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August 2020

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, August 17th at 6pm



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OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Glenn Aagard
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER:	Joe Vene
HISTORIAN:	Vacant
EXEC. COMMITTEE:	Bruce Tiegen, Darrel Baltzell, Mike Gutz, First Alternate Andy Staudt, Second Alternate Tom Annonson

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- 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
- Oct 5th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Oct 12th - Columbus Day
- Oct 19th - General membership meeting @ 1800 Hours
- Oct 31st - Halloween 

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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON JULY 20TH, 2020 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	Excused
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	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

B. Members present: 15

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 June 18th, 2020 were read. *Motion to approve by: Andy Staudt, 2nd: Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.*

E. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 30 June 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison gave the report. *Motion to accept the report as read: Andy Staudt, 2nd by Bruce Tiegen. Motion carried.*

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. The following communications were received:

Various donations, as well as thank you notes. All are stored in the July 2020 folder, if anyone wishes to read them.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Nothing to report
2. Service Officer Report: The Stand Down has been cancelled
3. Legislative Report: The Bemidji Veterans Home project is still receiving money from various sources.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): None to report.
5. Entertainment: Our annual summer picnic that was to be held on August 22nd has been cancelled!
6. Fundraising committee: None
7. Newsletter Committee: Need to have articles in by July 24th.
8. Medical Equipment:
 - i) 6 donations were received.
 - ii) 6 distributions were made.

J. Old Business:

1. 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 2nd. Motion carried*

- a) The adjutant has been tasked with attempting to contact Mr. Beckstrom.
 - i) Tabled till the August meeting due to the Adjutant being on leave.

K. New Business:

1. The budget committee presented their proposed budget for fiscal year 2021. *Motion to accept by: Jeff Meyer, 2nd: Ward Sutton*

Discussion was made by Glenn Aagard about our donation to the Armory Enlisted Club, the consensus was to keep the line item in the budget.

The proposed budget was approved.
2. We received a donation from a veteran's family for \$34243.55, Jeri Harvey suggested that we move some of that money into the Forget-Me-not account. *A motion to move \$10,000 into the FGMM account was made by Randy Hanevold 2nd by Glen Aagard. Motion approved.*
3. The menu for the picnic was discussed but became a moot point when it was decided to cancel the picnic due to the new Covid19 ordinance.
4. Concrete barriers were installed at the entrance to the north driveway on Friday July 17th.
5. The gates and posts were purchased and will be installed the week of July 27th.
6. The Fargo van is not running right now. The new schedule will be coming out in the next month or two.

L. Executive Committee Action Items: None.

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

N. Motion to adjourn: *Motion made by Darrel Baltzell, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.*

- The meeting was adjourned at 1826 hours.
- The next meeting will be held on 17 August 2020 at 1800 at the Chapter Headquarters.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Hope everyone is staying in good health.

We have decided to cancel the summer picnic due to the latest guidelines. It was a hard decision because we know how much everyone really enjoys it, but we want everyone to stay safe and healthy. At this time, we do not know if we will even be able to have our annual Christmas party and will have to be making that decision sometime in the next couple of months.

When coming to the building please have a mask with you. We do have some on hand if you forget yours.

The clothing crew is still as busy as usual. We just finished up our 2nd semi-trailer since Savers opened back up, but we are only allowed 1 trailer per month.

Gene Schwantes and crew are still busy with our medical equipment program, but the State donor connect program is shut down until the end of the year.

Stay safe and well,

Mike Zimmerman



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greeting Comrades.

As we consider the unprecedented times our state and nation are now going through, the thought that comes to mind is James 1:8 "... a double minded man [woman] is unstable in all his [her] ways.." This was written by James, the family member brother of Christ. The context of the passage has to do with a continuing ongoing relationship in Jesus while praying and asking God for wisdom under times of extreme pressure or extraordinarily difficult times. The phrase "double minded" really does not have anything to do with a mental health condition, it actually has to do more with an attitude.

Essentially James is talking about the "divided loyalty" some Christians experience under times of undue cultural stress. James is encouraging his readers to stay with Christ, while pointing out some of the misunderstandings his readers have about God through their ongoing struggle. James does not make light of the circumstances and challenging times they are living, but he is emphasizing a plea for a vital relationship with Christ.

Our current situation with national riots, state requirements due to Covid-19 virus, law enforcement accountability, and the strained relationships between leaders really makes James' writings even more applicable. We are encouraged to draw close to God (James 4:8) and reminded that prayer is meaningful and does change things especially from those who have a single devoted loyalty towards Christ (James 5).

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Be safe, stay healthy and we encourage prayer for each other, our state and nation. Please be mindful of the new protocols we are all under, especially from the latest executive order from Governor Walz, that took effect on 25 July 2020 requiring mandatory mask use by everyone.

Take care,

Mike and Julie Gutz.



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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

We are planning to hold our August meeting on the 17th at 6 PM so that we can take care of some of our required business and get our paperwork in order so that it can be sent to the Department in a timely manner.

Hope to see as many of you there as possible. Stay safe and healthy!

Sara

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:



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

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