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*from the Newsletter
and Website Staff!*

COMMANDERS CORNER

As 2015 comes to an end I wish to report another banner year for our clothing program. It is going great which means our income stream is steady and we are able to help veterans in need in financial ways. I want to thank all the DAV members and supporters who gave of their time and talents to the betterment of our chapter. There is such good energy and I am glad to be sharing in this good energy with you. It has been such a solid year of fund raising, thanks to everyone, and our chapter is moving forward in a dynamic way. You are loyal in the cause of helping those in need and loyal to each other in our military brotherhood. Blessings and good health to you and your loved ones.

Good news for 2016! We are in the process of negotiating for the purchase of an equipment shop/storage building for our DAV Chapter. This property has a large heated building (40X72) and parking for approximately 30 vehicles. Our plan is to use the building for the clothing process of separating and re-bagging clothing and miscellaneous donations for transfer to the Fargo and Duluth Savers stores; the storing of donated medical equipment; parking for our trucks and trailers and optional DAV meeting space. The lot measures 450X100 which gives us room for future plans. We hope to be able to present this purchase plan to the membership at the January general membership meeting for approval.

Dave Sterr

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Holiday season and were able to spend it with your families and friends!

As your newsletter staff, we are looking forward to the coming year and the possibilities that it will bring for us to improve on the newsletter, and as always, we are open to your suggestions and inputs.

Currently we are considering adding a column each month to recognize and Honor the Veterans from within our Chapter and Chapter area that have passed away. To accomplish this, we will need you, your family and friends help to send us the information on the passing of any Veteran in your family or Community. The information we would like to have on each Veteran is;

Full name (and any “nickname” or shortened version that they may have been known by).

Dates of Birth and of Passing.

Branch of Service *

Dates of Enlistment (DOE) and Separation (DOS) *

Participation in any conflict(s) (WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War etc.) *

Major awards (Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service, Purple Heart etc.) *

*** The information on the annotated items can be found on their Military form DD-214, if available.**

This information can be sent to our mailing address: NORTH CENTRAL MN CHAPTER 7, P.O. Box 564, Bemidji, MN 56619-0564 or Emailed to mnchapter7@gmail.com

ADJUTANT CORNER

To start with the Commander is working very hard to buy a building to sort clothing in, it will be for clothing use only, not for meetings, the Commander has submitted a bit of \$100,000 with the seller asking \$138,000, there can be no earnest money put down without your approval. The major goal of your executive committee is to purchase a building. Our outstanding treasure and our Commander worked for two hours to adjust budget to see if it would work. The projected monthly cost of said building would be \$2,320 or \$27,840 per year. This includes the \$1,050 a month payment towards the loan for the building. To see where budget cuts would come from call the Commander at 556-4633. The Commander is also attempting to acquire grants to help pay for the building, if acquired these grants may very well pay for a large part of the cost of the building which, in turn, would lower the monthly cost of mortgage. If interested either way with this purchase, please attend the upcoming meetings, otherwise you will have no say in the purchase.

The State Commander has submitted the following suggested ideas for Legislation to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

- A. Expanded use of the Minnesota G. I. bill.
- B. Instate tuition waivers for Minnesota Veterans with 100% Service Connected Disabilities.
- C. Free deer hunting, small game and life time fishing licenses for Service Connected Disabled Veterans rated at 50% or higher.
- D. Permanent homestead market value exclusions for widows/ widowers of 70% or higher rated Service Connected Veterans.
- E. Military Pension Tax Exemptions.

There are some important changes to the Veterans Choice Program.

- A. Veteran lives more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest VA medical Facility with a full-time primary care physician.
- B. Needs to travel by air, boat, or ferry to the VA medical facility closest to their home.
- C. Told by their local VA medical facility that they will not be able to schedule an appointment for care within 30 days of the date the Veterans Physician determines they need to be seen or within 30 days of the date the Veteran wishes to be seen if there is no specific date from their physician.
- D. Faces an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to the closest VA medical facility based on geographic challenges, environmental factors, a medical condition, the nature or simplicity or frequency of the care needed, and whether an attendant is needed. Staff at the Veteran's local VA medical facility will work with Veteran to determine if the Veteran is eligible for any of these reasons.
- E. Lives in State or territory without a full service VA medical facility example Alaska, Hawaii, some areas of New Hampshire, some US territories. Call **866-606-8198** to confirm their eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

For more information on the Choice program www.va.gov/opa/choiceact.com or call your CVSO. Locate a participating provider at www.ebenefits.va.gov/chat/chatstart.html.

How many of you would be willing to ride a bus to the Capital for the 2016 "Veterans on the Hill" day??? If you are interested, please contact me at **218-243-2663** or check out our website at www.davchapter7.org for more information.

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NORTH CENTRAL MN CHAPTER #7 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD: DECEMBER 7, 2015 AT 1705

Members

Commander: Dave Sterr	Present
Senior Vice: Mike Zimmerman	Present
First Junior Vice: Marten Schrage	Excused
Past Commander: Bruce Holden	Present
Treasurer: Jeri Harvey	Present

At large members

Tom Annonson	Chairman	Excused
Bruce Tiegan		Present
Glen Aagard		Excused
Adjutant Sadoris	Recorder	Present

A. Minutes for the November 2nd 2015 meeting were read.

Changes made to minutes. Motion made by:
Sr. Vice Zimmerman, Second by: Commander Sterr

MOTION PASSED WITH CHANGES NOTED

B. Old Business

1. Sadoris suggested we might be able to pick up transfers from Chapter # 8 (Members at Large) and that he could create a list of members. (Open April 2015) **September update list to Mr. Zimmerman stated 6 Pd full, 6 owe money, 3 with phone he will call December no action to date.**
2. Veteran needs window in house replaced Mr. Sterr taking care of issue Commander to look at all other options CVCO, bi cap, other places. December update issue this is in the hands of Home Depot at this time

C. New Business

1. Building to purchase for use to sort clothing was discussed in great detail. Treasurer Harvey and Commander Sterr worked on where money could come from Sat for two hours.
2. Commander betting on an increase of clothing by \$20,000 next year.
3. Decrease food cost to clothing sorters by \$5,000
4. Lower misc. costs by \$2,700
5. Lower rent by \$240
6. Lower fuel cost by \$2,000
7. Lower cost share by \$2,000
8. Lower mileage for equipment driver and parades by \$1,000
9. No more bins save \$500
10. An increase in budget for paying drivers to take clothes to Savers, estimate of \$12,600 for next year (drivers get \$150 per load)
11. Need to cut or make changes to next year's budget by \$ 29,040.00 for cost of building plus cost of Driver's, guess of \$12,600, total of \$41,640

12. Estimates of building cost per month and year

Loan Payments	\$ 1050 monthly	\$12,600 yearly
Taxes	\$ 335 monthly	\$ 4,020 yearly
Insurance	\$ 250 monthly	\$ 3,000 yearly
Electric	\$ 600 monthly	\$ 7,200 yearly
Water/ sewer/rain	\$ 50 monthly	\$ 600 yearly
Waste	\$ 35 monthly	\$ 420 yearly
Subtotals	\$ 2320 monthly	\$27,840 yearly
Building in Warroad		\$ 1200 yearly
Estimated Total Yearly Cost for Buildings		\$29,040
Estimated Total Yearly Cost for Drivers		\$12,600

13. Commander had a draft to take to Neilson's to ask for grant, also Foundation gave Commander other places to apply.
14. Commander has already submitted a bid of \$100,000 for deed for contact with the assessments to be paid by seller.
15. Lots are subdivided but not recorded.
16. Commander wants to be able to prepay without penalty.
17. Who must sign for building? (Sadoris stated Commander)
18. Sadoris to check if DAV lawyer would help!
19. Commander feels there is \$20,000 to \$100,000 available from grants to purchase building.
20. Any earnest money must be approved by membership before it can be given.
21. Equipment storage trailer may be moved to new building per planning board, but must have fence around it. (cost not discussed)
22. Will have additional costs of fixing new building, Electrical wires, insulation, toilet, sink and other items needed. Commander will have info for membership before they vote.
23. Commander states he has many folks that can do the needed work.
24. Commander and others suggested that visitor who did not sign in be member of committee to replace Glenn or Bruce, it was decided it could happen but needed membership approval. As Glenn will be gone for winter and Bruce will be having surgery.
25. Commander made it very clear that building would be for clothes sorting only not for meeting's.

D. Good of the Order

Chairman Annonson had asked the Commander to ask Committee to discuss goals for 2016 and did we have list of deaths for year.

1. Goals: folks stated only goal was new building.
2. Sadoris will check with national for list of deceased members.

E. A motion to adjourn was made by Commander Sterr seconded by Miss Harvey, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1805. The next meeting will be held on January 4th, 2016 at 1700.

In Comradeship
Robert Sadoris
Adjutant

Approved
Tom Annonson
Chairman

2016 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Merry Christmas everyone. Usually in December it is customary to discuss issues relating to the birth of Christ and issues relating to His birth and the nativity. Yet there is another issue taking place this month relating to our last month's discussion regarding The Book of Revelation. One of the issues this book addresses is the compromising of doctrine, such as the case with the Church of Pergamos (Rev 2:17), the congregation from where Antipas was martyred. The issue of compromise has been with humanity for a very long time, and is still with us today. The Book of Revelation is full of making choices in the midst of a compromising world (Rev 13) to include choosing between an allegiance with Babylon (world's system - Rev 17) and the New Jerusalem (God's Kingdom - Rev 21). In like manner the issue of doctrine compromise seems to have been brought up again this month from a well known and respected Christian college where one of the professors made an interesting statement reflecting the conviction and the statement of many people today who believe "we all serve the same God." (Reference is made to <http://6abc.com/news/professor-suspended-for-religious-post-on-facebook-/1126629/>). The question becomes who really is who?

There are two methods to describe God, one method is to use His characteristics (love joy, peace) and the other method is to use His identity, that is, His name, Jehovah (meaning: self existent or eternal - Ex 6:3), I am (Ex 3:14, John 8:58), referring to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. Even if a person says "hey you" and 'you' are in a crowd, the person addressing you is addressing only one person in the crowd, that person is you. Therefore, the "Hey You" although being general is really specifically identifying one person, you and only you. Nobody else. Somehow this idea of God being the same God that all people of all different religions worship is definitely a compromising fact. Jesus never compromised the issue between the acceptance of people for the identity of God the Father. Jesus would not compromise Himself or His Message to the people (John 6: 31-71). Instead, Jesus met people where they were, took care of their needs, showed people who God is, all the while sharing the good news of His visitation here on earth.

What about this 'same God?' Are there different names for God and for other 'gods' who are not God (Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit)? The answer is a resounding 'yes'. The question is who are they? Here is a partial list of their names, all separate gods: Anammelech (II Kings 17:31), Ashtoreth (I Kings 11:5), Baal (I Kings 18:19), Baal-peor (Num 25:1-9), Chemosh (I Kings 11:7), Dagon (I Sam 5:1-7), Diana (Acts 19:35), Jupiter (Acts 14:12, 13), Molech (I Kings 11:7), Tammuz (Ezek 8:14) as well as Allah and others. As we can see, names really do matter. So what about a person living in a place who has never come across the name of Jesus Christ? Paul addresses this issue too, because God has a way of showing Himself in such a manner they will live there lives by faith pleasing God, just like Abraham (Romans Chapters 1-8, John 8:48-59, Acts 9). In other words, just like God showed Himself to Moses and Abraham, Jesus showed Himself to Saul, and the Holy Spirit showed Himself to all the people from around the Roman Empire. God does reveal Himself to others, but do they want Jesus?

We wish you a wonderful new year knowing Christ as you continue to live for God, while being lead by the Holy Spirit. If you have a need, are in the hospital or would simply like to talk, we would be glad to listen, please call us.

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