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**NEXT MEETING:**

**National Guard Armory Bemidji, MN  
Monday, September 21st at 7pm**



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**The VA Community Based Outpatient  
Clinic (CBOC) at 705 5th St NW,  
Bemidji, MN will be giving flu shots on  
the following dates and times:**

- Sept 30th .....1 pm to 4 pm
- Oct 1st .....1 pm to 4 pm
- Oct 2nd.....9 am to 2 pm
- Oct 7th.....1 pm to 4 pm
- Oct 8th.....1 pm to 4 pm
- Oct 9th..... 9 am to 4 pm

**No Appointment necessary,  
walk-ins are welcome!**

# DAV MEETING FOR AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

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

**Opening Ceremonies Performed.**

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

**Number of Members Present:** 10

**Guests or Visitors:** None

**Reading of the minutes from July 20th meeting:** Motion to accept as read. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report Given:** Motion to accept as read. Approved.

**Chaplain's Report:**

3 members passed away. Phone checks have been made.

**Reading of Correspondence.**

Middle River Goose Fest- registration deadline 31 August.

Fall Conference- Oct 9th

District Conference- Oct 16th

**Committee reports given:**

**Service officer:** helped 3 veterans. Financial Report approved by National.

**Membership:** 4 new members.

**Entertainment:** Scheduled for Aug 29th, City Park, 1-4pm

**Forget-me-not:** Lukens Event- \$1415 raised,

Walmart 4-5th need 4 volunteers, other events pending

**Old Business:**

1. Clothing Committee needs changes and will be presented.
2. By-Laws will be presented in September.
3. New Trailers have arrived.
4. Lightweight trailer needs repair.
5. Audit Committee, met and approved annual financial report. Copies are available.
6. Adult Day Services crafts- more information is needed.
7. Ramp for Mr. Johnson has been closed. Unless further information is gathered.

**New Business:**

1. Vet in Need- Emergency Electric Bill paid.
2. Vet in Need- of furniture. In Need of Bed- more info is needed.
3. Veteran Stand Down needs volunteers for Sept 23rd at Armory.

**Executive Committee items:**

1. Cargo Boxes approved for Flatbed truck- \$325
2. \$250 Golf Cart Sponsorship for Foundation event.
3. \$350 approved for vet in need of new lift pump.

**Good of the Order:** College Term Starts next week. School starts in two weeks. Thanked for support from Veteran. Member would like to donate boat to DAV.

**Closing Ceremonies were performed.**

**Meeting adjourned at:** 1933 hrs.

# COMMANDERS CORNER

The crew has its hands full on clothes sorting day. We are thankful for a community that generously supports the DAV with the donations that are turned into monetary profit for the needs of the veterans in the Chapter 7 area. If you are available on Tuesday morning, come out to the storage units southwest of the bowling alley and join us in the sorting of the donations; we begin at 8:30 am.

Vernon "Pat" Morgan one of our volunteers passed away last week. As soon as I find out when and where his memorial service is being held, I will let everyone know.

If you are a veteran and in need of help, contact your Veteran Service Office first to see if they have a program that can provide the help you need. If they are unable to help, they will refer you to us.

I would like to hear from the veterans throughout our chapter area. If you have meetings or special events this summer, please call me. I will make every effort to come and introduce myself to you and explain how you can become more active in the organization. The men and women who are now involved in our chapter are always happy to see new faces. The more active our members are, the better able we are at helping and assisting veterans.

Dave Sterr,

Commander

## By-Laws Update

The updated Chapter By-laws will have the first reading at the September 21st meeting and if no changes are put forth, the second reading will be at the October 19th meeting, where if no changes are presented, they will be voted on! It is essential that a large majority of our members be present at these next two meetings for the readings and the vote as these changes will pertain to all of our membership!

## LOOKING FOR A FISHING PARTNER?

Ed Holman is a retired, 73 year old, Disabled Veteran that is looking for other Disabled Veterans to go fishing with, on a one on one basis! Ed has access to Big Bass Lake just across the road from where he lives. He has a boat with a trailer and is willing to travel a reasonable distance to pick you up and fish other lakes as well! His one requirement is that you be ambulatory enough to get in and out of the boat on your own! For more information give him a call at: (218) 849-0877

## ADJUTANT CORNER

This last month has been very busy, with participation in 3 parades, a visit to the Fergus Falls Veterans home to play bingo and visit with residents, then up to International Falls for the MACV stand down where we picked up three new members, John Hendrit, Kenneth Rohl and Bruce Anderson. There are several more new member applications pending approval. We should always be on the lookout for new members and or transfers in from Chapter 8, we receive \$3.50 for each new member. Please carry a membership card(s) with you and be prepared to sign up new members. If you do not have any applications, give me a call and I will send some out to you.

I met with Commander Remus to help work on what the DAV would like to see the VA and the Governor approve, which would help Veterans in the state. There are also many new bills that you should get involved in and I have emailed them to those that I have Email addresses for.

Went to Middle River where we finalized some items for the Goose hunt scheduled on 19 September, we have 21 Applications at this date. We have many hunts coming up this fall, if you are interested, please go on line to [davmn.com](http://davmn.com) to find applications. We contacted all large industry in the North Country to ask for help for the Golf tournament fund raiser next month.

Qualified Troops can carry hand guns in all States under the law enforcement Officers act of 2004 which was extended to apply to Military Personal in 2013. To qualify you must have 10 years of experience in the field and be either active or retired (LEOSA). The Air Force so far, has issued 1,500 credentials,

it has 8,000 pending application for this privilege, see [www.armytimes.com](http://www.armytimes.com) 08-03-15 page 15.

Our Stand down is on September 23th from 0800 to 1400 hours, let ever one you know about this very valuable service provided by MACV.

The United Way ([unitedway.org](http://unitedway.org)) has the new copy of the HERO Military Connection directory for 2015, contact them at 800-543-7709 and ask them to send you one, you may find it very valuable. Another good place to find all types of books that are free to help Veterans and Service members is at [www.ag.state.mn.us](http://www.ag.state.mn.us) or call 800-654-3787.

Our bylaw committee has completed the update of our bylaws and they will be voted on at the September 21st and October 19th regular meetings, please plan on attending these important meetings!

The State Fall Conference is coming up on October 9th at Lake Elmo, and the 14th District Conference at Fargo is on the 17th of October.

We have taken 6 loads of clothing to sell this last month and have given out \$2,110 to vets in need.

Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as your adjutant and other jobs.

Respectfully,

Robert Sadoris

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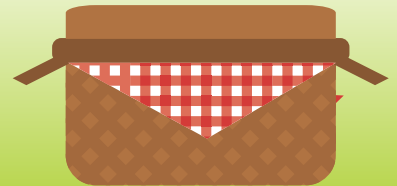
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# DAV Summer Picnic

Our DAV Summer picnic will be held on Saturday the 29th of August at the Bemidji City Park, 1115 23rd St NW, Bemidji, MN, in the warming building from 1- 4 PM. We are looking forward to having all of our DAV "Family" joining us for this event. If you have any questions please contact us with an Email through our website, [www.davchapter7.org/dav/?page\\_id=996](http://www.davchapter7.org/dav/?page_id=996) or you can call Tom Annonson at (218) 251-3025.

Hope to see you all there!!



## COMMUNITY DAY BOOKLET SALES

Herberger's will be having their Community Days Sale in November, so I am looking for volunteers to help with the booklet sales at the store for the next two months. I will need to set up a schedule with the store and am looking for people willing to volunteer for one or two Fridays or Saturdays during that time. I usually set us up from 10 AM till 4 PM at the Mall entrance to the store. If anyone is willing to participate, please give me a call for more information.

Thank you for your service to our Country and other Veterans!

Tom Annonson,  
Fund Raising Chairman  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The last several months we have been looking at several different components in the life of the prophets (Amos, Micah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, John and others). Today there are many different perceptions that come to mind about the prophets. Some are correct and many others are not, such as being religious, mystics, fortune tellers, and so forth. Actually the prophets were not religious at all (Isaiah 1), they were not mystics (Lev 19:31 - 20:6) and certainly not fortune tellers (I Corinthians 13:9-13).

The Prophets had a very close relationship with God, and spoke to the people or government officials on behalf of God. The prophets spoke of God's intentions, plans, warnings, judgment, reconciliation, blessings and love. This includes instances when God had to correct and restore His people. Yet, God would never do something without letting His prophets know first, whose job it was to tell the people (Amos 3:1-8).

The prophets were very instrumental in the times of the Old Testament during the exile. The exile was a very tumultuous time for Israel because they were separated from the land God had promised them. Why would God want to do this? Why would He correct His own people in such a seemingly harsh manner? The prophets were sharing not only the reality of God's character, but the fact that He does not show favoritism. God is a Covenant God, in other words He stands behind the agreements He made with the forefathers of the Jewish People. This all goes back to God wanting to create a people for Himself, and the hope they can look forward too, even after being punished in later generations (Genesis 12). This is so very important because we have been made a part of this process through Christ. God has by no means abandoned His plans for Israel and for reaching out to everyone with the hope and freedom in Christ. Jesus has not returned yet, though He will (Acts 1, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, and Revelation 22) and His reward is with Him (Rev 22:12).

As we are waiting for Christ's return, some would say there are no more prophets. Yet, in The Book of Acts, prophets continued to function, though they have a different (confirming) role, because now we have the Holy Spirit who teaches, reveals and guides us in the things of God as we do our part in studying the scriptures. A person may consider this one fact, we are still living at a time consistent with God working out His intentions to reach out to humanity. This began in Genesis, continues through the warnings and hope of The Prophets, through the work of Jesus here on earth (now currently in heaven), the dynamics in Acts and the future events in Revelation.

Some people would ask, what about all the people who lived and did not know God through the witnessing of the Jews or Christians? Will they still go to heaven? It is important to understand the tremendous blessing we all have to be a part of what God is doing to reach out to others, it is very humbling. Yet, this will not prevent someone from knowing God and developing a relationship with Him. Why? Simple, because God can and does reveal Himself through other means (Romans 1, Acts 9, I Cor 15:9, Rev 1), just look at the time (Genesis 11:26-12:1) when God revealed Himself to Abram (later known as Abraham). This is all we know from the scriptures about Abraham, but what was it about Abraham in this first encounter with God? What was the essence or quality God found in Abraham to call him? Remember Abraham originally came from out of the Ancient Mesopotamian religious culture? Yet, Abraham chose to believe in God, Yahweh, (The Father) and rejoiced in Jesus day too (John 8:56). A wonderful blessing!

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