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Monthly Newsletter February 2016

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NEXT MEETING: National Guard Armory Bemidji, MN Monday, February 15th at 7pm









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Veterans Day on the Hill

The Minnesota Commanders' Task Force, the United Veterans Legislative Council, and the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers will be holding this year's Veterans Day on the Hill at the Cedar Street Armory, 600 Cedar St, St Paul, on Wednesday, March 16, starting at 10 a.m.

We are looking for any and all Veterans that would be interested in attending this event and need to know how many people would want to ride a charter bus down to it at a possible cost of no more than \$10 per person. The tentative schedule is to leave from the Bemidji Walmart parking lot at 0400Hrs. and have another pick up in Akeley at approx. 0445Hrs. We are working with the various Veteran Organizations and CVSO's within our 12 County area looking for their support both financially and to help get the word out to everyone and we could use your help as well!

We need to have a large showing from this area so that our State Legislature will better listen to the needs for all of the veterans from up here. Please, seriously consider attending this event for the benefit of all of the 30,000 plus veterans in North Central Minnesota!

If you want to go, please let us know by the 2nd of March! For more information, send us an *Email* or call Robert Saddoris @ 218-209-1863, call or text Tom Annonson @ 218-251-3025.

NORTH CENTRAL MN CHAPTER #7 GENERAL MEETING CONVENED ON JANUARY 18 2016 AT 1900HRS

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Introduction of guests or visitors: Mr. Strege, Mr. Stroup

Prospective new member(s): Mr. Torgrimson

Transfers in: None
MEMBERS PRESENT: 11

Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 19, 2015, Motion to approve: 1st: Mr. Annonson, 2nd; Mr. Siats, Approved Financial Report: Report and Bills against the Chapter for

November 16th 2015 - January 17 2016.

Motion to Approve: 1st; Mr. Hanevold, 2nd: Mr. Staudt,

Discussion: None, Approved

Sickness or distress: See hospital report.

New Member Obligation: None

Communications:

- Five thank you letters sent to individuals that donated money to the Chapter.
- Received thank you from Fargo VA for food provided to CBOC and thanksgiving meal
- Membership we are 1st in State @ 103.84% MN 1st in division @ 100.35%
- Training for leadership St Cloud March 5th 2016 need to send short bio
 - Showing leadership skills.
 - Significant accomplishments
 - Volunteerism
 - Other career accomplishments

To MN HQ by February 10th 2016 candidates will receive invitation and briefed on the purpose in late February

- Saddoris attended VAVS meeting today Fargo VA Hospital, list of needs to State HQ to send out to all State Chapters
- Veterans fair, Middle River February 9th, 1300 hours--2000 hours
- Bylaws passed State Judge Advocate but not National, State working to find problem before sending them back to us.
- Trout Fishing Available at Red Lake, Frank Chilson and Gary Lockner have volunteered to take veteran fishing, the cost \$50 for Red Lake guide service.

- Free Bear hunt by first name Gary cannot find information
- Free land available for Disable Veterans, 4 lots on Gemmel Ave, safe area according to police, current taxes \$224 as no building on property.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Report: 4 new members, 4 partially paid members are now fully paid, leaving 4 partially paid members.
- Service Officer Report: one veteran completed his comp, another awaiting notice for comp exam, one received back results from comp; hearing aids issued to him.
- Legislative Report: Working on taking bus to St Paul for Veterans on the Hill, see old business for details
- Hospital Chaplain Report: 15 visits made by Chaplain Mike Gutz (not all in hospitals).
 Deaths: Harold Fruetel (56-year member of DAV) and

Jean Vaughn (58-year member of DAV)

- Entertainment: 108 folks at Christmas dinner
- Fundraising committee:
 - FGMN \$48 short of budged amount, should be able to make up at April Gun Show.
 - Herberger's coupon booklet sales going on now, we have met budget goal (\$3000) for this year and still have two more dates set up for us to sell prior to their big sale on 26-27 Feb.

• Newsletter Committee:

- · Mr. Annonson requested articles by Thursday.
- Reinforced the need to increase the online access to reduce cost in mailing, we have 48 newsletters notifications now being sent out by email, and still have 540+ being mailed!
- · Two possible advertisers still pending.

Old Business:

- Building purchase, Commander states he will have total cost ready by next executive meeting, including cost of fixing inside of building. Commander states running in to some issues with seller, should find out about grants applied for this week 18-22, Commander agreed to look at another building if this one falls through. Commander has made an offer of \$125,000 for property and building.
- Annonson and Saddoris working with CVSO's and different Post throughout our region for interest in taking bus to Veterans on the Hill, March 16th, need to have names of riders to one of us by March 2nd. 2016 Commander, Greg Remus is working on Walker and Park Rapids area buses cost \$1,300 to \$1400 depending on 47 or 55 passenger bus.

Beltrami CVSO has offered to pay \$200; Meal has not been worked out yet. Paper work given to Commander to fill out for Home Depot reference garage we have discussed many time. INFO

COMMANDERS CORNER

January flew by so fast that I can hardly believe I'm writing the February update for the newsletter already. I am working diligently with the building committee regarding the possible purchase of the shop/storage building for our DAV chapter. I guess that's why the time flew by so fast. We should have definitive news for you by early February.

We are beginning to see some more new volunteer helpers for our Tuesday morning clothing drive process. This faithful group of folks is fun to work with and they work hard at getting the job done. It is just great to see new faces and watch them assimilate so easily into this volunteer group. As the year moves on, volunteers will be needed for the Forget-Me-Not and the coupon booklet fund raisers, too. If you can spare a few hours to volunteer for these fund raisers, we would be very grateful. Giving a few hours of your time to volunteer benefits so many of our fellow veterans. We need you and they need you.

Dave Sterr

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New Business:

- No Funds over \$300 given to Veterans in need this pass month as none reported for Membership present to vote on.
- Nomination for 2016 Officers held, nominations for:
 - · Commander David Sterr
 - Senior Vice Mike Zimmerman
 - Junior Vice Tom Annonson
 - Treasurer Jeri Harvey
 - Nominations for all elected Offices, Members present were asked three times if there was anyone else for the office after each Nomination was open. No other nominations for any of the offices were made.
- Certificate of good standing with Secretary of State approved for 2016
- Have problem in Warroad with garabage being placed in bin. Mr Zimmerman will get Commander and Saddoris names and #s of newspapers in affected

- area, Commander will then work with Saddoris to draft up letter to place in newspapers.
- Commander received a call from State Senior Vice about our Chapter being # 1 in State. Also mention will soon have committee formed for golf tournament.
- Saddoris trying to get 4 more drivers for Van to transport in to CBOC.

Executive Committee: \$5,000 was approved by Executive Committee for the Disable Veterans Goose Hunt at Middle River. Membership voted to approve. 1st: Mr Hanevold, 2nd: Mr. Staudt, Approved, INFO

Good of the Order: None

Motion to adjourn made by: Mr. Staudt, 2nd: Mr. Hanevold, Discussion: None, Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 2030Hrs. The next meeting will be held on 15th February, 2016, 1900Hrs. at the National Guard Armory.



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ADJUTANT CORNER

MN is first in Nation for Membership @100.35%, our Chapter is first in MN @ 103.84%. Would like each of you to carry a membership and transfer form in your wallet or purse and each time you see someone wearing a Veterans hat, stop and talk to them, invite them to join! The cost is \$100 off of the price listed on the membership book, if they are 80 they join free. Many of you are full time workers or our unable to attend meeting or help with clothing drive or other project because of the distant to drive. Membership is one of the most important things we can do for our Chapter and fellow Veteran's as the more members the larger voice the DAV has for elective issues. If you are willing to go that extra step for your Chapter call me or send e mail, I will set you up with proper forms.

Are you aware that MN driver license may not get you on to some and at some point all Military bases and federal facilities? At this time MN, NM, MO, ILL, AND WA driver's licenses will not get you on some bases as a visitor. And at some point not on airlines until States listed change the licenses to meet federal standards.

ON March 16th 2016 we are wanting to take a bus or two to the Veterans on the Hill in St Paul to talk to our legislative reps about issues we would like to see changed to help Veterans in MN! We need your name and phone # before March 2nd 2016 if you plan to ride with us; the bus will leave Bemidji early on the 16th as the program starts @ 1000 hours call saddoris @ 218-243-2663 or Tom Annonson @ 218-251-3025 we may be asking \$10 per person if you can afford it, we are not sure about \$10 as yet may not cost anything if enough post and CVSO's. support us.

Our Commander is still attempting to purchase a building for our Chapter, has made offer of \$125,000 at this time. Building is to be used primarily for Clothing sorting and storage. By next executive meeting, February 1st 1700 hours Lukens South, Commander will have what full cost might be, as he has applied for grant and there

is excessive work to do inside building as it is not insulated and has no pluming, plus Glenn Aagard stated that all wiring would need to be redone as wire in building is to not the right gage, there can be no money Put down without your approval. If you want to have your voice heard for or against purchase be present at the February 15th meeting, 1900 hours, National Guard Armory, Bemidji. If you do not want to see your Chapter go in to debt stand up and say so or if you want it to go in to dept stand up and say so, once it is passed it will be a done deal, you should all be there and voice your option

At the February 15th meeting the second nominations for officers will be held, with election and appointments to follow, the installation will more than likely be at the March meeting. At the meeting on January 18th those nominated were: Commander - David Sterr, Senior Vice - Mike Zimmerman, Junior Vice - Tom Annonson, and Treasure - Jeri Harvey. If you want one of the Officer positions let Walter James 612-618-3377 or Bruce Holden 218-407-0925 know.

Outdoors we have fishing going on at Lake of the Woods and the upcoming Eelpout fest at Walker. Anyone wanting to go trout fishing @ Red Lake, Frank Chilson or Gary Lockner will take you. The cost for Red Lake guide is \$50, call me for numbers if interested. We have a man who will take a veteran on a free Bear Hunt, cannot find his name at this typing.

We have a lady who has 4 lots to give to disabled Veterans, they are located in Bemidji, water sewer to lots, no assessments, Taxes \$224 year as no house on lots. Located on Gemmel Ave, beautiful location, Road behind Ace Hard ware that goes up hill, a view of Lake Bemidji, good neighborhood according to Bemidji Police. Call me for details.

We are looking for four more drivers for the DAV transportation Van, it is a volunteer job. If interested call me.

Robert Saddoris 218-243-2663.

Comrades,

In our endeavor to keep the cost of the newsletter down we have been able to get 48 of you to sign up for the Email notifications, yet we are still mailing out 540 plus hard copies. This is a great indicator that as a Chapter we are growing and adding members but on the other hand it also keeps us from lowering the cost. There are benefits to getting your newsletter online, for instance:

- 1. All of the links noted are actually linked to the appropriate website for the information that is being provided and you can click on them to go directly there for more information.
- 2. All of our advertiser's links are also active to their websites making the newsletter more interactive.
- 3. Your Email notification link takes you to our Chapter website in hopes that while you are there you will check out the rest of the website for any news and updates about our chapter or other events happening within the DAV.
- 4. You will receive your notification that the newsletter has been posted to the website 7-10 days before you would receive it in the mail, thereby maybe getting some pertinent information in a timelier manner.
- 5. The newsletter is printable from the website if you so choose to have a hard copy. You can print individual pages without having to print the whole paper so you don't have to use up a lot of ink or paper.
- 6. Last, but not least, by getting your newsletter electronically, you are being "Eco friendly" by not generating more trees cut, paper to be made, ink to be produced and fuel to be consumed for generating electricity and transportation! Nothing moves without oil!

So, please send us your Email address so we can add you to our notification list!

As always, let us know if we can improve on the newsletter in any way!

Your Newsletter Staff

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This is an election year! We will be seeking and electing a new President and Vice President of the United States. Election years are those years when many people look forward to the political process. Many people place their hopes and dreams in the political process for the purpose of having the 'right' candidate selected for these offices. You may be thinking, what does this have to do with this article? In short, plenty.

The Bible reflects God has a way of electing particular people for a particular purpose and the Bible further shows a time in Israel's past, when they too, sought a national leader - a king. This election process can be quite telling, showing the difference between the manner in which God elects a person compared with the way man elects a person. First, what does it mean for God to elect a person for a particular purpose? Let's take a look at this issue beginning with Isaac and Ishmael along with Jacob and Esau while at the same time examine the way in which man interacts with this process.

The basis of this election process has to do with God's original intension, which was to create a nation compose of a people for Himself. This nation was to be a specific chosen nation among all the existing nations of the world, the purpose of this nation was three fold, first as pointed out earlier it was to be a nation of people for God (Exodus 19:6), second this nation was to witness God to the rest of the world thereby drawing people from out of other nations (who worshiped other gods) into a personal relationship with God (Gen 12:1-7), just like Abraham. The third purpose was not readily known to Israel's forefathers, but would be revealed in due time as the ancestors of Jesus Christ (Gen 3:15). This nation was, always has been, and still is Israel, to include all Christians who are a part of Israel (Romans 11). Even today, as it was back over 2,000 years ago, we see a fuller expression of this process through Jesus Christ. Yet, what about Isaac / Ishmael, Jacob / Esau and Israel's history of selecting a king? Let us take a look.

God is the one who elects the forefathers of Israel - Abraham, Isaac (Gen 17:19) and Jacob (Gen 25:19-34). Notice God told Abraham it would be through Isaac, and not Ishmael a particular person would be born (Gen 21:12) who would later be known as Jesus Christ (Heb 11:18). Although Abraham and Sarah tried to help God in this process, what they actually did was create a situation where a choice had to be made. They needed God's help to make this choice, since both of them had already been born. This choice was identifying Isaac as the descendent God spoke about whom the world would be blessed (Gen 12:3), again this person would be later known as Jesus Christ (Heb 11:18). This election process continues with Isaac and Rebecca over their sons Jacob and Esau, but this time God makes His choice known before they (Jacob and Esau) were even born. God mentions to Rebecca it would be through Jacob the nation of Israel would be established (Gen 25:23). So instead of going along with God, Isaac through his favoritism seems to create more problems down the road, where again, choices need to be made (Gen 27). Yet, just as Abraham originally favored Ishmael over Isaac (God selected Isaac), so Isaac favored Esau over Jacob (God selected Jacob). It seems when God already selects a person for a particular purpose, man unintentionally interacts with this process in a manner that creates a lot of heartaches and problems later. We will address issues relating to Israel choosing a king, and God's response next month.

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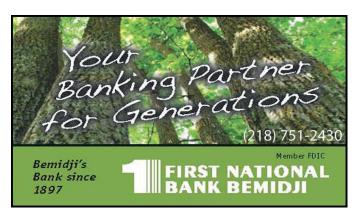


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