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August 10th -14th

DAV and Auxiliary Summer Picnic



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 mndavchapter7@gmail.com 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 REGULARLY CONVENED ON JULY 18TH 2016 AT 1900.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

A. Roll Call of Officers

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

B. Members Present: (13)

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

Guests/Visitors: Robert Morris
Prospective new members: None
Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of June 19th 2016 were read change as follows Fundraisers Ride for troops raised \$23,000 plus.

Motion to approve with change: Walter James

Seconded: Billy Wood

Motion carried.

E. Financial Report for May 16–30th June: Report Read (See enclosure).

Motion to approve: Steve Siats

Seconded: Bruce Tiegen

Motion carried.

F. Sickness or distress: None noted

G. New Member Obligation: None

H. Communications: Saddoris sent out 6 letters of thank you to donors

I. Committee Reports:

1. **Membership Report:** Senior Vice 3 new members
2. **Service Officer Report:** Working with two Veterans
3. **Legislative Report:** No report given
4. **Hospital Chaplain Report:** 7-8 Visits by our three Chaplains'
5. **Entertainment:** August 27th picnic to be at our new building. Bread free from Bread Company per Don Strege
6. **Fundraising committee:** F-G-M-N donations at; Lukens \$1,900.00, Wal-Mart \$1,135.52, Bog days \$27.00. Upcoming F-G-M-N fundraising; Black Duck – Gary Wistrom, Jeri will do Blueberry Festival at Lake George July 30-31, Mr. Annonson Marketplace Aug 5-6 and County fair Aug.10-14. Mr. Annonson would like help if anyone is interested let him know.
7. **Newsletter Committee:** Mr. Annonson reported \$2,261 taken in for the newsletter to date with 15 companies to sign up again

J. Old Business:

1. Audit committee Tom Annonson, Walter James, and Bruce Holden meet approved finance report. Account is now checking to assure everything is in order for IRS.

2. 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, VFW has donated 250.00. Legion has set aside 250.00 for this project as well. We have set aside 1000.00 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. July update no report from Commander Sterr. Mr. Affield working on building permit, with Knife River. **OPEN JULY**
3. The tax issue stands as follows: IRS will not forgive \$874.97 penalty. Appeal in process, IRS has 45 days from June 10th to respond.
4. 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 by: Jeff Roberts.
Motion carried. **OPEN JULY**
5. Laptop and projector requested from CBOC cost of \$2,000 on hold Commander Sterr to check on same. **OPEN JULY**

K. New Business

1. Macv date is September 28th, not sure yet were it will be held will let us know as soon as he decides.
2. Saddoris had asked State Farm to send information about our liability coverage to both Beltrami and Clearwater Counties Fairs at executive meeting Mr. Strege stated he would follow up on same and tonight assured members it is completed. Thank goodness he followed up as they had not sent out information Saddoris had asked.
3. Medal of Honor ceremony at the new Banks Stadium in the Cities October 5th 10 AM? Looking into interest for us taking a bus down to attend, Park Rapids is willing to help.
4. First National Bank party for young investors Aug. 4th 5-7 PM, we will have some folks attend as we have in the past.
5. Savers meeting in Duluth American Legion Building 1230 PM July 22 all Chapters that haul to Duluth are invited to resolve any issue they may have.
6. Cleaning up of brush at new building starting tomorrow need help were possible looking at 3-4 of Aug. need lots of help Walter James organizing this has lined up person to grind stumps.
7. Mr. Annonson asked for funds to purchase two more small bins for use at F. G. M. N. sales \$75 each motion to purchase bins Walter James 2nd Billy Wood.

L. Executive Committee Action Items

The executive committee will meet Monday, 1st Aug at 1730.

M. Good of the Order: July 23rd at 1300 hours, memorial service at Turtle River town hall, Legion doing honors.

A Minute of silence was observed for our fallen comrades

N. Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Walter James

Seconded: Billy Wood

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours. The next meeting will be held on August 15th location to be announced.

VET CHALLENGE (SILKIES MARCH)

Come on out and join us! The DAV is sponsoring a Vets Challenge "Silkies March" on September 10th starting at 3PM from the Bemidji waterfront pavilion. The course will start/ finish at the waterfront pavilion and will go around the south end of Lake Bemidji. The options are either 5K, 10K or as far as you can make it out and back on your own steam, with exercise stations along the way (exercises are optional). Water will be provided in various places along the route.

The categories are: Extreme Vet - 50lb. pack, Strong Vet - 25 lb. pack and Vet - empty pack.

Uniform for the event is: "Silkies" or shorts, T-shirt, combat or hiking boots and rucksack/backpack.

This is a great chance for Vets and their families to get together for some fun, enjoy the comradery, to do some exercise, and have some chow provided by Paul Bunyan Sub Shop afterwards!



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Dear Chapter 7 DAV owners! We're there!! We are in our own facility and adjusting nicely. Even with 90 degree temps and bad rain storms, we are busy working on improvements to the building and land. For those of you who may be reading the newsletter for the first time, our chapter has made the big step of buying a building and land for our many functions, most importantly our clothing fundraising operations. We are in a new growing phase in our DAV history and it is a great joy to me to see new people coming to meetings and participating in the work on our new facility. Hopefully, by the time of our summer picnic on August 27th, the building will be looking pretty sharp. Do remember that the picnic committee would like you to RSVP so they have a good idea of the number of folks coming on that day.

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 (free of charge). Contact any of the officers to connect with the person who can help you with securing an item you might need.

Attention!

For anyone interested, we have been given 10-12 pairs of expensive, almost new, size 12, extra wide shoes to be given out to any Veteran that can use them. For more information, please contact Robert Saddoris at (218) 209-1863



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ADJUTANT CORNER

Rainy Lake House Boat Trip Aug 8, 2016 - Aug 12, 2016

Make sure to get the word out about another great event sponsored by the MN DAV Outdoors Programs. This is open to all veterans of all ages. On this trip you will be able to relax and enjoy some great fishing. This trip is on Rainy Lake which is by International Falls. The application is fast approaching (Deadline is July 29st 2016). This is a fun trip where veterans can get to know other veterans and clear his or her mind of all the craziness in the world today. For those interested in attending and have questions, please contact John Carson at 651-291-1212. To apply, go to the DAV MN website <http://davmn.org/events/44/rainy-lake-house-boat-fishing-trip/> and click on the "application" link. This will bring you to the form you need to fill out and send in to DAV MN.

Canadian Fly-In Trip Aug 27, 2016 - Sep 1, 2016

Come join the DAV of MN Outdoors as we explore the Tang of the North Resort in a beautiful secluded section in the Canadian Wilderness. We will be flying into the resort by float plane and staying for a few days. Veterans will be able to fish, relax, meet new friends, and just have an overall great time. This trip is open to all Veterans, however Veterans are required to have a valid passport and the clearance to enter Canada with no felonies or Drinking and driving offenses. This is sure to be a great time apply today to be eligible for this amazing trip. Please contact John Carson at 651-291-1212 if you have any questions. To apply, go to the DAV MN website <http://davmn.org/events/145/dav-canadian-fly-in/> and click on the "application" link. This will bring you to the form you need to fill out and send in to DAV MN.

The MINNESOTA STATE VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS would like to announce the upcoming Annual Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt OCTOBER 4-6, 2016 at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. Applications will be available JULY 31 - SEPT.1, 2016

Folks please look hard at these trips lots of free hunts and fishing this year State wide. Randy Hanevold was telling me today that at the Senior Center there is a signup sheet to go fishing here in Bemidji every Wednesday.

Our Chapter was first in the State for Membership 2015-2016, MN was first in Nation, thus State Commander will receive an award as well as State receiving an award. Our Chapter will have its name on a plaque at our office in St Paul for being first in membership. Park Rapids had been first last 3 years, let's all kick in and get one member each this year we can be first again! We were first in Nation for Mileage driven for transporting Veterans to Hospitals and Clinics and received a free van from National not sure where it will be stationed yet.

On Oct 5th @ the new banks stadium there will be a ceremony honoring Metal of Honor winners time 10 AM we would like to send bus load down to this once in a life time event for most of us contact Tom Annonson or Saddoris if interested.

I just returned from National State Commander and Adjutant orientation in KY, it was very good information that will help me with Chapter as well as State business. The National HQ are indeed a sight to see, and a chance to meet the folks we deal with on daily bases was outstanding. To talk with the Staff at HQ and National Commander as well as being able to net work with 46 State Commanders Adjutants and Senior Vices was very valuable indeed.

Will be going to DAV National Convention July 29th we hope to get our past State Commander David Valtinson from Grand Rapids elected as 14th District Rep which will place him on Nation Executive Committee.

There will be free Twin game tickets watch State web site. Fall Conference is in Wilmer believe dates are October 7-8 again watch web site.

We closed on our new Building July 1st, the thing you must know if you are asked any donation of money for veterans and FGMM money cannot be used for any building expense, thus if you have someone who wishes to donate be sure they know that our Treasurer will keep track of all donations to assure none gets spent for building.

May God Bless each of you and your Families.

Robert Saddoris

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

Great news we handed out 739 flags with the candy from the DAV and Auxiliary float during the July 4th (3) parade!!! Members have helped with the For-Get-Me-Nots at Lueken's. There are more opportunities to help at the Beltrami County Fair, is you can come for even couple of hours that would be great.

Our military insignia freedom bracelets are in and for sale for \$5 each. Contact me to pick them up so you can sell them.

For our August meeting we will have special guests from the state. Our State Commander Cindy Jones and State Judge Advocate Marilyn Hardt will be here.

Be sure to check out the new DAV building on west 15th St. all the way to the end of the street. Watch your e-mail for the location of our next meeting or call me for information.

Linda Engesether, Commander
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A few months ago we were discussing communication and how it is a wonderful being baptized. This is a special occasion for it truly reflects a new life. Jesus Christ, The Son of God, our Jewish Messiah gave us all an example for baptism because He was baptized (Matthew 3, Luke 3) Himself. Jesus did not need to be baptized, but the reason for why he told John it was necessary was because Jesus wanted to interrelate with our humanity. Yet, for us baptism is a change of direction in our lives (repentance) from sin resulting in a closeness with God and a refreshing time in The Father's presence until Jesus comes back (Acts 3:18-22):

¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. ²² For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you (Deut 18:15)'. (NIV)

Peter's directions were given at this time in the scriptures when he was addressing the people of Israel who had crucified Jesus (Acts 2:36-41), but his instructions has ramifications for all future generations too.

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (NIV)

A beautiful example of explaining Jesus in the Old Testament, baptism and the incredible sense of gratitude, joy and peace from God; is seen when Philip baptized the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40): *²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth." May the God of peace, the joy of your salvation, the comfort of the Holy Spirit and Jesus' sacrifice always be an encouragement to you.

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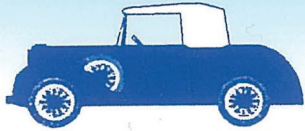
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We are looking to see if there are enough people interest in attending from our area that would make it worthwhile for getting a bus(s) lined up to go to this event. For more information or if you would like to go, please contact either:

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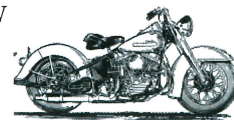
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