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North Central MN Chapter #7  
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**DAV Headquarters at  
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Starting Regular Meetings  
Monday, April 19th at 6:30pm**



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**CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS**

- Apr 1st - April Fool's Day
- Apr 2nd - Good Friday
- Apr 4th - Easter Sunday
- Apr 5th - DAV Executive Board Meeting @ 1430 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
- June 6th - D-Day (1944)
- June 6th - Ride for the Troops Event
- June 14th - Flag Day
- June 20th - Father's Day
- June 20th - First Day of Summer



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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Spring Fellow Veterans,

I hope this finds everyone healthy and enjoying spring. Just think, in only another month and a half you will be able to plant your garden.

The DAV Spring Convention will be held at Breezy Point Resort in Breezy Point, Mn. from April 29 thru May 1, 2021, there will be 7 members from our chapter that will be attending.

Our Adjutant and our Treasurer are both planning on retiring/moving on within about a year. We have a fellow veteran chapter member who has volunteered to take on the job of Treasurer, Jim Pinsonnault, he is well qualified, and I believe will do a great job. Scotty and Jim will be working together during this transition over the next year or so, please give them your full support.

For the job of Adjutant, we are in dire need for someone to step up and take on the challenge of the job, so please give this some profoundly serious consideration, Dave Myers is willing and able to work with anyone during this transition. This job is very vital and required for our organization. On a little lighter note, we could also use someone to help with our medical equipment program. This is an extremely rewarding job, because you are working directly with veterans and their families and they are so happy and thankful for the help that our chapter can provide to them.

If you are trying to get ahold of me and are calling my home number or the DAV cell phone, please leave a message. I know it is hard to believe, but both phones get spam, junk, and robot calls, so without a message, I then must choose which calls to return and sometimes I will guess wrong, and your call may not be returned. Please, leave a message!

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 19 at 6:30 pm.

Gene Schwantes



## ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!

We have resumed our regular schedule of meetings!

The Executive Committee has changed its meeting time to 1630 hours and will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise altered due to any holiday conflicts.

The General membership meetings will still be held at 1830 hours on the third Monday of the each month at the Chapter Headquarters building.

We will be observing the Covid-19 safety recommendations of Masking and Distancing.



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# DAV CONVENTION 2021

**Where:** Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point MN

**When:** April 29 – May 1, 2021

**Room Rates:** \$139 per night (Standard Room)  
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*Please note, the registration costs \$75. Registration includes 4 meals. Friday Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Saturday Breakfast. We ask that chapters preregister this year to help minimize crowding in the registration area.*

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# AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello to all, North Central MN DAV Unit 7 met on 3-15-21 at 6:30 in the Chapter Headquarters building. Elections were held and the new officers at the meeting were installed.

Commander: Ginger Edwards	Treasurer: Lyndsay Moe	Appointed positions continue
Sr. Vice Commander: Sara Gast		Adjutant: Linda Engesether
Jr. Vice Commander: Sarah Haack		Chaplain: Mya Eichstadt

We received thank you notes from the Veteran Homes that we sent money to in August. Motion made and carried to send an additional \$100 to each home for their Veteran Programs.

We received \$1000 from the State of MN Auxiliary to assist veterans or their families. We have asked Scotty A., VSO, for names of persons in need.

Spring Convention is April 29 – May 1 at Breezy Point. Unit 7 has 3 members attending.

We will be having our regular meetings again. The meeting dates and time will coincide with our Chapter. Next meeting April 19th at 6:30.

Unit 7 Auxiliary would like to invite all members and the families of all Chapter members to join us at our meetings. If you have any questions about our Unit and membership, please give me or any officer a call.

I will be praying for everyone to be healthy and safe.

Blessings on all, Ginger Edwards



## 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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# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 15 MARCH 2021 AT 1830.

The Disabled American Veteran North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7 regularly convened on 15 March 2021 at 1830.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

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

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	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

## B. Members present: 17.

## 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 November 16, 2020 were read. Motion to approve as amended by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.

## E. Because we have not held a meeting since November 2020, it was necessary for the treasurer to give multiple reports.

- Financial Report for 1 – 31 November 2020 by treasurer Scotty Allison. Motion to accept by Randy Hanevold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Annonson. Motion Carried.
- Financial Report for 1 – 31 December 2020 by treasurer Scotty Allison. Motion to accept by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.
- Financial Report for 1 – 31 January 2021 by treasurer Scotty Allison. Motion to accept by Randy Hanevold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Annonson. Motion Carried.
- Financial Report for 1 – 28 February 2021 by treasurer Scotty Allison. Motion to accept by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.

## F. New Member Obligation: None

## G. Communications: Various donations, as well as thank you notes. All are stored in the November 2020 folder, if anyone wishes to read them.

## H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Tom Annonson sponsored a Mr. Richard Jacobson for membership in August of 2019. Somehow, the ball got dropped, and his membership was never submitted. Membership cost has changed, and we are unable to show exactly what was paid to whom or by whom. What we do know is that Mr. Jacobson paid \$40.00, which would have been his share of the dues. Bottom line: we owe \$300.00 for his membership. Andy Staudt proposed that we pay this amount to the department. Bruce Tiegen seconded. Motion carried.
2. Service Officer Report: No veterans have been assisted in submitting claims (by our CSO's) since the pandemic "stay at home" order was declared.
3. Legislative Report: Scotty discussed a recent newspaper article announcing his upcoming retirement. Also discussed the state of the Bemidji Veterans home.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): 1 Visit has been made.
5. Entertainment: Nothing to report
6. Fundraising committee: Beltrami County Fair is scheduled to be held this summer. We will be there with a booth.
7. Newsletter Committee: Articles needed by Friday 19 march.
8. Medical Equipment: We are slowly depleting our store of medical equipment! We have been there for veterans during the entire pandemic.

## I. Old Business:

1. Discussed the New sign designating our Chapter Headquarters as the "David L. Sterr Chapter Headquarters"

## J. New Business:

1. Both the Treasurer and Adjutant will be leaving within a year's timeframe. Jim Pincenault Has volunteered to become the treasurer and will be trained accordingly. This leaves us looking for a replacement for Adjutant. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the commander.
2. We are also looking for someone to chair the Medical equipment committee.
3. The Commander hereby appoints the following members to the Budget committee. Jim Pincenault, Bruce Tiegen, and Andy Staudt. Motion to approve was made by Tom Annonson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ward Sutton. Carried.
4. The following members will be attending the Spring Convention to be held at Breezy Point: Gene Schwantes, Scotty Allison, Jeff Meyer, Bruce Tiegen, Tom Annonson, Mike Gutz, and Ward Sutton. Of these delegates, the Chapter will pay for lodging for Gene, Bruce, Ward, and Jeff. Additionally, Mike Gutz and Tom Annonson wish to be recommended for election to higher office. Motion to approve these proposals made by Any Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Hanevold. Carried
5. Formal notification (other than the newsletter) that there will be no elections this year. The Department has approved this, and all of the elected (and appointed) officers have agreed to serve for the ensuing term.
6. The commander wishes to add another layer of transparency to our finances by appointing a financial review committee, to be made up of 2 members at large, to view our monthly expenditures.

## K. Executive Committee Action Items: None

## L. Good of the Order:

- David Myers brought up the upcoming VA vaccination clinics/

## M. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Tom Annonson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean K. Motion carried.

- The next meeting will be held on 19 April at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi everyone, last month we were looking primarily at three issues, what we can expect now, in the future and where are we on the biblical timeline. We touched on each of these biblically real-life questions. There is another observation relating to the question, what can we expect now? This observation has to do with the subject of this article, false teachers, prophecies, and a different gospel. Jesus made it clear there would be false prophets and miracle workers (Matthew 7:21-23). Paul wrote about false teachers sharing a different gospel (Gal 1:6-9). Paul further cautioned believers to be careful about the way they live and maintaining the correct doctrine (1 Tim 4:16). Just a couple of comments regarding these scriptures and some practical applications.

First, regarding Jesus' statement, not every sign or miracle represents Jesus having a relationship with that person, nor does it reflect that person doing God's will. In many cases a person such as this, will be using Jesus' name to bolster his or her own authority. It seems he or she is simply attempting to validate their claim for whatever reasons the person may have, but it has certainly nothing to do with a genuine relationship with Christ. One example of this is a large gathering of people (convention - conference) attending "faith healing" and in the process, a minister "proclaims" healings are taking place, to the point it becomes a show. Yet, in reality, the healing is believed to be true only at the moment because of the heightened excitement. but there is actually no true healing. Many people continue with the same condition, sickness, injury, or disability for the rest of their lives only to be told they did not have enough faith. This is sad because instead of telling the truth, these "ministers" simply blame the person who was not healed, re-victimizing them. Unfortunately, we have seen this occur on television. Let there be no mistake, God is not mocked, and that so called "minister" will reap what he sows (Gal 6:7). Yes, we live in a fallen world, and there are no words to help the poor person who wanted to be healed, especially when they are hurting, but for "ministers" to take advantage of them in this manner is reprehensible. At the same time however, this does not take away the integrity of those who truly lay their hands on sick people, heal them in Jesus' name, and actually have a relationship with Christ such as Paul and the other disciples (Mark 16:15-20). There is no "show."

Another concern is the manner in which some ministers live, and their doctrine. Sometimes it is interesting to note the statement made by some of these people who contradict The Bible. This is not just some disagreements between minor issues, such as when the rapture (the gathering with Christ in the air) will take place; before, after, or during, the last years here on earth - the tribulation. There is one false doctrine, "The Law of Sowing and Reaping." This doctrine has to do with giving money, that is, the more seed (money) you sow, the greater is your harvest (financial stability). This is a misrepresentation. The real seed is not money, but God's word - specifically the work Jesus did for us on the cross. The harvest is not financial stability; it is other people growing in Christ. Yet, this does not take away from giving money to legitimate ministries to help spread the good news about our true condition in light of God's view. Our heart's current condition is really not good, and because of this we accept Jesus' work dying on the cross as God's punishment for us. Something only Christ could do. By acknowledging our sin and turning away from it, while accepting God's forgiveness, we can trust God to live eternally in a close relationship with Him. We hope God's word encourages and helps you.



Mike & Julie Gutz

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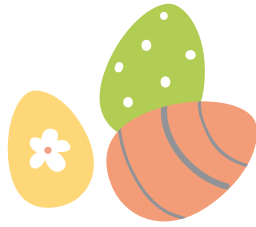
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