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October 2020

North Central MN Chapter #7
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Monday, October 19th at 6pm



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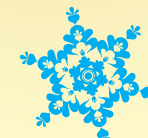
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JUNIOR VICE:	Vacant
ADJUTANT:	David Myers - (218) 308-0841
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CHAPLAIN:	Mike Gutz - (218) 444-5015
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Jeri Harvey
SERGEANT AT ARMS:	Bruce Tiegen
OFFICER OF THE DAY:	Glenn Aagard
LEGISLATIVE 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

Oct 5th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1630 Hours
 Oct 12th - Columbus Day
 Oct 14th - Cuban Missile Crisis Began in 1962
 Oct 19th - General membership meeting @ 1800 Hours
 Oct 23 - Beirut Barracks Bombing in 1983
 Oct 25th - US Invasion of Granada in 1983
 Oct 31st - Halloween
 Nov 1st - Daylight Savings time ends
 Nov 2nd - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1630 Hours
 Nov 3rd - Election Day
 Nov 11th - Veterans Day
 Nov 16th - General membership meeting @ 1800 Hours
 Nov 26th - Thanksgiving
 Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Dec 10th - Hanukkah Begins
 Dec 21st - Chapter Christmas Party
 Dec 24th - Christmas Eve
 Dec 25th - Christmas Day
 Dec 26th - Kwanzaa Begins
 Dec 31st - New Year's Eve
 Jan 1st - New Year's Day



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 1800.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

Tiegen made a motion that we donate \$1000.00 to this worthy endeavor. Glenn Aagard seconded. Motion carried.

A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if quorum is present

Commander (Acting)	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Commander (leave)	Joe Vene	Excused
Sr Vice Commander	Vacant	N/A
Junior Vice Commander	Vacant	N/A
Adjutant	David Myers	Present
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Excused
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: 13

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 August 17th , 2020 were read. *Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, seconded by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.*

E. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 31 August 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty

Allison gave the report for August 2020. *Motion to accept the report as read was made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.*

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications:

- The following communications were received: Various donations, as well as thank you notes. All are stored in the August 2020 folder, if anyone wishes to read them.
- Additionally, there is a letter from Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake, requesting donations to help make improvements. *Bruce*

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: No report
2. Service Officer Report: No report
3. Legislative Report: Update on VA caregiver policy.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): No report
5. Entertainment: Discussed Christmas Party. This will take place on 21 December 2020, in Lieu of the regular meeting. Stand by for more details.
6. Fundraising committee: Fundraising is still on hold due to the virus restrictions.
7. Newsletter Committee: Articles due by Friday Sept 25th.
8. Medical Equipment:
 - i) 4 donations were received.
 - ii) 19 distributions were made.
 - iii) There was some discussion on what types of items were given out. The overall feeling of the chapter was to give kudos to Gene Schwantes for supervising this excellent program.

J. Old Business:

1. Report on the conveyor – This is tabled until the spring.
2. Chapter HQ Fencing. At a past meeting, we voted to spend up to 1000.00 on a fence. This has been used in the construction of a gate. *Andy Staudt made the motion that we spend (up to) another 1000.00 to complete the project. Randy Hanevold seconded. Motion Carried.*
3. Electric Stove Hookup. Some time ago, a stove was donated to the chapter. It needs to be hooked up if we are going to use it. After much discussion, *Andy Staudt made the motion that we allocate up to \$750.00 to get this accomplished. Gene Schwantes seconded. Motion Carried.*

K. New Business:

1. **Special election.** We have found ourselves in a bit of a pickle. Because our commander has resigned, and our Sr. Vice Commander has requested a leave of absence for medical reasons, we find ourselves with an acting commander. After discussion with the national commander, the executive committee recommends holding a special election for the top three officers. This will happen at the November meeting, after the second call for Nominations. If you are interested in one of the positions, please contact one of the members of the election committee.

2. The following people were appointed to the election committee:
Bruce Tiegen (218) 308-0962
David Myers (218) 308-0841
Scotty Allison (218) 280-6455
Jeri Harvey (218) 252-6550

3. A motion was made to change the meeting starting time to 1830 (vice 1800) to accommodate the adjutants work schedule. *Motion made by Randy Hanevold, seconded by Glenn Aagard. Motion Carried.*

L. Executive Committee Action Items:

Special Election Recommendations – See item 1 in New Business

M. Good of the Order: The American Legion is planning some sort of get together for Veterans Day. Stay tuned for more information!

N. Motion to adjourn: *Motion made by Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Gene Schwantes. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 1910 hours.

The next meeting will be held on 26 October 2020 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.



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****ATTENTION!****
SPECIAL CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTION

The reason for a special election is that Commander Mike Zimmerman has resigned, as he will be gone for six months. So, with that, SR. Vice Commander Joe Vene should have become the new Commander, but now Joe is on medical leave due to physical limitations and the newly elected JR. Vice Commander Darrel Baltzell has been moved up to acting Commander. After all of this, the Executive committee checked with the Department Headquarters to get their input as to the proper procedure in this type of situation. They informed us that it was too long till the next election to be without a fully manned permanent chain of command and advised us that we should hold a special election. Therefore, it was decided that a special election for the positions of Commander, SR. Vice Commander and JR Vice Commander will be held. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact one of the following members of nominating committee, they are:

Jerri Harvey (218) 252-6550

Bruce Tiegen (218) 308-0962

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

First off, let me introduce myself, my name is Darrel Baltzell and I am currently the acting commander. As your acting commander for the next three months it looks like things should be very interesting and a learning experience for me.

The gates are up now, hopeful we will have the rest of the fence up before winter.

The clothing program has still been going very well. I just wish we could get more semi-trailers, but Savers is getting over loaded with donations at their stores and are still working to clear out their backlog of inventory in their semis, so at this time they keep us down to one trailer a month.

That's all for now. Stay safe!

Darrel Baltzell

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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Julie and I are wishing all of you a wonderful fall season.

There have been many changes in all of our lives, organizationally and individually.

A time of rest and staying healthy is certainly particularly important, especially in times such as these. I would like to take a moment for each of us to ponder the blessing, challenges and hope we have in Christ and His ministry in heaven on our behalf as our high priest, who continues to intercede for our best interests. Especially meaningful is the wonderful grace God gives to us all.

May the Lords face shine on you and protect you.

Blessings,

Mike and Julie Gutz

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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello to all of you, I hope all is well with you and you are enjoying the beautiful fall colors.

We will be meeting at our regular time for the months of October and November at the Chapter's headquarters building and I am hoping to see more of you there (health and regulations permitting).

The executive committee met and voted that we will not be meeting in January or February but will resume our meetings again in March.

We will be working closely with the Chapter on planning the annual Christmas party, provided that we can get the uses of the Eagles' facility this year.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sara Gast



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