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# COMMANDERS CORNER

It has been a whirlwind summer for our chapter. The storage building project is coming along very nicely. The two big garage doors have been installed and we will soon be able to move all the medical equipment over to the storage building site. Once we are performing our DAV activities solely from the 15th Street buildings, we should be a very smooth operation. We can make more improvements gradually, but the major undertaking of the building will be over and ready by late August/early September. That sounds soooooo good.

For those of you who may not know, DAV Chapter 7 is the beneficiary of much of the estate of Willie Anderson. An auction of his property/belongings was held August 5th and the executor will be presenting a check to our chapter once everything is settled. I would expect that that will happen sometime in October. For a community member in our area to name us in his will tells me a lot about Chapter 7. Your good work is known out there in the communities we represent. You are to be thanked for being such outstanding representatives. We can honor Mr. Anderson by using this windfall of money to continue the good works of our mission of helping our fellow veterans and their families.

The most important thing I hope to build before my time as Commander is up, is a solid, active core of members and volunteers. It truly is an organization sharing in good fellowship while helping our veterans in multiple ways. If you have not yet stepped forward to participate, trust me, we would have a place for you and we want to meet you. If you have a disability that prevents you from participating in our more physical activities, we have ways that you can serve to accommodate your personal situation. We meet most every month of the year on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the DAV building (5441 15th Street NW). Getting into the building, for those of you who use canes or are in wheelchairs, should not be a problem, since there are no steps to navigate. Do stop by so we can meet and greet you!!

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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## ANNUAL PICNIC

On August 26th, we enjoyed a meal of fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, & baked beans catered by Marketplace Foods. Members & their families visited & toured the new storage area. In spite of the much needed rain, we had a good turn out. Thanks to all who helped.

Ginger Edwards, DAV Auxiliary Adjutant



# STATE COMMANDER

In July, I attended three parades, went to KY for Adjutant/Commander orientation, Mahnomen to give speech at American Legion Convention, Rogers for the Finance meeting, Detroit Lakes for Chapter training, Crookston to install new officers, Duluth Chapter training, Cities to throw out first pitch at a Twins game, you can find the link as follows; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841696742645858/>

Bemidji to work with Van drivers to set up next three-month schedule, Purchased food for CBOC in Bemidji twice. On July 28th left for New Orleans for the National Convention. Have talked many times with State Adjutant Butch, Assistant Adjutant Josh, Administrative Assistance Gina, PSC Remus and PSC Valtinson, Sr vice Rich and many others on what seems like hundreds of issues, and thoughts. One out standing thing about this job you have much support and team work everyone is willing to help. I think we are gaining on the Auxiliary and Chapters working closer together as a team as we hold the Chapter meetings please attend the one in your area. Drove 1,857 miles spent 18 ½ days working with DAV items at home or away from home. I am truly enjoying this experience and meeting so many of you is really the high light of this job. Once again thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. GOD Bless each of you and your families, stay safe!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Saddoris

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Special thanks to Mike and Julie Gutz for writing for me last month. As we continue in the grieving process I would like to engage in the bargaining aspect. As human beings we cannot heal ourselves and thus we must look to God to find peace with the uncontrollable events of our lives. Some things are under our control. We can enjoy the fruits of the Spirit which include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Galatians 5:22-23). Notice that these qualities become part of the individual Christian's character. This is not a promise as to how others might treat us. We cannot force others to be kind, gentle ect.... Each of us must seek God for ourselves and find Him in the mist of the storms of life. Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

This is all just words until the rubber hits the road. How do we get along with that difficult family member? It seems like they are always picking on us. Then we start to pray for them. Maybe we try to share our testimony. Does this make it better? Many times it seems like it gets worse. They feel judged and they react badly. Then we ask God why? The enemy in your midst is not aware that the light of Christ will hurt their eyes. Their reaction is one of pain and anger. The more you pray and share Scripture more they heap abuse on you. God says love your enemies? How do we do that? Do we just let them abuse us? Is this what Christ died for? God we ask why is this happening?

I remember crying out to God about these issues when my adult children were little. We were walking through the woods in springtime and we came to a small creek. My 5 year old son came up behind his little sister. She was trying to decide how to cross. He just pushed her right into the cold water. I heard myself cry out, "Nobody pushed you into the water." And the light of Christ hit my heart. I can't push anyone toward Christ. Jesus is the lover of my soul. He wooed me into His kingdom through loving kindness that was secretly between Him and me. I cried out to my God and he heard me. We met in my prayer closet and He ministered to me in all of my sin and unbelief.

I fell upon the Rock which is Christ. No one pushed me. I let go and let God take control of my life.

In this broken condition we hopefully begin to seek that which we so desperately need: intimacy with God. I can't fix this God can you? Nothing that we do can fix this relationship. No amount of bargaining can bring the person back. Of course if they died in Christ and have been completed in him they wouldn't want to come back. If you are unsure of their salvation then we must turn that over to God as well. God knows who fits in His kingdom. We can only be sure of our own salvation. Studying the Bible cements the fact that Christ's death on the Cross was enough for me to be acceptable to God. I only insult God by trying to earn my place in heaven.

Death is the ultimate end of the relationship this side of heaven. All those unresolved issues seem like they will last forever. The pain is enormous and eventually we must seek healing from the only real source: the Holy Spirit. Death has been swallowed up in victory. Our final enemy was overtaken when Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. Where is your third day? How long will you preach in hell as Jesus did? When will you give up trying to fix others and find the Sabbath Rest in Christ alone? I pray that you see my heart here. I am preaching to myself. I am guilty of "pushing others into the water." This is my plea. Come join me in the River of Life. I am sorry for pushing. The water is refreshing and you will find rest for your soul. Let Jesus heal you and set you free. Then drink daily, find others that understand, love as God first loved you, and advance the kingdom of God by His love.

Please feel free to call me with any questions, concerns, even criticisms. I promise to humbly consider your perspective. 218-368-9988

Chaplain Tara Schwinghammer



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## AUXILIARY COMMANDER CORNER

We held our meeting on August 21, 2017, 7:00 as scheduled.

Welcome to our new members! Initiation is planned for our September meeting.

We will be assisting with set up at the picnic on August 26th. Beltrami County Fair was great with many contacts made. A big thank you to our junior members for helping at the fair too. Our fund raiser went well and we still have a few bracelets left. The unit has helped with For-Get-Me-Nots at the Lake George Blueberry Festival.

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours and bring them to the next meeting. We need these for our state reports. Last spring we received a ribbon for completing all report forms!

We have plans for giving Christmas gifts to Veterans in facilities again this year. They were greatly appreciated last Christmas. We will be working on more Heart Pillows for the Fargo hospital for surgery patients. We will also be doing activity bags for children when their parents are at the VA clinic.

We are working on a Women's Veterans Spa Day and hope to have it scheduled for September 8, 2017.

Fall Conference is right around the corner – October 6th and 7th in Fergus Falls. This is a great place to learn about the DAV Auxiliary.

Our next meeting is September 18, 2017; 7:00; DAV building

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Engesether, DAV Auxiliary Unit 7 Commander.



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