is more susceptible to COVID-19 or connecting with fellow veterans on video chat to help everyone feel less alone, every act, large or small, will add up and help honor our fellow veterans.

Join the movement and take on the 100 Acts of Honor challenge today. You can sign up to learn more about appropriate no-contact ways to give back, or create your own volunteer opportunity. And be sure to share your event on social media with #100ActsofHonor.

Thank you so much for being a member of DAV and a part of this powerful community working to ensure that no veteran ever has to go it alone.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Wow, on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020, The State of Minnesota, The United States of America, and some countries around the world (France and others), woke up to a spark that ignited a fire in people from all walks of life. The center flash point is the manner one group of people treats the humanity of another group of people. An incredibly sad situation, lessons learned from generations ago, do not seem to be passed upon future generations. The application of these lessons never seems to take root in the lifestyle of many people. Memorial Day is a federal day of remembrance for those military personnel killed in the line of duty for our country. Now Memorial Day, 2020, will always have an additional meaning, the death of George Floyd for the humanity of all those who are mistreated, live in fear, and unlawfully killed. This includes our veterans here at home. This same inhumanity of one group of people towards another, regardless of purpose or attitudes, is the reason God gave His law and instructions in the scriptures to protect victims. Unfortunately, some people in authority misuse and abuse these laws according to their incorrect views. There seems to be a big gap between God's good intentions / instructions and mankind's misunderstanding and misapplication. Let us see what some of these issues look like:

**Protecting the individual.** Understanding the meaning and proper application of God's instructions through study and discernment helps to keep us from missing God's intentions. This further helps us avoid evil becoming an acceptable part of our lifestyle. One specific example is Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness. Satan misused scripture out of context (Luke 4:9-12), used hunger against Jesus' identity (Luke 4:3-4), and the promise of ill - achieved authority (Luke 4:5-8), against Jesus. As a result, Jesus used The Book of Deuteronomy as a means of protecting Himself. Make no mistake about it, Jesus understood the seriousness of the moment while He was experiencing Satan's temptation. There are a lot of things we just do not do under times of stress that can make things worse, and Jesus example is for all of us because choices have consequences period. These consequences are not just for the individual, but for people and nations around us. The police officer's choice during those moments on duty, literally resulted in consequences around the world, whether he realized it or not.

**Protecting the nation.** When God said He chose Israel to be a holy nation, and a peculiar people, He was intending to use His relationship with Israel as a means of other nations (and people) getting to know God. Relationships are the way God uses us to reach out to other people. There are many illustrations of this in the Old Testament, with many descriptions of this in the New Testament. Unfortunately, there are some people tempted into turning this wholesome relationship process of knowing God into nothing more than having a religious (Isaiah 1), or arrogant attitude (John 9, 11:47-57). Recognizing who we are in Christ helps us discern our attitudes as well as shining a light on our reasons for serving God and people through the Holy Spirit.

In closing we would like to offer a prayer of protection for all those who are hurting, veterans and family members regardless of their situation, or where they may live. We want our leaders to make good, but difficult decisions as so we may begin to heal and move forward in our relationship with God.

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# AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope and pray that this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy.

We had a beautiful evening on June 15th to hold our meeting outside for social distancing. Thank you to Linda Engesether for providing the patriotic masks.

Elections and installation of officers were held. The officers have remained the same with the addition of a new Chaplain and they are as follows:

Commander -- Sara Gast 218-308-3090  
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Chaplain -- Mya Eichstadt



The convention this year in St. Cloud has been official cancelled along with the National Convention in Texas. All current State DAV Auxiliary officer will remain the same at this time. If weather permitting, we will hold our next meeting outside again on July 21st at the DAV building, don't forget to bring your masks.

Sara Gast

## 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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