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### NEXT MEETING:

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### CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Mar 1st - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1830 Hours

Mar 14th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 15th - General membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20th - Vernal (Spring) Equinox

Mar 27th - Passover begins

Mar 28th - Palm Sunday

Apr 1st - April Fool's Day

Apr 2nd - Good Friday

Apr 4th - Easter Sunday

Apr 5th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1830 Hours

Apr 15th - Tax Day

Apr 19th - General membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

May 6th - National Day of Prayer

May 8th - Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) 1945

May 9th - Mother's Day

May 15th - Armed Forces Day

May 15th - Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 22nd - National Maritime Day

May 31st - Memorial Day



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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and that all of you were able to handle our little cold snap without much for problems. Although, we all know that if anything is going to fail, (such as my hot water heater) it will do it on one of the coldest days of the year.

AS I STATED LAST MONTH, EFFECTIVE STARTING MARCH 1ST WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WE ARE GOING BACK TO OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS, MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED, IF YOU CAN NOT WEAR A MASK DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO SELF ISOLATE AT THE BACK OF OUR BUILDING. Our regular scheduled meetings are:

- ▶ Executive Committee-1st Monday of the month.
- ▶ General Membership-3rd Monday of the month.
- ▶ both meetings start at 18:30 hours (6:30 pm).

For some good news, the clothing program is still going strong and every Tuesday, without fail, the crew is still loading the semi. We are still able to ship one truck a month, so our funds are still coming in, which allows our chapter to continue helping our fellow veterans and that is the DAV Mission. We have also been able to get our expenses back under control for the last 6 months, September thru February compared to March thru August of last year.

Well, I hope that everybody is able to stay healthy and safe and by the time the next newsletter comes out the weather will be a lot more pleasant. Remember that if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call on our Commander's phone (218) 556-4633.

Until next month,  
Gene Schwantes



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Room rates are guaranteed thru **March 28!** After that date room rates will increase to the full price rate.

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# 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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We are going to be resuming our regular schedule of meetings in March!

The Executive Committee will meet at 1830 hours on March 1st, 2021.

The General membership meeting will meet  
at 1830 hours on March 15th, 2021.

We will be observing the Covid-19 safety recommendations of  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month we were looking at the convictions we hold, the oath we all took, and the pragmatic application this has in 1 Peter 2:11-17. We saw the time difference found in 1 Peter 2:12. As a result, at the conclusion of last month's article we were left wondering, what can we expect now, in the future, and our location on the biblical timeline? Our references can be found in Daniel Chapters 2 and 7, Revelation 22, and the statements of Jesus (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 22). There has been a tremendous amount of research, speculation and writings done on this subject, yet if we miss Jesus' response to all of this, then we deeply miss the point. The most important consideration of all is hope. Not just the idea of hope, but a genuine hope that can be ours deep inside.

This can be seen in Jesus' own response when He cried and intensely struggled with these issues while He was here on Earth, such as death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:35), and the terrible condition of Jerusalem's population (Luke 19:41-44). This can also be seen in the way Jesus describes His attitude (compassion) towards us having to face all the burdens in life (Matthew 11:28-30). Therefore, Jesus encourages us to come to, learn from, and bring Him into our lives. He wants us to have a sense of deep personal peace within ourselves regardless of our condition or situation in life, and this means YOU and ME. *As a result, the rest of this article is written under the umbrella of Jesus' care and compassion for you and me in a world often hostile or hard to live.*

Where are we on the biblical timeline? Unfortunately, this question and the many answers given to it over the years by many different pastors, televangelists, cults, and others has left a bitter taste in the mouths of many people. This is because the question has been treated so poorly while creating so many different speculations. Yet there have been many people who treated this question with the utmost respect and answered it very carefully. A person must know world history, specifically those empires over the course of time that have affected Israel, as well as the scriptural references mention in the first paragraph to answer this question. A chronicle list of significant empires to exist, found in Daniel 2, prior to Jesus return and the setup of God's Kingdom were:

- ▶ Babylon -- head of gold - Nebuchadnezzar - 606 - 561 BC
- ▶ Medes and Persians -- arms and chest of silver - Cyrus -538 BC
- ▶ Greece -- abdomen and thighs - Alexander the Great - 330 BC
- ▶ Rome -- legs - West and East [Roman / Byzantine] Empires - 146 BC - 1453 AD

At this point it is interesting to point out all these empires no longer exist, while at the same time, Jesus was crucified in the Roman Empire. The point here is the fact, we are still living in the time of Nebuchadnezzar dream being represented by the feet (Daniel 2). Consequently, there will be another empire in our future prior to God setting up His Kingdom. This is the answer to where we are located on the biblical time frame, although this is up for interpretation, John reflects in his day, the location where everyone lives on the biblical time frame around 95 ADS, when he wrote The Book of Revelation. John mentions five empires that had fallen, the first three already mentioned above, along with Egypt and Assyria (Egypt is found in the Book of Genesis, while Assyria is in the Prophetic Books). John mentions Rome, the one he was currently living in, and two empires yet to come (Revelation 17:10). Perhaps the next empire is developing now?

During all of this Jesus is still with us as things continue to develop according to the description John gave us in Revelation 22. We will experience hard and unexpected times as things continue. Yet Jesus invites us into His heart of compassion to be a part of our lives while never leaving us no matter what may come.

Mike and Julie



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