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November 2016

North Central MN Chapter #7
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NEXT MEETING:

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- 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, torgor@lightspeed.net
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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON OCTOBER 17 2016 AT 1900.

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

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

OFFICERS

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

B. Members Present: (16) See attached report

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

Guests/Visitors: None
Prospective new members: 1
Transfers in: Brian Lintonen

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: the minutes of September 19th 2016 were read.

Motion to approve: Andy Staudt
Seconded: Randy Hanevold
Approved.

E. Financial Report for August 15 – September 18:

Report given by Jeri Harvey (See enclosure).
Motion to approve: Steve Siats
Seconded: Walter James
Approved.

F. Sickness or distress: None reported

G. New Member Obligation: None

H. Communications: See Attached report

I. Committee Reports:

1. **Membership Report:** 1. Report given by Jeri Harvey. 1 new member, voted on 1 transfer. Mr. Brian Lintonen, of Fort Snelling Chapter. Motion to accept transfer made by Walter James, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Approved. (See attached report).
2. **Service Officer Report:** No report given.
3. **Legislative Report:** No report given.
4. **Hospital Chaplain Report:** Nothing to report
5. **Entertainment:** No report given.

6. Fundraising committee: No report given.

7. Newsletter Committee: No report given.

J. Old Business:

1. Home Depot project continues. Slab has been poured and the garage has been built. Needs some work to be completed, but almost there.

K. New Business

1. Discussed the Christmas party:
 - a. Bruce Tiegen is appointed Chairman of this committee.
 - b. The proposed date is Monday, December 19th. We would like to have it at the Eagles Club again. Bruce Tiegen will call and see if we can get that date.
 - c. Would like to have 4 or 5 nice door prizes.
2. Jeri Harvey brought forward a Disabled Veteran in need of a furnace repair. Total cost is \$5000.00, he has 4K and needs another thousand. Bruce Tiegen made the motion for approval, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Approved.
3. Commander Sterr says that operations at the new building are proceeding smoothly, except in waste management. We need a small trailer to move trash, haul medical supplies, etc. A smaller trailer is also easier to maneuver for less experienced vehicle operators. Gary's Trailer Sales has a 10 foot trailer he will sell us for \$1,624.85. Jeff Roberts made the motion to purchase said trailer. Steve Haushil 2nd. Motion Approved.
4. We are investigating options for an enclosure to cover trailers while we are unloading them. Walter James is in charge. Authorized to spend up to \$1000.00 on materials. Motion by Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Approved.

L. Executive Committee Action Items -

See items 1-4 in the New Business section.

M. Good of the Order:

A reminder of the various Veteran's day programs around Bemidji.
A Minute of silence was observed for our fallen comrades

N. Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Walter James
Seconded: Steve Haushil
Motion Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

The next meeting will be held on 7 November 2016 at 1900 at the DAV Center on 15th Street NW.

AREA VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES!



BEMIDJI:

Join the Beltrami County Historical Society for the **BCHS Veterans Dinner** on Thursday, November 10 (Veterans Day Eve!) starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 1270 Neilson Ave SE, Bemidji.

Recognize the contributions of United States Veterans, choose a dinner of Chicken Kiev or Jumbo Shrimp, and enjoy musical entertainment by Annalise Aakhus. Also, featuring: Beltrami County Veterans Stories by Scotty Allison, the Bemidji High School Junior ROTC Honor Guard, Beltrami County history displays, prize raffles, door prizes, and more! Sponsored by Paul Bunyan Broadcasting & Paul Bunyan Communications! \$25/Adults, \$20/Veterans, \$20/BCHS Members, \$15/Kids (12 & Under). Doors Open and Social Hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and music at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from tickets and raffles support Beltrami County Historical Society programs, exhibits, and collections preservation. Purchase tickets in person at the Beltrami County History Center (Open Wednesday-Saturday, 12-4) or by calling (218) 444-3376 or online at squareup.com/store/beltramihistory. Must purchase tickets by November 4.

AirCorps Aviation Veteran's Day Community Event

Please join us for refreshments Friday, November 11th from 4-7PM at 1259 Exchange Ave SE, (behind the Eagles club in the industrial park) as we honor our Veterans. For more information visit us at: www.AirCorpsAviation.com

BAGLEY:

The annual **Bagley High School Veterans Program** will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 in the morning.

The Bagley Schools are not in session on Veterans Day. All local veterans are invited to attend. A complimentary lunch will be provided for visiting veterans and their families immediately following the program. Veterans are asked to arrive by 9:15 that morning to get registered for announcement during the program. The Veterans Day Guest Speaker is Craig Giddings, First Sergeant, and a fulltime soldier of MN National Guard for 27 years 7 months and 5 days. He was a tank mechanic at Camp Ripley, MN. He did two tours of service in Iraq, one in 2005 and again in 2008. Craig grew up in Onamia and then moved to Little Falls, upon retirement he moved to Laporte.

Check your local newspapers or Community bulletins for Veteran's Day activities in your area and plan to attend them!

COMMANDERS CORNER

I was over at the DAV building this morning (Sat. the 15th) working on getting the meeting room ready for our October 17th general DAV meeting. What a pleasure it is to see what a great job everyone has done in the building to make it comfortable and usable for our activities.

We had a good crew working on restoring Ginger Edwards' side lawn to its "pre-trailer parking" condition. Don Strege did an excellent job of spreading the black dirt on the lawn. Thanks Don, Gene, Jim, Mardy, Dan, Jeri and Ginger for your hard work on this project.

We have been tossing around ideas on how to get set up to work on our clothing preparations in the building this winter. In order to keep the garage doors closed during the cold months, we need to add on an extension of some kind for loading and unloading the trailers. Don Strege and Bruce Holden are working on an idea that sounds like a great solution. I'll keep you posted.

All you volunteers have really stepped up to the plate through this whole year-long upheaval. As we moved along with the purchasing of the building and then moving into the building, you kept up with the preparations of the donations for the Saver's stores! Every time we ran into a glitch you were there to make things work!!

I will be extra grateful this Thanksgiving for the good and gracious friends my wife Sandy and I have made through the DAV. We hope that you are blessed with family and friends this Thanksgiving season and we hope you stay warm and healthy as the months turn cold.

Dave Sterr

The DAV's main mission is to help veterans in need. If you or someone you know is in need, the Veteran's Service Officer should be contacted by calling the Veteran's Service Office (333-4178). The officer will determine if the veteran qualifies for assistance and can then determine what funds or services are available to the veteran or a veteran's family member. Know also that we have a large supply of medical equipment items to offer our veterans (free of charge). Contact any of the DAV officers and they can help you connect with the person who can help you with securing an item you might need.

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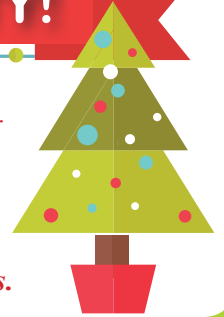
When: Monday December 19th **Where:** Bemidji Eagles Club, enter through East doors.

Time: 5PM, Social hour, 6PM Dinner

Meal Choices: Roast beef, Ranch chicken breast or Vegetarian Lasagna

RSVP: Ginger Edwards (368-8562) by 10 December with number in party.

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ADJUTANT CORNER

CVS to Leave TRICARE Pharmacy Network

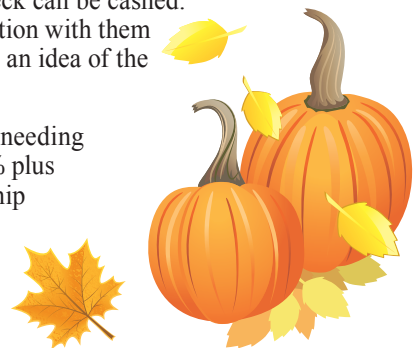
September 30, 2016 TRICARE pharmacy contractor Express Scripts, Inc., announced today that CVS pharmacies, including those in Target stores, will no longer process prescriptions for TRICARE as of Dec. 1, 2016. The good news is that Walgreens pharmacies will return to the TRICARE network on Dec. 1. You may recall Walgreens left the TRICARE network in 2011 after Walgreens declined to accept TRICARE payment levels. After experiencing drops in store revenue, Walgreens had a change of heart and has agreed to accept TRICARE payments. Now it's CVS that's balking over the same issue, and TRICARE's answer is the same as it was previously for Walgreen's - pharmacies that don't agree to the TRICARE payment can't be in the TRICARE network. The return of Walgreens means the TRICARE network will still include 57,000 retail pharmacies, and 98 percent of TRICARE beneficiaries will have a network pharmacy within five miles of home. Beneficiaries who have been using CVS will be notified about how they can transfer their prescriptions to a nearby network pharmacy. Those who use certain specialty drugs will receive additional assistance. If beneficiaries chose to fill a prescription at CVS after Dec. 1, it will be a non-network pharmacy. This means they will have to pay the full cost of the medication upfront, and file for partial reimbursement from TRICARE. See more at: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Currently-Serving/CVS-to-Leave-TRICARE-Pharmacy-Network.aspx#sthash.CfErFINQ.dpuf>

Death Preparations ► What Beneficiaries Should Know in Advance. Sometimes the most difficult conversations to have are the most important, like helping your loved ones be prepared for when you die. Talking to your family about this topic beforehand is a way to show that you care, and it will help to ease the financial burdens they may face. Following are 6 things you should brief your beneficiaries on:]

1. Make sure you understand what an (AOP) beneficiary is and the nature of the benefit to which they are entitled. Find more information on this benefit at <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/aop.html>
2. Tell your beneficiaries who they are! Hopefully, you've designated your beneficiaries for any (AOP) that may be due. When no beneficiary is named, the payment is made to the highest person in what is known as the "Order of Precedence." The Order or Precedence is the federally mandated order of inheritance that applies to legacies without a designated beneficiary. Refer to <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/aop/aop-order.html> for more information on "Order of Precedence". Keep in mind that it can take many months to locate your survivors, identify who comes highest in the Order of Precedence and then make the payment. That's why having a current, correct and complete beneficiary designation on file is important to prevent delays or errors in your arrears payments. Designating a sole beneficiary in your will does not automatically make that person your AOP beneficiary. AOP determination is based exclusively on the AOP beneficiary election in your retired pay account. To review your current arrears of pay beneficiaries and to make changes, visit the Beneficiaries for Arrears link once you've signed in to your myPay account. For more detailed instructions on designating an Arrears of Pay beneficiary on myPay, review our article at <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter/mngaopbenfy.html> on this subject.
3. Let your beneficiary know that sometimes money that has already been deposited into your checking account needs to be returned to DFAS. Military retired pay is only payable for as long as you are alive. Entitlement to your military retirement ends when you die. Most banks will automatically deduct any overpaid funds without warning, which can be troublesome if you share a joint account.
4. Tell your beneficiaries what documents they will need to send in to make their claim. One copy of the death certificate that includes the manner of death needs to be sent to us. Also, each beneficiary should complete a Claim for Unpaid Compensation (SF 1174). It's a great idea to go over this claim form with your beneficiaries to make sure they will have all of the information they need to fill it out. If you want a more detailed explanation of this process, check out the instructions on our website at <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html>.
5. Let your beneficiaries know that sometimes there is no money due. Each situation is different. It depends how up to date the account was kept. You can make sure your account is in good standing by performing a yearly audit.
6. When an arrears payment is made, there is a statement on the check that reads, "Retired Pay Payable only during life of Payee." Please do not let this statement alarm your beneficiaries. As long as the beneficiary's name is accurate on the check, the check can be cashed. DFAS wants to take the best care of your loved ones when you die. You can help them by having a conversation with them to know what to expect. We know talking about it might be difficult, but hopefully this checklist gives you an idea of the things to say. Don't put it off. Have a conversation about it with your loved ones today!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It has been about a year now since we have been looking at a variety of issues relating to God, communication and politics. The last three months seems to have been more divisive. In consideration of this divisiveness brings to mind the time when things were pretty divisive for Israel too, especially in light of their king's character. Granted this occurred several centuries ago, but it also reflects the manner in which God responds to Israel's situation while at the same time noting the king's character too. Kind of reminds us of things going on in the United States.

Let us begin with Joshua 21:25: "In those days there was no king in Israel, every man did that which was right in his own eyes" This is not a good situation, many scholars reflect the meaning of this verse to refer to Israel's rejection of God with a picture of Jesus' future rejection as their Messiah and the Son of God. Essentially with no reference point, everyone runs amok in situations like this. Another instance of Israel's rejection of God as their King can be found in I Samuel 7:7-18, along with its consequences. God can and does give the people of a nation exactly what they want. Consequently, the character of the leaders is not only a reflection of who they are as individuals, but also a reflection of the people they represent and that nation's condition (spiritually, ethically, behaviorally). Keep in mind through all of this, God is still sovereign and can still steer a king's heart in the direction He (God) wants (Proverbs 21:1) a nation to go. Yet at the same time the condition of Israel's kings continues to decline where we read about the time after Israel splits apart becoming two nations, Israel to the north and Judah to the south (2 Kings 13-14). Reading and reflecting on these two chapters is certainly helpful. These passages involve three evil kings Jehoahaz, Jehoash, and Jeroboam. These passages also reflect the divisiveness and the consequences these kings brought to the people. We will be focusing on the scriptures in making comparisons and observations specifically in 2 Kings 13.

We will focus on Jehoahaz and Jehoash and contrast 2 Kings 13:1-4 with 2 Kings 13:5-7, then we can contrast 2 Kings 13:1-4 with 2 Kings 13:22-25. A pastor in his sermon regarding these issues made some observations regarding these contrasts:

- God rules the nations and will use evil for good.
- God rules with compassion and justice.
- God rules the nations in ways that are beyond our ability to comprehend, this is called providence and it is truly a mystery.

Keeping in mind God's sovereignty, there are some applications which military history has proven to be true. There was a poster Britain was considering passing out to the public during their attacks from Germany in World War II. The poster had the image of the King's crown at the top with the below caption: "Keep Calm and Carry On" It had been decided by British authorities that Britain would only pass out the poster if they had actually been invaded and occupied by Germany. Looking back, we know that invasion did not take place, but at the time during World War II, it was believed the invasion and occupation of Britain by Germany was a very real possibility. Yet, Britain never had to pass out those posters and consequently all the posters were recycled due to a shortage of paper at the time. This still has application for us today, we too can focus on our King - Jesus Christ while not getting so wrapped up around the axel as we carry on with our daily lives. Yes, America is tired of the political infighting and mud slinging, yet allowing God's sense of peace into our lives in spite of this is precious.

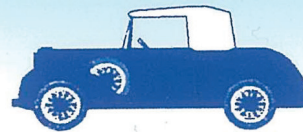
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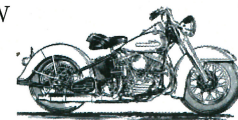
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