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November 2015

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**National Guard Armory Bemidji, MN
Monday, November 16th at 7pm**

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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

COMMANDERS CORNER

This summer has been the busiest one so far. The clothing program has increased to the point where we are shipping 6 to 8 loads per month. The volunteer crew has done a tremendous job with sorting the huge amount of donations we get each and every week. We could use a few more helpers as some of our volunteers are going south for the winter. The first Tuesday in November we will be moving our operation to the Armory. Please come and join a wonderful crew and go out to lunch with us.

We are having our Christmas party on Dec 21st at the Eagles club. All members, volunteers and their spouses are invited. Please call me at 556-4633 to RSVP so we can plan on how many will be attending. Social hour starts at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00.

We are headed into the Fall and Winter months in very good financial shape with funds available to aid and assist our Chapter 7 area veterans. Again, thank you all so very much. I am proud to serve along with all my DAV comrades.

Dave Sterr



DAV MEETING FOR OCTOBER 19TH, 2015

Meeting called to order: 1900 Hrs.

Opening Ceremonies Performed.

Roll call of officers taken: A quorum was present.

Number of Members Present: 12

Guests or Visitors: None

Reading of the minutes from September 21st meeting:
Motion to accept as amended. Approved.

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

Chaplain's Report: roughly 10 veterans visited.

Reading of Correspondence.

Thank You letters sent to individuals that donated to the Chapter

Letters of appreciation received from organizations that received help from the Chapter

Streamer Presented for outstanding recruitment

Clothing for a Cause program is back on

Info on National and State Laws and Amendments that affect veterans presented

Committee reports given:

Service officer:

Helping 3 veterans

Membership:

5 new members, MN is #1 in Division for membership

Entertainment:

December Christmas party planned-

NEED RSVPs by 12 December

Dec 21st @ Eagles, 5pm Social, 6pm Dinner

Forget-me-not:

Herberger's Booklet Sale 6th & 7th of November.
FGMN donation are \$48 short of the budget goal of \$7000

Old Business:

1. Lightweight trailer needs repair when emptied.
2. First Aid kit to be purchased for Clothing Sort.
3. Changes to by-laws presented- Motion to accept changes, approved.

New Business:

1. \$2000 paid to Chapter from State DAV in settlement
2. Vet in need of Windows, working with Home Depot
3. Bagley Deer Hunt on 7th & 8th, sign up to help or participate
4. Lease for use of Armory and Building remodel plans presented.
5. Sea Cadet Youth Program presented for Sponsorship.
Motion to accept if authorized, approved.
6. Slab for Widow in need of garage (info).

Executive Committee items:

1. Sponsorship of Deer Hunt Dinner on Nov 7th. Motion to accept, approved.
 2. Newspaper placed ad on info from Veteran's Stand Down for free.

Good of the Order:

1. Veterans receiving regular medication must check if their plan changed.
2. Info on PTSD Support group hosted by Sanford Health presented

Closing Ceremonies were performed.

Meeting adjourned at: 2016 hrs.

ADJUTANT CORNER

The Vet center is in Bemidji on Mondays and Tuesdays at BSU Decker Hall, Deck 10 from 0800 hours –1600 hours, they are there to help Veterans and offer counseling. If we could get more of us to use this service, it looks good for getting a permanent Vet center here in Bemidji, they have to have numbers to prove the need, so please think of using these services as it would be out stand to have a center here.

MacDonald's is going to be giving a percentage of their profits from their November 11th sales so encourage your friends to use them on 11,11,2015. Stanford center is having Military Appreciation Men's Hockey games on November 13/14, this is for veterans or currant military personal with a valid military I. D. card. Bottom line is that you buy one ticket you get one free in pink section.

CVSO'S have a special grant for veterans living in and around Kelliher, Waskish and the Fourtown area near the city of Grygla contact 333-4178 or 333-4177 for details.

On March 24th 2015 Joe Wilson of South Carolina introduced a bill, H. R. 1594, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the survivor benefit plan for

military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veteran's dependency and indemnity compensation. Please ask for your representative's support for this important bill. Also a cost of living bill, S. 1493 and a women veteran's access to quality care act S. 471, are in need of you contacting your Senators for their support of these bills.

We had over 800 volunteer hours for last month. There was a fair turnout for the goose hunt at Middle River and a good attendance for the Stand-down. I attended the Camp Ripley Deer hunt for 3 days before the Fall Conference, also to the District Conference at Fargo. Our Chapter has met the goal for new memberships and our State is leading its division again this year. Our chapter has given out close to \$1,700 since last newsletter. The updated Chapter By-laws are completed and have been sent to State for approval.

We have 19 bins we need members to adopt. If we can get 19 members who would be willing to take responsibility for one bin each, to keep it waxed, the hinges oiled, the legs out of the grass and touch up the paint, this would keep our investment usable for a longer period of time. Both Mike Zimmerman and I have a list of bin locations, please consider taking one as your own, otherwise we are going to have to replace the bins as they get in bad shape, let's keep them in great shape! It would take very little of your time and save our Chapter lots of money down the road.

I have lots more that I could include but there is only so much room in the newsletter.

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COMBAT VETERANS PTSD SUPPORT GROUP

The Sanford Bemidji Medical Center's Support Group for Combat Veterans who are experiencing PTSD, Anxiety or Depression related to past combat experiences is in operation. There is no cost to attend and all combat veterans are welcome, regardless of when you served in a combat zone. Group members will discuss current personal issues and how past combat experiences are impacting their daily life. All discussions, situations and personal experiences will be held in strict confidence. The meetings are being held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5 to 7 PM in the Education Center of the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, located near the hospital's main eastside entrance. For more information call:

Billy Benso, RN, USMC Veteran (218) 333-5165

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Your Newsletter/website staff

VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history, and after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

With this in mind, there are a multitude of organizations and restaurants that are planning various ways to honor our Veterans. We encourage you to check out what is happening in your community to find out what is being planned for observing Veterans Day in your local area and then attend or take advantage of these events or special deals!

HERBERGER'S COMMUNITY DAY SALES EVENT

The upcoming Bemidji Herberger's Community Day Sale will be held on November 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, in preparation for this, our Chapter has scheduled Nov 6th & 7th from 10AM to 4PM, to do the in-store booklet sales for this fund raising event and we are in need of volunteers to help! This fund raising event is a great asset for our Chapter in that every \$5 booklet we sell, we get to keep all of the funds and there isn't any cost to our Chapter except for the time we put into it! Our target goal for this fall's and next spring's Sales event is \$7000, which we can easily reach, or exceed, if we put in a little time and effort.

If you are available to help on any of these dates, please contact Tom Annonson at (218) 251-3025 for more information!

2015 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month we were looking at The Book of Revelation. This month we will continue to do the same by examining important elements for understanding its' meaning. There are several questions to answer, the questions are; who, what, why, when, where and how, does The Book of Revelation apply? Many people view The Book of Revelation as a complex frightening book, which has been abused, misrepresented and at times taken completely out of context. The Book of Revelation has been studied for centuries and in fact there is no end to understanding its message and meaning from Christ. So, let's take one question at a time. Let's look at the first three questions this month and the last three questions next month.

Who: Everything written in The Book of Revelation originally came from Jesus Christ who instructed John to write it down. Jesus wanted everything He said (Rev 1-3) and the message behind all the imagery (Rev 4-22) distributed to His people. Yes, everything written in The Book of Revelation, the prophecy, blessings and warnings, were all intended for His people who lived in a particular area. This location consisted of seven specific churches in a very small region of the Roman Empire known today as the country of Turkey. Jesus revealing all of this to John is very consistent with some of the similar events taking place in the Old Testament when God would reveal things to His prophets. God would then instruct these prophets to write down everything they heard and saw from God (Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1-2, Jeremiah 30:2; 36:1-6, Amos 3:7). It was the prophet's responsibility to bring God's message to His people. Notice this is the same thing taking place in The Book of Revelation.

What: God's message to His people was the subject of the vision, prophecy and revelation. The purpose behind God's message is the most important part of the entire Old Testament Books, such as Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah, or for that matter any book in The Bible. God's message from the Old Testament to the New Testament has not changed, this includes the Book of Revelation. God's purpose involves creating and nurturing a people for Himself (Gen 2, Rev 22), constantly reaching out to all of humanity. God's message included the condition of His people's heart, a request for His people to return back to Him, the consequences of not doing so, the reality of spiritual warfare, future events to take place and the reason for those events.

Why: This is the main issue on a lot of people's minds. Why would God allow so many bad things to happen? Most people see a contradiction between God's love and His judgment, but both of these two characteristics belong to God, who is first warning His people and others of future events (Rev 1). Always encouraging people to repent (Rev 2 - 3), which means to change both their attitude and the way they are living (Rev 22), even if it means to use bad events in order to get them to do so. Yet not going over the right of the people to freely choose for themselves the kind of lives they want to live, or the kind of people they want to become (Rev 22). Inviting people back to Himself (Rev 22) is the very essence of God's heart because all humanity has sinned and at one time, or another, we were all enemies of God (Romans 5:8-11). All of this requires a choice on our part between following the things we know, or should know are wrong, and the things of God (Rev 13), this was something we had looked at last month.

If you have a need, are in the hospital or would simply like to talk, we would be glad to listen, please call us at 444-5015.

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