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Monthly Newsletter June 2016

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NEXT MEETING: Ridgewood Baptist Church Located at 2795 15th St NW Bemidji, MN Monday, June 20th at 7pm





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Upcoming Military Associated Events

Memorial Day

On the 30th of May at 10AM, the Ralph Gracie Post #14 of the American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Event at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji.

Ride for the Troops

On June 5th the Ride for the Troops event will kick off in the Marketplace parking lot with registration starting at 9 AM and presentation of the Colors, singing of the National Anthem and a short presentation to start at 11:45 after which the ride will commence at noon and return back to Marketplace for the afternoon feed and raffle. Come out and enjoy the bikes, comradery and food!

Flag Day

June 14th is Flag Day and the Elks club along with the Ralph Gracie American Legion Post will conduct a ceremony at the Ralph Gracie Memorial Park in Bemidji at 11 AM. The Elks members present a brief history of the evolution of our US flag, followed by the American Legion Honor Guard performing the Ceremonial retiring of our Nations Flag.

THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON MAY 16, 2016 AT 1900 HRS.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

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

Commander: Dave Sterr	Present
Senior Vice Commander: Mike Zimmerman	Present
Junior Vice Commander: Don Strege	Present
Chaplain: Mike Gutz	Excused
Service Officer/Adjutant: Robert Saddoris	Present
Sergeant- at-Arms: Bruce Tiegen	Present
Historian/Judge Advocate: David Myers	Present
Treasurer: Jeri Harvey	Present
Officer of the Day: Glen Aagard	Absent

B. Members Present: 16

- C. Introduction of guests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers to Chapter # 7.
 - 1. Guests/Visitors: Bidal Duran, Lester and Irene Johnson
 - 2. Prospective new members: See report
 - 3. Transfers in: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of May 16, 2016 were read. A correction was made regarding the Ride for the troops being 5 June vice 15 June.
 Motion to approve as amended: Andy Hanevold

Seconded: Bruce Tiegen Approved

E. Financial Report for April 18-March 15:

Report Read (See enclosed) Motion to approve: Andy Staudt Seconded: Jeff Roberts Approved

- F. Sickness or distress: No report given
- G. New Member Obligation: None
- H. Communications: See Attached report
- I. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Membership Report: See report
 - 2. Service Officer Report: Continues working with veterans, specifically, working with a veteran from Illinois.
 - 3. Legislative Report: No report given
 - 4. Hospital Chaplain Report: No report given
 - 5. Entertainment: Mr. Annonson continues to work on plans for summer picnic. Ride for the Troops is on the horizon (5 June).
 - 6. Fundraising committee: Ride for the troops is upcoming. Arts and Crafts show in Blackduck in July. Working on dates for forget-me-not fundraisers.

7. Newsletter Committee:

a. Mr. Annonson requested articles by Thursday 23 June (or sooner).

b. Would like to increase the online access to reduce cost in mailing. Spending in excess of \$600.00 Per month on mailings.

J. Old Business:

- 1. Purchase of new building is ongoing. The county approved the split, but it has not yet been recorded.
- 2. New Budget presented for the second time. (See attached report). *Motion to Approve:* Stephen Siats *Seconded:* Bruce Tiegen *Approved*
- 3. Planning on the Home Depot project continues. This is a garage unit for a veteran's widow. Home Depot has approved, and Commander Sterr is now working on securing funding for electrical, slab, etc. Scotty Allison has submitted paperwork to receive help from the State of Minnesota. VFW has donated 250.00. Legion has set aside 250.00 for this project as well. We have set aside 1000.00 for this project. We will determine the actual amount once we have found out if the State will donate any funds.

K. New Business

1. The Amory will be closed during the month of June due to a variety of issues. Pastor David Myers has offered the use of Ridgewood Baptist Church. *Motion to Approve:* Randy Hanevold

Seconded: Bruce Tiegen

- Approved
- Two separate motion regarding the upcoming "Vet Challenge" Fundraiser.

A. Motion to have DAV sponsor the program (to be held on 10 September). *Motion to approve:* Andy Staudt *Seconded:* Stephen Siats *Approved*

B. Motion to allocate up to \$2000.00 for said event. *Motion to approve:* Jeff Roberts *Seconded:* Randy Hanevold *Approved*

L. Executive Committee Action Items

1. Commander Sterr reports that Billy Woods sister was murdered over the weekend in Minneapolis. We were able to help financially with the funeral with the sum of \$995.00. Because of the amount, Commander Sterr would like a motion from the membership to approve the disbursement of funds. *Motion made by:* Bruce Tiegen *Seconded:* Jeff Roberts *Approved*

M. Good of the Order: Nothing

A Minute of silence was observed for our fallen comrades

N. Motion to Adjourn: Andy Stout Seconded by: Bill Woods Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours. The next meeting will be held on 20 June, 2016 at 1900 at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, located at 2795 15th St NW.



FLAG DAY

The "Stars and Stripes", the official National symbol of the United States of America was authorized by congress on

that Saturday of June 14, 1777 in the fifth item of the day's agenda. The entry in the journal of the Continental Congress reads "Resolved that the flag of the thirteen United States

Be Thirteen stripes alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

In 1885 in Waubeka, Wisconsin, a nineteen-year-old school teacher named Bernard John Cigrand who taught in a oneroom school placed a 10 inch, 38-star flag in an inkwell and had his students write essays on what the flag meant to them. He called June 14th the flag's birthday. Stony Hill School is now a historical site. From that day on, he dedicated himself to inspire not only his students but also all Americans in the real meaning and majesty of our flag. The crowning achievement of his life came at age 50 when President Wilson on May 30, 1916, issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day. Then in 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating the 14th day of June every year as National Flag Day. On June 14th, 2004, the 108th U.S. Congress voted unanimously on H.R. 662 that Flag Day originated in Ozaukee County, Waubeka, Wisconsin.

COMMANDERS CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 5th – "Ride for the Troops"

July 6th - Closing on the 15th Street DAV Building

August – Summer Picnic

Starting on Tuesday, May 24th we will be working on our clothing process outside at the storage units behind the Crossroads Church. Hope to see you out there! I know you know how much I appreciate all of you, but let me say thank you again for supporting this worthy cause. The proceeds from the clothing program are the major source of money for our Veterans in Need Fund. The Forget-Me Not fund raising and donations from private sources are the other important sources of money for the Veterans in Need fund. Here are some examples of what your hard work has done to help your fellow veterans. Most often these requests are of an emergent nature, so having this fund to draw from can help keep a family safe, warm and free of hunger.

> Electric Bills - Propane Bills - Firewood Vehicle Repairs - Grocery Bills

Dave Sterr

ATTENTION! Change of venue for our next meeting!

Our June 20th meeting will be held at the Ridgeway Baptist Church. The Church is located West of town on 15th Street, it sits on the North side of the street just after you cross over the highway 2 bridge.

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ADJUTANT CORNER

The VA has announced a Community Care Call Center to Help Veterans with Choice Program Billing Issues. Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing. A Community Care Call Center has been set up for Veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 for assistance and press 1 at the prompt.

Membership we are at 102.06 national leading the Nation with 376 new members. In Minnesota we are at 108.64% with 45 new members Park Rapids first with 108.84% and 26 new members. Please keep up the good work need to get more new members before June 15th of this year. Please carry an application with you and fill out when you find a nonmember who is qualified. We sure could use the CVSO to help us win the State this year.

We have our new State Officers; State Commander is Mick Aguirre from North Saint Paul, Senior Vice Commander Saddoris from Bemidji, 1st Junior Vice Lauri Brooke from Detroit Lakes, 2nd Junior Vice Richard Jarvis from Little Falls, 3th Junior Vice Scott Berndt from Andover,4th Junior Vice Kerry Allison from Rochester, Judge Advocate Van Karg from Dassel, Treasurer Dean Ascheman from Rosemount, Chaplain Richard Jenkins from New Port, Adjutant and Chief Executive Officer Stephen Whitehead from Saint Paul also 4th National Junior Vice.

Every Chapter except one was at the State Convention, Our Chapter was first in State once again with the most clothing delivered to Savers we received a little over \$15,000 for being first. The State Enterprise report showed the State had collected 6,712,206 #s cloth and 2,673,057 #s of hard dishes books and the likes; this was up 5.7% from last year. They had a total revenue of \$1,236,169.86, our chapter collected \$813,900.60 of this amount.

Since the start of the outdoor program we have had close to 900 Veterans use this program since 2013. We had 5 members from our Chapter attend one class about Savers and clothing collection. We had a class on Volunteer workers and was assured that it would not affect your compensation or Social Security, so it is important that we turn in all of our hours to the adjutant, who will send them in to State, any time you are helping a veteran you are volunteering as well as going to and from meetings, time spent doing anything to help a Veterans or their spouse, there are so very many things that count.

I am training a new Adjutant so that by next year's election he will have all the knowledge he will need of what I do. He is Dave Myers, a Retired Nave Chief Submariner and Diver, he is LTCOL in the Civil Air Patrol, an outstanding individual who I am very proud of. I will keep the Transportation system as well as Service Officer at the Commanders pleasure.

FUNDRAISING

The Ride for the Troops event on Sunday June 5th will be the kick off for this year's Forget-Me-Nots fundraising program. I am looking for volunteers to man our fundraising stations in front of the various locations that we have scheduled for the Summer. The days for these events are as follows:

June 5th	- Ride for the Troops, Marketplace foods parking lot 9 AM – 4 PM (? & ?)
June 24th & 25th	- both Lueken's stores, 10 AM – 4 PM (Me & ?)
July 8th & 9th	- Walmart - both entrances, 10 AM – 4 PM (Me & ?)
July 9th & 10th	- Kehlier Big Bog Festival (Gary Wistrom)
July 30th	- Blackduck Woodcarvers Festival (Gary Wistrom)
July 29th – 31st	- Lake George Blueberry Festival (? & ?)
Aug 5th & 6th	- Marketplace Foods, 10 AM – 4PM (Me)
Aug 10th – 14th	- Beltrami County Fair, Noon until closing (Me & ?)
Sept	- Bemidji Gun Show, Neilson Arena,
1	9 AM until closing (Saddoris & I)

If you are available to help at any of these locations that have a question mark behind them, your assistance will be greatly appreciated! Please contact me at (218) 251-3025 to let me know which date(s) you would be available to help with. If you are unsure that you can do this kind of fundraising, come out and sit with me at one of these locations and I will show you how easy it is and how much fun it can be to interact with the people in our communities! As always, "Many hands make for a lighter workload!"

Tom Annonson Fundraising Chairman As the Department of Minnesota Senior Vice Commander one of my jobs is Chair of the membership committee for the State. To be elected is a great honor and I very humbled by this. It means that I will be able to help many more Veterans around the State and thus be able to help our Chapter more if needed. We have an outstanding Officer Corp in Chapter #7. Walter James, assistant Chaplain, has performed two funerals for Veterans or their families, we have Glenn Aagard back for equipment and Mike Zimmerman is seeing himself come and go hauling clothes. Our Commander and Junior Vice are very busy taking care of business as is Tom Annonson with fund raising, please give him a call to help raise funds. Our Treasure is one of the best in the State. We have so many other members working very hard to help our Chapter grow. I am very proud of our Chapter and its members God Bless each of you and your Families.

Robert Saddoris

AUXILIARY'S CORNER

Just a reminder that on June 5th is the Ride for the Troops. If anyone can help, please let me or Ginger Edwards know.

Our June 20th meeting location will be at the Ridgeway Baptist Church. The Church is located West of town on 15th Street, it sits on the North side of the street just after you cross over the highway 2 bridge.

The Convention was Great! Ginger Edwards and I attended. Ginger was appointed as the new State Chaplin and I was elected as the 2nd Junior Vice Commander for the State. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Linda Engesether Commander

2016 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

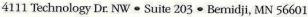
I FORGOT TO REMEMBER.

I think we have all had this problem of remembering things one time or another and for some it seems more than often this happens. We use all kinds of methods to remind of something we don't want to forget or it's so important we need to remember. We write ourselves notes, in all kinds of places or place things as a reminder. In this day of electronic gadgetry, we have almost an unlimited source of ways to remind us of either important or mundane items or appointments, etc. I like to remember the popular old time method of tying a string around your finger. The problem there was, what in the world is this string doing on my finger? I remember one old song from my Teenage days that talk about remembering and some of the words went like this." I forgot to remember to forget you". I am sure some of you will remember that song, in fact we may have even experienced that unfortunate situation. And of course unfortunately there are those who suffer severe memory loss and that is a real tragedy. There are many things written in the Bible that God wants us to remember and not forget, yet we do so. Sometimes it's because we don't feel it's important or out dated, and there are things we are told by mere men that say this is not important anymore, and they have no scriptural authority to back up what they are saying, yet everything the Bible says is important and the Bible is never out of date, the principles contained therein are as relevant today as when they were written, the word of God stands forever. According to my Bible Concordance there are 148 passages that say to remember something God has given us to remember, and this is not including the words, Remembered, Rememberest, Remembereth, Remembering, Remembrance and finally Remembrances. Well if God tells me something I think it is very important then certainly I will want to Remember it. The very middle verse of the Bible says this "It is better to trust the Lord than put your confidence in man". Psalm 118:8. And this means any man, especially when this comes to the Word of God which is essential to our Salvation. I am not saying everything you hear is a lie, but when it comes to spiritual matters it needs to be in harmony with the Word of God. Now some people have been taught things from their youth, things they hold to be true however not everything we are taught is correct. Other people are taught in our Educational system to believe certain things that are not in accordance with the Word of God, yes and that includes religious matters even in our seminaries. How can I say this? because of such diversities that exist in the so called Christian faith, one believes this and another that according to their denominational affiliation. Yet How many still believe the 10 Commandments are still relevant today? And I am speaking of all ten of them. So let's REMEMBER The Word of God stands forever and He is not like a man who can change his mind, a perfect God does not make a mistake. He wrote those 10 Commandments with His own finger because they were so important, even when Moses broke the first set of tablets, God personally wrote them again. REMEMBER GOD IS PERFECT, REMEMBER TO ALWAYS FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS, REMEMBER WHEN GOD SAYS SOMETHING IT IS ETERNAL, {Though some things may be conditional but not all and these are very plain to recognize} REMEMBER IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, REMEMBER GOD WANTS YOU TO OBEY HIM, ETC Yes, we could go on and on. So I am asking you now, why is it that almost every Christian forgets the only commandment that God tells us to REMEMBER? and that is the 4th Commandment, it is also the longest of the Commandments right in the center of the Commandments. No, keeping the Law will not save us, but the law is there to protect us and it can only do that when we obey it. I do believe we are saved by GRACE, and that is to those who are obedient and loyal to Gods Word. So if you you love God you will KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus". Revelation 14:12. " If you Love me keep my commandments" John 14:15. They Bible is filled with verses about keeping Gods commandments, and we act upon them and keep them by faith. So then don't forget to REMEMBER the 4th Commandment about keeping the Sabbath Holy, the 7th day of the week and the only day ever sanctified to be kept Holy and the only day with a name, SABBATH. Exodus 20:8. Keep your eyes on Jesus He is coming soon to claim His own.

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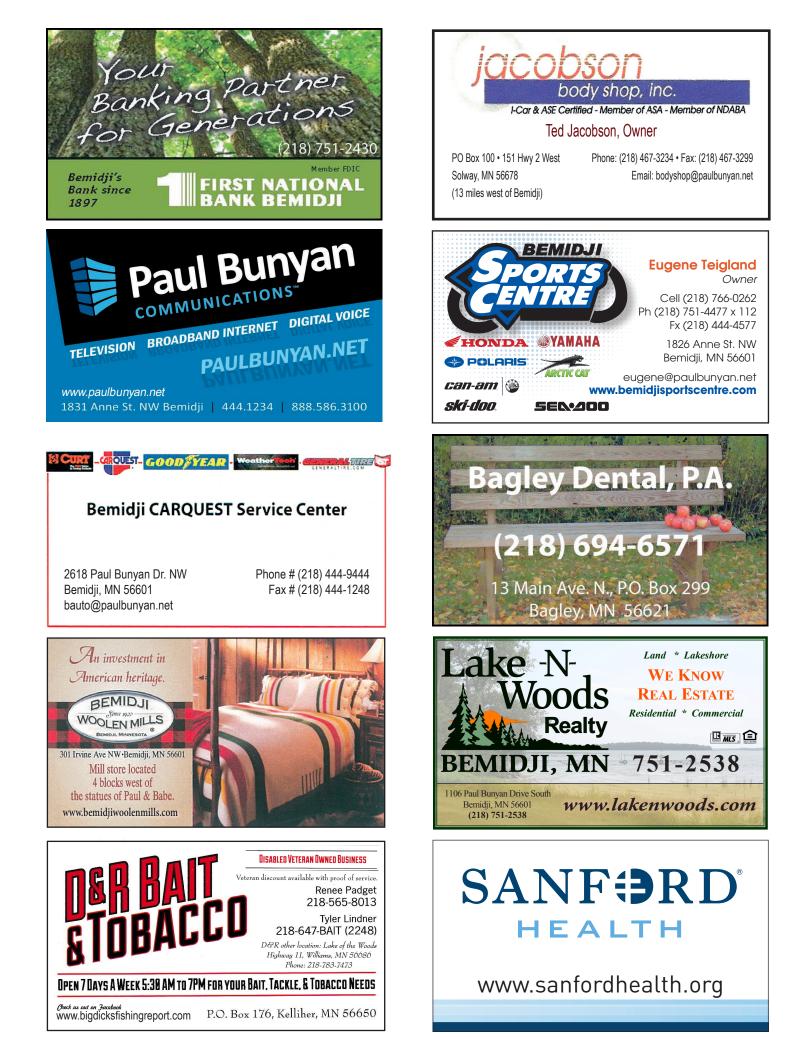






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