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Monthly Newsletter September 2016

North Central MN Chapter #7 **PO Box 564** Bemidji, MN 56619

NEXT MEETING:

Ridgewood Baptist Church Located at 2795 15th St NW Bemidji, MN Monday, September 19th at 7pm







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Bemidji StandDown

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 | 8:00am - 2:00pm Bemidji City Arena (Curling Club) 1230 23rd ST NW, Bemidii. MN

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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON AUGUST 15 2016 AT 1900.

- · Opening Prayer
- · Pledge of Allegiance

A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if quorum is present

OFFICERS

B. Members Present: (15) See attached report

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

Guests/Visitors: None

Prospective new members: No Report

Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of July 18th 2016

were read.

Motion to approve: Andy Staudt Seconded: Joe Boom

Carried.

E. Abbreviated Financial Report for May 16 - 19 June:

Report Read (See enclosure).

Motion to approve: Randy Hanevold
Seconded: Martin Schrage

Carried.

F. Sickness or distress: None

G. New Member Obligation: None

H. Communications: See Attached report

- I. Committee Reports:
 - Membership Report: Senior Vice Absent, report given by Tom Annonson. County Fair report: talked to 47 veterans, signed up 11 (Annonson 8, Saddoris 3)
 - 2. Service Officer Report: 2. See attached report
 - 3. Legislative Report: No report given
 - 4. Hospital Chaplain Report: See attached report
 - **5. Entertainment:** Picnic will be held at the new building, starting at noon on Saturday 27 August.
 - 6. Fundraising committee: Facebook Page has been getting hits. Raised 739.69 for forget-me-not at the county fair. The auxiliary sold out on their bracelets fundraiser. 10-11 September Gun Show at the Curling Club.
 - Newsletter Committee: Martin Schrage will be doing the newsletter this month. He requests articles by Thursday 18 August (or sooner).

J. Old Business:

- 1. Planning on the Home Depot project continues. Slab is scheduled to be poured sometime next week (16 August), and the garage will be built in September. 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 250.00. 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.
- 2. The tax issue stands as follows: Still awaiting response from the IRS
- Macv date is tentatively set for 28 September. Not sure where (or even if) it will be held.
- Laptop and projector requested from CBOC would cost approximately \$2K. This needs further research before bringing forward. Will remain open.
- Medal of Honor ceremony set for Oct. 5th at the new Banks Stadium in Minneapolis. Need to allocate funds (\$250.00) for Bus. Park Rapids will help. Motion made to fund the event. Made by Randy Hanevold. 2nd by Glen Aagard. Motion carried.

K. New Business

- The motion was made to select the following members to attend the fall conference: Mike Gutz, Jeri Harvey, Mike Zimmerman, and Robert Saddoris. Motion made by Martin Shrage. 2nd by Billy Woods. Motion carried.
- 2. The chapter has a new van, which is much larger and nicer than the old van. It will be kept at the armory.

L. Executive Committee Action Items

The executive committee will meet on Tuesday, 6 September, at 1730. The date was changed because of labor day, and will move back to the first Monday in November.

M. Good of the Order:

Commander would like to thank everyone who worked on the new building. Lots of items were donated, and there are still some items that are need. See the attached report for further details.

A Minute of silence was observed for our fallen comrades

N. Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Martin Shrage Seconded: Lyle Stroup Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours. The next meeting will be held on 19 September 2016 at 1900 at the New DAV Center on 15th Street NW.

In Comradeship Approved

David C. Myers Dave Sterr, Commander

For the Adjutant North Central Minnesota Chapter # 7

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

Thank you everyone for your help and support with the new building. We're moving right along with all that needs to be done to accommodate our needs. It seems as though when something is needed, it appears out of the clear blue sky! And when someone's expertise is needed (veterans and nonveterans), it is generously and gladly offered.

We had a glitch in our deliveries of donations to Savers. A special meeting was held with Savers personnel and they are now more fully informed of what needs to happen to keep from getting backlogged as badly as we were. Mike Zimmerman is now catching up with deliveries. He will make 10 deliveries during August to Fargo and Duluth. Thanks Mike for the extra road time, and thanks volunteers for putting up with the space crunch in the bay area.

Sometimes thank you is just not quite enough when you are so very appreciative of everyone's generosity and faithful service, so let me add this: God Bless You. You exemplify what giving truly is.

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.



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ADJUTANT CORNER

Just back from National DAV Convention in Atlanta, GA. We should all go if possible; it is an outstanding teaching tool go to (dav.org) pull up all the different subjects from Convention.

We just received a new Transport Van seats 9 plus driver! I am not sure you all know how we get DAV Vans throughout state of Minnesota; State DAV Foundation gets a grant from National DAV and adds money to it and buys the new vans, some Chapters give \$10,000 to help purchase a new van and State DAV Foundations gives the rest. In our case it was free for third time this may not be the case in future. After DAV owns van it gives it to the VA in our case Fargo who then issues it out to the Chapter to use, so the vans do not belong to any Chapter or the DAV they belong to the VA hospital; thus all Gas, any maintenance, and insurance is covered by the VA. Chapter provides drivers who need not be DAV members, can be anyone; then VA at Fargo does background checks on drivers and gives them training. It is my job then to make schedules and ask drivers to drive the days we run to Fargo. Any time you have an appointment if you go to our web site look at news letter you will find the days we go to Fargo tell the scheduler in Fargo you use Bemidji Van, they will schedule your next appointment to fit our schedule. Every scheduler at Fargo VA has a copy of our schedule. No cost to you to ride with us. If we had more drivers we might be able to go two times a week instead of one. Our old van went to Wheaten where Fergus Falls Chapter gave \$10,000 to have it placed there.

If you have not seen your new building thus far you should go see it at the east end of 15th street the clothing workers and several of our Chapter members have really done a bang up job on it. We are working on the details of the Stand Down this year and will keep everyone updated.

Lots of room to go down to see the Medal of Honor awardees we plan to take bus down at no cost to you, call Tom Annonson for details.

I would encourage each of you to recruit a new member; carry a membership application in your wallet, we all know someone who could be a member let's get them signed up call Annonson or Saddoris for applications, if you do not have one. There are close to 39,000 Veterans in our counties we should have 5,000 members not 560 the cost is very small as the price is \$100 less then stated price on the application, the more members, the more bills we can get passed for all Veterans. Plus the Chapter gets \$3.50 each year for each of its members.

Fall Conference is in Willmar October 7th & 8th it will be for helping us learn about how the DAV operates plus lots of valuable information. The District 14th Conference will be at Fargo October 22nd. Our new 14th District rep is Past State Commander David Valtinson thus he will be on the National Executive committee. There are 21 Districts in the DAV ours includes SD, ND, MT and MN. Our past State Commander Greg Remus was awarded a watch because we were first in our District also awarded a trophy because we were first in Nation for new members. We are second to Park Rapids at this time Mr. Annonson did get 7 new members at County fair, and Saddoris has 4 new members not counted by National yet. We are wanting more Female Veterans they are hard to spot as they do not usually wear the hats like their male counterparts; here is where each of you come in as you may know one or more; we also need hundreds of Male Veterans please help. You would be very surprised to find out once you tell folks our only mission is to help Disabled Veterans or their Spouses if they are deceased, that we have no other purpose as an organization. How fast they will become a member. God Bless each of you and you're Families.

MEDAL OF HONOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On Wednesday October 5, 2016 from 10:00 am – 4 PM at the US Bank Stadium (Vikings Field) 1010 S 7th St. Minneapolis there will be an open house and autograph signing by the current surviving Medal of Honor winners. This is a rare chance to meet all of the surviving Medal of Honor winners at one time. Of the 76 living recipients, 6 earned their Medals of Honor in World War II, 6 in the Korean War, 53 in the Vietnam War, and 11in the War in Afghanistan. 3 earned their medal while serving in the U.S. Air Force, 50 in the U.S. Army, 15 in the U.S. Marine Corps, and 8 in the U.S. Navy.

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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month's article was about baptism, what it meant to Jesus and what it means to us. Jesus was identifying with our humanity in His baptism, while for us it means a being renewed into a new life through the change in the direction of our lives as well as having a refreshing time in God's presence. This is something that only God can provide to us through the Holy Spirit living within us as we respond to him in obedience. In short, baptism is so much more than a simple ritual, it actually is a means of keeping God's covenant.

Another faucet of our lives comes in the form of a statement made by a person who said the counseling needs of people includes forgiveness and love. All through the scripture we read about God extending His love and forgiveness to the world (people who do not know Him), but to His own people too, even though, at times, we have disappointed Him. There are many examples (Exodus 32, Jonah 1, John 3). This does not mean we understand everything there is to know about God or why He does something in one particular situation in contrast with another situation or His character. Some of the things written in The Bible God has done seems counter intuitive to some of our own ways of thinking and our Christian culture. An example of this is lying, we all know God hates lies (in the political correct culture that means misspoke or misrepresent especially when attitudes and personalities are involved), yet we read about a spirit of a lie being dispatched by God against false prophets (I Kings 22:22). What does this mean when we do not understand it? Do we accuse God? Do we throw away our faith as if throwing in the towel?. Absolutely not. The lack of understanding is on our part, but what we can do is continue to trust in God, knowing His love and forgiveness is still for us, recalling Job' patience (James 5:11).

Months ago we also dealt with some hard areas of the scriptures too, regarding judgment and the seemingly lack of mercy, as we saw back then, there is so much more to the story than what often is apparent. There are other issues that need to be considered such as context, language, the meaning of the scripture, the big picture, God's intent, the future consequences of an event (Romans 8:28-39) and the things God has in store for His people (James 5:11). Yet in all of this God can still be trusted with His love for us, regardless of our experiences on earth.

It is understood in our culture that if you are not successful in something, then you have failed. There are many different ways to define this failure just as there are varying ways to define success, it really is, in some cases, very subjective terms. Yet in other instances there are definite definitions with specific legal ramifications. Those who are really successful are placed into a "Hall of Fame" or given title of "Hero." This is certainly not to take away from their accomplishments or the appreciation of the many who have sacrificed so much, yet for those whom things have not worked out as expected - a failure identified by our culture, government agency, or individual does not necessarily mean a person has failed according to God. Hebrews 11 mentions all those whose accomplishments were exceptional by trusting God, but it also mentions those whom our culture would have considered to be legally a failure (Heb 11:36-40). There are many ways in which our culture may consider something a failure, but it is not a failure from God's perspective. Through God's help it is possible to recover and in those cases when it is not (Luke 23:39-43), we still have hope through our relationship with Christ, just as the criminal did dieing next to Christ. Yet, Jesus was dieing separate and alone from God. Hope this helps as we all wait for Christ's return. Jesus identifies with our humanity.

If you have need, are in the hospital or would simply like to talk, we would be glad to listen. Please call us, Mike and Julie (DAV and Auxiliary Chaplains) 444-5015.









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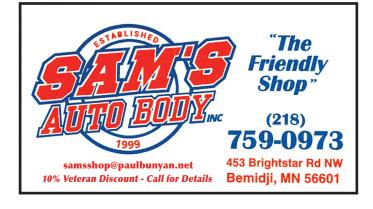


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