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Monthly Newsletter July 2016

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### **NEXT MEETING:**

Ridgewood Baptist Church Located at 2795 15th St NW Bemidji, MN Monday, July 18th at 7pm









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CHAPLAIN: Mike Gutz - (218) 308-3927 CHAPLAIN (ALT.): Bruce Holden - (218) 467-3591

JUDGE ADVOCATE: David Myers
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bruce Tiegen
OFFICER OF THE DAY: Glenn Aagard
HISTORIAN: David Myers

EXEC. COMMITTEE CHAIR: Tom Annonson - (218) 251-3025,

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EXEC. COMMITTEE: Walter James EXEC. COMMITTEE: Glenn Aagard



Attention all DAV and Auxiliary members!
Our Summer Picnic will be held on August 27th at our new building at the west end of 15th street.

Planning to attend? It's not necessary, but if possible, please let us know if you will be there and how many in your party. We are working up the menu and trying to figure out how many to plan for. You can Email us at <a href="mailto:mndavchapter?@gmail.com">mndavchapter?@gmail.com</a> or call; Tom Annonson (218) 251-3025 or Dave Sterr (218) 556-4633. Hope to see you all there!



# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 GENERAL MEETING CONVENED ON JUNE 20 2016 AT 1900.

Opening Ceremonies

#### A. Roll Call of Officers

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

B. Members Present: 15

C. Introduction of guests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers to Chapter # 7.

Guests/Visitors: Bidal Duran

Prospective new members: Report Given

Transfers in: None

**D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** May 16th 2016 minutes were read.

Motion to approve: Walter James

Seconded: Joe Boom

Approved

E. Abbreviated Financial Report for May 16 – 19 June: Report Read.

Motion to approve: Steve Siats Seconded: Wendell Affield Approved

F. Sickness or distress: Report Given by Chaplain Gutz

G. New Member Obligation: None

H. Communications: Thank you letter from Fargo VA for supplying the CBOC with refreshments.

I. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Senior Vice – Report Given

2. Service Officer Report: No report given

3. Legislative Report: No report given

4. Hospital Chaplain Report:

Entertainment: Will discuss the summer picnic under new business.

**6. Fundraising committee:** Ride for the Troops raised \$850.00.

7. Newsletter Committee:

a. Mr. Annonson requested articles by Thursday 21 July (or sooner).

#### J. Old Business:

- Purchase of new building is ongoing. Will close on 6 July. Need to paint, remove a wall, and possibly remove carpet. This will be accomplished on 7-8 July. Will need several volunteers.
- Fiscal year closes at the end of this month. All receipts need to be submitted before the 30th. Additionally, we need an audit committee. The commander appoints the following: Tom Annonson, Walter James, and Bruce Holden.

3. Planning on the Home Depot project continues. This is a garage unit for a veteran's widow. Home Depot has approved, and Commander Sterr is now working on securing funding for electrical, slab, etc. Scotty Allison has submitted paperwork to receive help from the State of Minnesota. VFW has donated \$250, Legion has set aside \$250, and We have approved \$1000 for this project. Knife river will pour the concrete and donate some of the cost. They will need two checks from the DAV of \$500.00 each. No date set, but estimate mid-July.

#### K. New Business

1. Due to work ongoing at our new building in early July, we will need to meet one more time at Ridgewood Baptist Church.

Motion made by Randy Hanevold

Seconded: Walter James

Approved

2. The tax issue stands as follows: IRS will not forgive 874.97 penalty. We will appeal.

A motion to pay this amount should the appeal fail was made by Bruce Tiegen

Seconded: Randy Hanevold

Approved

3. Would like to trade in light weight trailer for a heavier trailer. The 7th Day Adventist clothing depot has donated \$3500.00. We are trading our light weight trailer to Gary's Trailer Sales. This will be scheduled for after the new fiscal year. Our cost after donations is \$1784.43.

Motion made by Bruce Tiegen. Seconded: Jeff Roberts Approved

- **4.** 4th of July Float will be picked up on 2 July. Mike Zimmerman will be in charge, but needs 2 volunteers.
- 5. Auxiliary would like to sell bracelets as a fundraiser. They cost \$1 dollar, and will sell for \$5 dollars each. They will use their own funds, but need our permission to proceed. Granted.
- 6. Upcoming fundraisers Friday/Saturday 24/25 June at Lueken's North & South. Need one volunteer. 9-10 July at Walmart. Need 1 volunteer. 29-31 July at the Lake George Blueberry Festival. County Fair Aug 10-14. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please call either Tom Annonson or Dave Sterr.

#### L. Executive Committee Action Items

The executive committee will meet on Tuesday, 5 July, at 1730Hrs. The date will move back to the first Monday in August, but the time change to 1730Hrs from 1700Hrs is permanent.

M. Good of the Order: Nothing

#### N. Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Steve Siats.
Seconded: Walter James.
Approved

Closing Ceremony

The meeting was adjourned at 1955Hrs. The next meeting will be held on 18 July 2016 at 1900Hrs at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, located at 2795 15th St NW

## **FUNDRAISING**

I am still looking for volunteers to man our fundraising stations in front of the various locations that we have scheduled for the Summer.

The days for these events are as follows:

July 8th & 9th – Walmart - both entrances, 10 AM – 4 PM (Me & ?)

July 9th & 10th – Kehlier Big Bog Festival (Gary Wistrom)

July 30th – Blackduck Woodcarvers Festival (Gary Wistrom)

July 29th - 31st – Lake George Blueberry Festival (Dave Sterr, Jeri

Harvey & Ginger Edwards & ?)

Aug 10th - 14th – Beltrami County Fair, Noon until closing (Me & ?)

If you are available to help at any of these locations that have a question mark behind them, your assistance will be greatly appreciated! Please contact me at (218) 251-3025 to let me know which date(s) you would be available to help with. If you are unsure that you can do this kind of fundraising, come out and sit with me at one of these locations and I will show you how easy it is and how much fun it can be to interact with the people in our communities! As always, "Many hands make for a lighter workload!"

Tom Annonson Fundraising Chairman

## **COMMANDERS CORNER**

With July comes the start of something new for our DAV organization, Our own facility! Your support and your enthusiasm for this big endeavor has helped make it come to a realization. Thank you. I am so proud to be Commander at this time in our DAV history, and I am so proud to have worked with you in making this big step forward. Once we are moved into the building, there will be things we will be working on to accommodate our needs and to spruce things up. I know you will be willing to help when your assistance is needed.

For the time being, we are still working on our donations (preparing them for shipment) outside at the storage units behind the Crossroads Church. Until we get completely moved into the new building, we may have to work at the storage units the first couple of Tuesdays in July. Hope to see you out there!

The DAV's main mission is to help veterans in need. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact your Veteran's Service Officer to see if you qualify for help from them or us. Know also that we have a large supply of medical equipment items to offer our veterans. Contact any of the officers to connect with the person who can help you with securing an item you might need.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 1 – Closing on the 15th Street DAV Building August 27th – Summer Picnic

The Bemidji VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is looking for a Volunteer to work in the clinic as a "Greeter" from 9 AM to 11 AM, Monday thru Thursday. Duties would include helping veterans check in at the KIOSK, making coffee and keeping lobby looking nice, some minor clerical duties. For more information, contact:

Cheryl Fredenburg Dept. of Veteran Affairs Bemidji CBOC 218-755-6360

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## ADJUTANT CORNER

#### Minnesota Approves Historic Tax Cut for Veterans

St. Paul, MN- The Minnesota House and Senate passed a supplemental budget bill that included a provision exempting military retirement pay from state income tax. This provision was supported and championed by Representative Bob Dittmer (R-Forest Lake, MN), Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

There are close to 18,000 veterans living in Minnesota who will see their military pensions exempted from state income tax. The tax exemption also applies to survivor benefit pay, so the spouse of a deceased military retiree who receives 'survivor benefit pay' would be able to subtract that pay from taxable income. This tax exemption was the result of a nearly 20-year push in the Minnesota legislature, and I am truly grateful to those who were fighting for this exemption long before I was elected."The supplemental budget bill, which included the veterans' pension exemption, was signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton. Here I want to thank all who went to the Vets on the hill you did make a difference. Please plan to attend Vets on the hill next year our John Persil also helped with this.

Veterans ID card with photo can now be used to help register to vote.

Today the state of MN leads the Nation at 102.76 % new members and we lead the State of MN at 111.13 %, Chapter 38 Park Rapids is at 110.54 as of 6/23/2016. We are not out of woods yet, as all new memberships may not be counted! Tom Annonson has 9 new members, Saddoris 12, we have 58 new members this year.

We now have the smallest Army since before WWII, with 479,172 Solders on active duty, 1,348,463 in ANG, and 199,561 in AR. Pay raise projection for 2017, the House wants 2.1 %, while the White House wants 1.6%.

I went to DAV Convention in Lincoln Montana very good experience, we did get new member signed up in MT. Joe Parsetich 14 District rep on National Executive Committee. We left home the last week in May as I write this we are in Iowa have been in 8 states and by the time we arrive home we will have traveled over 4,000 miles. I now belong to three of our four 14th District SD, MT, and MN. I will be going to Cincinnati OH Adjutant Commander training first of July and to the Nation Convention in Atlanta Georgia last week of July.

I am much honored to represent you on both the local and State level. As your Adjutant and State Senior Vice Commander. Tom Annonson was appointed to State membership committee for 2016-2017. By our new State Commander Mick Aguirre. I expect him to be up to visit our Chapter this year. We will close on our new building July 1st 2016. May God Bless each of you and you families. Saddoris

## **AUXILIARY'S CORNER**

Greetings from the DAV Auxiliary Commander,

Lots of excitement this month! We had a great meeting on June 20, 2016.

We have small flags to hand out during the July 3rd (4th) Bemidji parade. If you can ride on the float or hand out candy or flags, call me. Also call if you want to help decorate the float!

We approved a new fund raising project! We will be selling Freedom bracelets that have the insignias of every branch of the military on them, they sell for \$5.00. If you are interested in one or would like to help with selling them, call me.

We will also be making patriot pillow cases for veterans, the plan is to take them to Neilson Place for Christmas. A sewing/helping day will be scheduled later and we can construct them, visit, eat, and enjoy each other's company! You don't have to sew to help with them.

Come to the next meeting on July 18, 2016, and join us for all the excitement with our new projects and plans to help our Veterans! Have a great summer and join us when you can. Our July meeting will again be at the Ridgewood Baptist Church on 15th Street West at 7:00 p.m.

See you soon, Linda Engesether, 218-308-1041



For information on State and National DAV news and events check out their websites at:

State -- <u>http://davmn.org/</u>
National -- <u>https://www.dav.org/</u>



## 2016 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES

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## Northwest Transportation MN DAV Chapter 7 Bemidji-Fargo Trips Pick-up Points:

Bemidji National Guard Armory; Solway in front of Bar;
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Fosston at LaPiere's on the east end of town;
Mahnomen Cenex park south of propane tank;
Ada Country Store

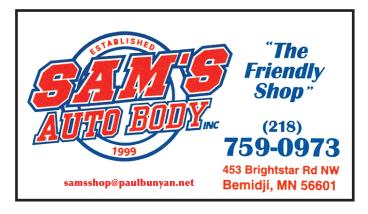
## To schedule rides:

Call 1-855-277-9787 (NOTE # HAS CHANGED) and follow voice prompts to leave a message.

If you have problems leaving a message call Adjutant Saddoris at 218-243-2663.

Volunteer Drivers Needed! Call Saddoris for info.





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A few months ago we were discussing communication and how sometimes communication during an election year (and other years too) get to be pretty intense. During this process things are written and said out of context which causes a lot of misrepresentations. Unfortunately, in like manner, the scriptures are often taken out of context because of a lack of information or understanding. One example is the flow of Genesis in the beginning regarding Adam, Eve, Cain, Able and Cain's wife (Genesis 4). Many people will use this exact situation in a manner to prove the Bible is inaccurate, which is really sad, often creates problems for young believers (those who recently put their trust in Christ for living throughout eternity).

There are several things going on at the same time when it comes to Adam, Eve, Cain, Able and Cain's wife. Often times we focus on Cain and Able regarding their worship, attitude and relationship to each other (Genesis 4). Many people are surprised to read about Cain's wife (Gen 4:17) at this point in the scriptures because the scriptures never mention him getting married. Up to this point in the scriptures there was only Adam, Eve, Cain and Able with no mention of any daughters being born. This is where many people are not following the context of the story.

This story is about salvation, God inspired Moses to write about this to show us exactly the things we needed to know about God and His plans to create a people for Himself. This story was written by Moses during ancient times, so our current western way of thought and writing is not present. We have to put ourselves in the culture of the time the scriptures were written.

Adam and Eve had daughters, since Adam and Eve were the first humans. There are many things The Bible does not mention, one of those things is time regarding the events of Genesis 3-4. The Bible does not say how long Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, nor does it say how long they were out of the Garden of Eden before they had Cain and Able. Yet, it does mention one of the curses of the fall for Eve was pain during birth (Genesis 3:16). We understand Cain had a wife, so she must have been born before Genesis 4:17, which means she could have been born either in the Garden of Eden or after Adam and Eve were expelled. One indicator regarding this issue may be when God informs Eve she will experience pain when giving birth, in other words - up to this point, she had not experienced pain. We certainly do not want to speculate, yet it seems probable, and the question becomes could Eve have given birth to daughters in the Garden of Eden? There is another consideration from this too. Look at Eve's statement after she and Adam were expelled. Eve gives birth to Cain and says "I have gotten a man from the Lord" (Gen 4:1). This being the case it very well may be this is the first son she had given birth with prior children being daughters (at least one - Cain's wife).

Again, all this to reflect the fact scriptures are very enlightening when a person looks at it carefully. There were many years' people asked where Cain's wife came from and unfortunately it was not possible to know at the time, until years later. Yet, not knowing something is a far cry from not trusting The Bible and not trusting God. God does want to share His love for all people. He wants so much to draw all people to Himself, repent and trust in Christ.

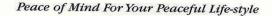
If you have a need, are in the hospital or would simply like to talk, we would be glad to listen, please call us at 444-5015.

Mike and Julie Gutz DAV and Auxiliary Chaplains





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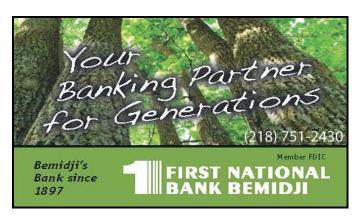
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