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**National Guard Armory Bemidji, MN**  
**Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

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*Newsletter committee,*

We have received some great feedback from you on the new format of the newsletter. We appreciate the complements but to ensure we keep the best information going out we need your help. Continue to send us information on events that will be happening and important issue affecting veterans and we will update the website and this newsletter the best we can. We have included many changes to the website with information and links that will be helpful to all veterans in the region. Check out www.davchapter7.org for all the upcoming events.

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# COMMANDER

The summer is almost over and the temps are headed downward. The summer seemed to go by so quickly. We will soon move our clothing sorting to our winter location at the Armory. I am pleased to announce that donations to the clothing program reached a record amount this year. Thanks to our faithful volunteers, we were able to keep pace with all of the donations.

We are having a stand down on September 24th at the Armory. This is a time for all veterans to get together and have the opportunity to pose questions regarding benefits and assistance availability. Professionals will be in attendance to answer your questions and guide anyone in need of assistance. The DAV is a great organization dedicated to the welfare of veterans who have served their country. We believe that the veteran is owed our thanks and our continued support and care.

Dave Sterr,  
Commander

## ADJUTANT

Our Chapter has reached its goal for new members for 2014-2015 year. We have 13 loads of clothing to savers since our last news letter. Sr. vice Zimmerman went to saver to represent our Chapter at an open house in Duluth. We had two members go to the Chapter training course in St Cloud Treasurer Jeri Harvey, and Mike Zimmerman. This was put on by State Officers. I went to the Service Officer training an am now certified by DAV National service officers as a Chapter service officer. As most of you know by now I was elected at the May convention as 4th junior vice for the State of Minnesota DAV. I would ask you all to get involved in the outdoor program John Carlson is in charge of this for the state call him at 651-292-1212 or go on line Dav state of MN there are so very many hunts and fishing trips going on around the State. We worked the Gun show last week end and did get a new member Melvin Jensen. Most of you will receive this before our Stand down on September 24, please bring ever Veteran you know to it, The food will be provided by your Chapter and cooked by our Chapter members, we could use help if you are interested. Call me at 218-243-2663. There will be free legal advice as well as National Service Officers from DAV to start your claim, as well as County VSO, and close to 50 other folks to explain what they have to help us. Our Van service has some new drivers Dick Labraaten, Allen Bjelland, Joe Schorz, and Larry McConkey a snow bird who will be back next summer to drive. I will be going to middle river for Goose hunt this week end 9-20-14. We had close to 1,800 Volunteer hours last two months. Anyone doing volunteer work please call me with hours or email me so the Chapter can get credit. One of our Alaska Members stopped by to see us this summer Henry MacPherson from Fairbanks. We have two new bins for clothing making total of 17 I believe. Just talked to man in charge of shopping mall where target (J C Penney's, Herberger's, radio shack) used to be will be meeting with them tomorrow to see where they want bins placed. I have been sending out many emails with the late's information if you are not getting this please send me your email. We now have very close to 500 members. Remember that all memberships are \$100 off so the most any one would pay is \$150 for life, it depends on age. We are asking all Chapters to work closer with the Units so we can be a team. We titled over our old Van used to take Veterans to Fargo to Wounded Warrior Guide service out of Bemidji Brian Ophus one of our members heads this service up call him at 218-333-8221 to see what hunting or fishing trips are available from him. There will be ice fishing on Lake of Woods and upper Red Lake this winter (Call John Carlson) Try out your Chapter web site it is wonderful. Once again I am honored to be your Adjutant.

## DAV MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2014

*(Abbreviated)*

**Meeting called to order at:** 1900 Hrs.

**Opening ceremonies performed.**

**Roll call of Officers taken:** A quorum was present.

**Number of Members Present:** 14

**Guests or visitors:** None

**Reading of the minutes from the August 18th, 2014 meeting:**

- Dates corrected for Oct meeting.
- Motion to accept as read. Approved.

**Treasurer's report given:**

- Motion to accept as read. Approved

**Chaplin's Report:**

- 3 names added to sickness and distress.
- Request for funeral expenses was presented.

**Reading of the Correspondence.**

**Committee reports given:**

- **Service Officer:**  
No report.
- **Membership:**  
Sr. Vice will be sending membership letters to at-large members.
- **Newsletter:**  
No new report.
- **Forget- Me- Not:**  
\$459 was raised at the Gun Show

**Old Business:**

1. Flatbed on order for truck #2.
2. Fall Conference- Oct. 3-4- Mike Zimmerman & Mike Gutz nominated to attend. Approved.
3. Spray-in bed liner for \$600 for new truck. Approved.
4. Vet in need of seat for vehicle, \$1000 from Exec Cmte, needed an additional \$200. Approved.
5. Info: \$1000 down payment for used car for vet in need from exec. cmte.
6. additional Storage for medical equipment for \$59/month. Approved.
7. Home Depot is looking for projects to sponsor.

**New Business:**

1. \$577.50 bill for moving expenses. Approved.
2. Saddoris will transport vet to Surgery. Members discussed paying for hotel and gas.

**Good of the order:** None

**Closing Ceremonies were performed.**

**Meeting adjourned at:** 2003 Hrs.

# 2014 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES

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**Don't forget if you have any questions regarding veterans' benefits  
 please call the County Veterans Service Office at 218-333-4177/4178.  
 Scotty Allison, Beltrami County Veterans Service Officer.**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month I wrote about the reality of spiritual warfare. War first originated in heaven as a rebellion by Satan against God (Isa 14:12-15, Ezek 28:13-17). War is nothing new to Yahweh, according to His purpose, He knows how to handle war (Ex 15:3) and is the only person who can actually balance the tension or seemingly opposite issues of war, justice and peace in a very real down to earth manner. This month I would like to write about wars in The Bible. I often hear comments from other people who say the Old Testament God is mean, cruel and "shows them [people - Amorites, Canaanites, etc] no mercy" (Deut 7:1-2, New Revised Standard). I also hear comments from the same people who say Jesus Christ taught people to, "love your enemies ... do good to those who persecute you" (Matt 5:43-45, King James Version). This leads us to a few questions: 1) Why does the God of the Old Testament seem so different from the God of the New Testament? 2) How do we reconcile these two opposing and contradictory statements? 3) What is God doing on the earth? I am sure you can think of other questions too. Due to the amount of information each question entails, space permitting, I will need a few months to write about these issues. This month I would like to lay down some basic principles of biblical interpretation and address question #1. Saving 2 & 3 for next month.

Lets keep some things in mind as we explore these issues and the answers to these questions. It is critically important not to take any verse or group of verses out of The Bible and use it anyway we want. We must understand the author's (Moses, Samuel, etc) intent and purpose under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for writing the passage (II Tim 3:16, II Pet 1:20-21). Context is important, we must read the scriptures in light of the time period it was written, under the current circumstances and past history the people were experiencing living in that culture, while understanding the meaning of the language in common usage for that particular audience. All that being said, we must let The Bible speak for itself (Isa 28:9, Matt 5:18), and not interject into The Bible our own presuppositions and ideas. Once this is understood we can look at our questions, keeping in mind each question has several views and as we grow in our faith, learning from the Holy Spirit (John 14:26) we are welcomed to change our mind as we become more understanding and intimate with God. This process takes time, prayer and study. We must find this out for ourselves not depending upon others, although talking with others is good, it cannot take the place of meditating (Joshua 1:8) on what we read in The Bible.

Regarding the first question, why does the God of the Old Testament seem so different from the God of the New Testament? There is a two-part answer to this question. First of all, God is not different in the Old Testament from the New; He is not capricious, as we would say in our culture today He does not have a split personality (Heb 13:8, Mal 3:6). Yes, God has in the past changed His mind (Gen 6:6, II Kings 20:1-11), but that does not mean He changes His character, values, or overall plan for mankind. The second part of the answer has to do with God's activities being different in the Old Testament than what He was doing in the New. God was very busy. He was doing several things at the same time; establishing a people for Himself and teaching them to be holy (Lev 11:45), which means being separate, or set apart for something special (Deut 14:2); establishing the nation of Israel while at the same time using them to punish the Amorites (Gen 15:16). He was doing other things too. This process took a very long time, more on this next month. Please feel free to call whenever you would like to talk or have a need.

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