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November 2020

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, November 16th at 6:30pm



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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

- Nov 1st - Daylight Savings time ends
- Nov 2nd - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Nov 3rd - Election Day
- Nov 11th - Veterans Day
- Nov 16th - General membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Nov 26th - Thanksgiving
- Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 10th - Hanukkah Begins
- Dec 21st - Chapter Christmas Party (pending virus restriction)
- Dec 24th - Christmas Eve
- Dec 25th - Christmas Day
- Dec 26th - Kwanzaa Begins
- Dec 31st - New Year's Eve
- Jan 1st - New Year's Day
- Jan 4th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Jan 18th - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 18th - General membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Feb 1st - Beginning of Black History Month
- Feb 1st - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
- Feb 15th - Presidents Day
- Feb 15th - General membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Feb 21st - 25th - DAV Mid-Winter Conference in Washington DC

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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 19 OCTOBER 2020 AT 1830.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on 19 October 2020 at 1830.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

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

Commander (Acting)	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Commander (leave)	Joe Vene	Present
Sr Vice Commander	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Vacant	N/A
Adjutant	David Myers	Present
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Jeri Harvey	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
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 September 21, 2020 were read. *Motion to approve made by Randy Hanevold, seconded by Andy Staudt. Motion Carried.*

E. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 30 September 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison gave the report for September 2020. *Motion to accept the report as read was made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Jeff Meyer. 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 October 2020 folder, if anyone wishes to read them.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: None Given
2. Service Officer Report: CVSO's office busy working on appeals. One veteran assisted by CSO.
3. Legislative Report: Progress (or lack thereof) on the Beltrami County Veterans home discussed.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): One of our members, Don Morey, passed away.

5. Entertainment: Eagles reserved for our Christmas Party on 21 December.
6. Fundraising committee: No report given.
7. Newsletter Committee: No report given.
8. Medical Equipment: 4 donations were received, 5 distributions were made.

J. Old Business:

1. 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. Carried.*
This has been accomplished. The fence is complete, with the exception of a small area, which will be finished on Tuesday the 20th.
2. 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.*
This has been completed. The stove is wired and working.
3. Meyer Signs is supposed to show up sometime next week to determine what is needed for a new sign, designating the Bldg. the "Dave Sterr Memorial Chapter Headquarters."

K. New Business:

1. Report from the Nomination Committee. The following members are interested (and nominated) in the open positions:
Commander: Gene Schwantes
Sr. Vice Commander: No one has come forward.
Jr Vice Commander: Tom Annonson
At this time, the floor opened up for nominations: Darrel Baltzell was nominated for Sr. Vice Commander. He accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations.
Jeff Meyer was nominated for Jr. Vice Commander and he accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominations, as a result, here is where we stand:
Commander: Gene Schwantes.
Sr. Vice Commander: Darrell Baltzell
Jr. Vice Commander: Tom Annonson, Jeff Meyer
We will hear from the nominating committee again at the next regular meeting, right before the election. Additionally, we will open the floor for nominations at that time.
2. At this time (1850) the meeting was closed for a private session. It was reopened at 1910 to resume the conducting of new business.

3. Scotty Allisson brought forward the following veteran in need cases:

- a. A disabled veteran is in need of either a new furnace, or a new heat exchanger for his existing furnace. *Scotty proposed that we pay up to \$1500.00 to help pay for this. Andy Staudt 2nd the motion. Carried.*
- b. The surviving spouse of a veteran needs wood for the winter. We have been doing this for a number of years. *Bruce Tiegen moves that we pay up to \$700.00 for this, but that this will be the last time, as we have exceeding our "lifetime" limit on this request. Mike Gutz seconded the motion. Carried.*
- c. A disabled veteran is in need \$450.00 for fuel oil. *Jeff Meyer made the motion that we pay for this. Randy Hanevold seconded. Carried.*
- d. A disabled veteran is in need of \$1,061.00 worth of car repairs. *Andy made the motion that we pay up to this amount for the repairs. Jeff Meyer seconded. Motion carried.*

- e. A disabled veteran has an outstanding bill of \$1,906.00 for ambulance service. Scotty has attempted to get the VA to pay form this, but they refuse. *Bruce Tiegen moved that we pay up to \$1,000.00 towards paying this pill. Mike Gutz seconded. Carried.*

L. Executive Committee Action Items:

Info Item: At the last executive board meeting, Scotty Allison brought the case of a disabled veteran whose RV had been impounded. The executive committee decided to offer \$1000.00 to the impound yard to settle this debt.

M. Good of the Order: Nothing brought forward.

N. *Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Ward Sutton, 2nd by Jeff Meyer. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours.

The next meeting will be held on 16 November 2020 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.



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ANNUAL CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Greetings all,

Our Chapter Christmas Party will take place on the 21st of December in lieu of our regular general meeting and will be held at the Bemidji Eagles Club.

The agenda for the evening will be:

4:30 Social Hour

5:30 Program and Presentations

6:00 Dinner

Meal Choices: Roast Beef, Chicken, or Vegetarian Lasagna

Please RSVP by December 11th with Ginger Edwards, her phone number is 218-368-8562.

Please leave your full name, phone number, number of people in your party and meal preferences. There will also be a signup sheet at the Chapter Headquarters.



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings to all,

One month in and not kicked out yet.

What a great bunch of people to work with.

The electric stove is in and working and I assume some home cooked meals will be made now (Hint, Hint!).

The fence around our property is now completed and looking good.

Some good news about the furnace, we have a water leak in the pipe that runs from the air conditioner condenser unit to the furnace and the repair man determined that our furnace is still in good shape and should last us quite a few more years, so we saved some money there by not having to replace it. We will how ever need to fix the leaking pipe sometime in the spring.

The call for nomination was made again at the general membership meeting and so far, Gene Schwantes has been nominated for Commander, Darrel Baltzell for Senior Vice Commander and two nominations for JR. Vice Commander, Tom Annonson and Jeff Meyer. There will be another open call for nominations prior to the election at our meeting on the 16th of November.

If you would like to run for any of the Officer positions, please let the nominating committee know any time prior to the last call for nominations. The committee members are Dave Myers, Scott Allison, Jeri Harvey, and Bruce Tiegen.

Enjoy the snow and be 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

There have been many funerals over the past several years. At our age, we all know Disabled American Veterans (DAV) leaders, family, veterans, friends, as well as members of other veteran service organizations who have passed away. I want to offer our condolences, respect, honor, love, and dedication to all who know them. All of us are certainly not getting any younger. This article is about all those who have passed away and those loved ones who are still with us. Yes, this article is about death and life from a biblical perspective. This is difficult and involves all of us in so many ways, loss of loved ones, a change in direction and relationships of families, friends, and organizations. Keeping this in context of the following scriptures, at the risk of being misinterpreted in a variety of ways, it is our intent to share Christ's hope and future with all of you. This includes sharing the protection God provides us, to include the cost and the price God paid for saving us from the second death (Revelation 2:11).

There have been many cults and religions (past/present) that glorify and encourage death in many ways. God never encourages death, but only wants people to be good, trust in Christ and serve God wherever He has put us in life. God wants people to change from doing/thinking bad things to good things (Romans 12:1-3, renew our minds) through the Holy Spirit working in our lives. God absolutely has no pleasure in the death of any wicked person (Ezekiel 33:11), He always encourages life and even tells people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19), God does not want anyone to harm themselves (including veterans) or harm anyone else (rioters). God wants all people to be saved (1 Timothy 4:6) and know Christ, but the choice is ours. This is not universalism. It shows the need for rebirth (John 3:16-17) asking Christ in our hearts, forgiveness, and staying with Christ to the end (Mark 13:13). If a person rejects or dismisses a relationship with Christ, no matter how relatively good they are here on earth, will die, by not accepting Jesus as the only person who can forgive and impart God's measure of goodness to them.

God told Adam how to live forever, the consequences of not following His instructions and what would eventually happen. God gave Adam the freedom of choice and the ability to make the correct choice. We all know what happened, and because of one man, death spread to everyone. Yet God used our hopeless situation - death, to protect us, and allow Christ - one man, to save us (Romans 5). In the Old Testament, people looked to the future to be saved by Jesus coming to earth, while we look back in the past. When God visits Adam and Eve after they disobey Him, God immediately protects them from The Tree of Life. If Adam while in his disobedient / rebellious status, ate from The Tree of Life, then he would live forever in a fallen or rebellious state - not good. As a result of God's protection, Jesus will come in the future and redeem us from our fallen nature (Genesis 3:22, John 10:10-25). Saving us hurt God terribly, but He gave us life and a hope for the future. Just as Jesus dying on the cross looks for a future hope (Hebrews 12:1-2). God wants us to live life with a deep sense of contentment, no matter the harsh conditions we experience in the past, currently face, or our fears of the future (1 Timothy 6:6). This includes being save from the second death in the future (Revelation 2:11) - Jesus was talking to His people. When we pass away, we experience the first death, this is tragic and we grieve, but the second death is even worst and real in eternity. When we know Christ and He knows us (John 10:10-25), the first death is simply a transition we experience in going to God and living forever. This is why funerals are a wonderful time to share Jesus and celebrate life (Luke 23:41-43).

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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello all,

Currently, we are planning to hold our regular meeting on the 16th of November as usual. I am hoping that we can get enough members there to conduct some important business that needs to be taken care of prior to the end of the year and am looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Ginger Edwards is putting together the Chapter and Unit Christmas party at the Eagles club in Bemidji and could use some assistance. Give her a call to see what you can help with if you are available.

Sarah Gast

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