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December 2020

North Central MN Chapter #7
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Monday, January 18th at 6:30pm



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| 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, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt,
Alternate Tom Annonson |

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 10th - Hanukkah Begins
- Dec 21st - Chapter Christmas Party Cancelled due to virus restrictions
- 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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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY CANCELLED

It has been decided that due to the COVID-19 restrictions that are now in place, we will have to cancel our annual Christmas Party scheduled for the 21st of December. It was further decided that the Executive Committee and General Membership meetings for the month of December be cancelled as well. We are currently planning to resume our regular meeting schedule in January if the restrictions have been lifted.



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 16 NOVEMBER 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	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. Special Election:

Report from the Nomination Committee. The following members are interested (and nominated) in the open positions:

- Commander: Gene Schwantes
- Sr. Vice Commander: Darrell Baltzell
- Jr Vice Commander: Jeff Meyer

At this time, the floor opened up for nominations: There were no additional nominations at this time. The special election was called at this time. Because there was a single nominee for each office, a voice vote was held. Below is the slate of officers for the remainder of the term, ending in March 2021.

Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present
Sr Vice Commander	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Jeff Meyer	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	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

- D. Installation of New officers: At this time, the newly elected officers were installed.
- E. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of September 21, 2020 were read. Motion to approve made by Ward Sutton, seconded by Glen Aagard. Motion Carried.

F. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 – 31 October 2020: Chapter treasurer Scotty

Allison gave the report for September 2020. Motion to accept the report as read was made

By Glen Aagard, 2nd by Bruce Tiegen. Motion Carried.

G. New Member Obligation: None

H. Communications:

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

I. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: No report given
2. Service Officer Report: No report given
3. Legislative Report: No report given
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress):
5. Entertainment: ~~Eagles reserved for our Christmas Party on 24 December. Cancelled~~
6. Fundraising committee: No report given
7. Newsletter Committee: No report given
8. Medical Equipment: 7 donations were received; 8 distributions were made.

J. Old Business: None

K. New Business:

1. Darrell Baltzell proposes canceling our December executive board meeting as well as our regular scheduled meeting. Scotty seconded the proposal. Motion carried.
2. Tom Annonson brought up the Civil Air Patrol and Wreaths across America program. Scotty Allison proposes that we purchase \$1500.00 worth of wreaths, setting aside one wreath for Ginger Edwards, and one wreath for Sandy Sterr. Darrell Baltzell seconded. Motion carried.

L. Executive Committee Action Items: None

M. Good of the Order: Nothing brought forward.

N. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Tom Annonson, 2nd by Darrell Baltzell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1913 hours. The next meeting will be held on 18 January 2020 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

The Minnesota DAV Department's Outdoor program has scheduled their upcoming events and posted them on their website.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Acting Commander's Comments

Greetings,

This is my last newsletter as "acting Commander" as the new Commander has taken over. Please give him the same support as I have received.

The election for the three officer positions was completed at the meeting held on November 16th, 2020 and we have a new slate of officers. Gene Schwantes was elected as Commander, I was elected as SR. Vice Commander, and Jeff Meyer was elected as JR. Vice Commander.

Come January we get to start the election process all over again to fill the full roster of elected and appointed positions, so keep that in mind if you are interested in running for any of those.

Clothing is still coming in full force and we are still limited to one semi-trailer a month, so we are stock piling in the warehouse and hoping things will change soon. Savers is currently down to about 54 trailers full of soft goods left to unload and that better than the 109 that they were at a month ago.

Good news, the work that was done on the furnace, was done by Hill's Heating, and that came to about \$500, which was donated by Hills. A big thanks to Steve!

Unfortunately, the Christmas party has been cancelled due to the virus. Maybe we can have one in the spring and call it a coming out to greet after the winter.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your interim Commander.

Thank you!

Darrel Baltzell



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Three months have passed (Sept - Nov) since the start of the Election process and now we are waiting for Congress to certify the election results for our President of The United States on December 14th.

Regardless of your position on the issue, and conditions in our country, these three months bring back scriptural memories (1 Kings 11-12 & 2 Chronicles 9:31; 10-11); when Israel as a United Kingdom became divided into two kingdoms. The northern ten tribes of the original United Kingdom of Israel broke away and became The Kingdom of Israel and the southern two tribes of the original United Kingdom of Israel became The Kingdom of Judah. The process of this division is the subject of this article.

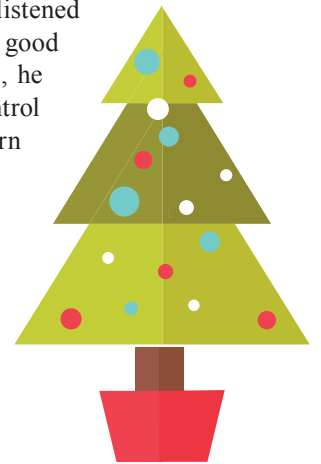
First, a cautionary note about the bridging principle for biblical interpretation requiring the full meaning and context of the original text. This involves rules of interpretation and application for the comparison of past events to the future. There are many rules for biblical interpretation called hermeneutics to ensure people do not take the scriptures out of context and make it say something the original author never intended, yet people do this all the time. Biblical misinformation is tragic. One example is to compare Israel's divided monarchy with the United and Confederate States, there are similarities/patterns, but there are dissimilarities as well. An example is Israel and the United States both experience a succession, but for different reasons. Yet Israel's civil war was averted because the king of the south (Rehoboam, Solomon's son and heir to the throne) listened to God and decided not to attack the king of the north (Jeroboam, Solomon's administrator for slave labor) to force unification. Rehoboam's original plan of forced unification would be more like North Korea's intentions during their invasion of June 1950 (my history understanding). This leads us to the division process.

The original purpose of Israel's division has more to do with God's purpose at that time in history (931 BC) as well as Jesus' time (4 BC - 30 AD) and the promise God made to King David (1 Kings 11:1-13). Solomon's reputation for wisdom and following God early in his life is in stark contrast to his later years of worshipping other gods (such as Molech - the god who commands infanticide). This happened because of the influence of his many wives (1 Kings 11:4-6). As a result, his kingdom would be divided upon his death, when his son Rehoboam, became king. This was not all, Solomon also implemented a very harsh slave labor policy. God informed Rehoboam and Jeroboam through His prophets His intention to make them both kings, which is why Solomon wanted to kill Jeroboam who had to flee to Egypt.

All of these factors played a role into the division of the kingdom under Rehoboam. The actual split in the kingdom (2 Chronicles 10 & 1 King 11) occurred when Rehoboam chose to listen to his young inexperienced advisors instead of his older more experienced advisors (sound familiar?), while refusing to listen to Israel's general public too (sound familiar?). All the Levites and Priests in Israel left and went to Judah because Jeroboam's false prophets forced them out (2 Chronicles 10:13-17). As a result, this strengthened Rehoboam and the Kingdom of Judah, even though Rehoboam was an extremely strict and harsh king, but he listened and followed God's instruction, help build Judah's defenses and spiritual life. In later years there would be no good king in the divided kingdom of Israel, although God encouraged Jeroboam to be good and follow His ways, he refused. There were some good kings in the divided kingdom of Judah. Yet, all of this was still under God's control and for God's purposes (2 Chronicles 10:15). We need to remember that, despite how the election results may turn out, God still has a purpose for our nation.

Blessings,

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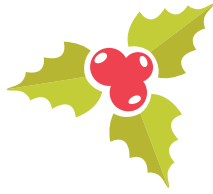
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