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Monthly Newsletter June 2018

North Central MN Chapter #7 PO Box 564 Bemidii, MN 56619

NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, June 18th at 7pm







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June 14th - 1200 hrs. - Flag Day Ceremony at Ralph Gracie Park

June 17th - Father's Day

June 29th - July 4th - Bemidji Jaycees 74th ANNUAL WATER CARNIVAL (Fireworks - JULY 4th)

July 1st - 1300 hrs. - Water Carnival Grand Parade, Bemidji, MN

July 4th - 1100 hrs. - Independence Day Parade, Debs, MN

July 13th-15th - Big Bog Festival, Kelliher / Waskish, MN

July 14th-17th - DAV & Auxiliary National Convention, Reno, NV

July 27th-29th - Blueberry Festival, Lake George, MN

July 28th - Woodcarvers Festival, Blackduck, MN

Aug 8th-12th - Beltrami County Fair

COMMANDERS CORNER

It's all here! The green grass, trees budding out, some warmth, and a little rain. As a matter of fact, the clothing program crew got a good soaking on Tuesday (5/8) as they worked on donations. Donations are coming in steady now, and the crew is doing an excellent job of getting them picked up and loaded into the semi. We are soon to be working on upkeep things and repairs at the building site. As you can see, we have our work cut out for us for the summer and fall.

Our "Forget-Me-Not" fund raiser continues under the leadership of Tom Annonson. If this is something you could donate volunteer time to, we would welcome you with open arms. It would not be very strenuous, if that appeals to you more than the clothing program work. Tom would be grateful for a call from anyone interested in helping in the "Forget-Me-Not" activities. Phone numbers for the officers can be found on the first page of the newsletter.

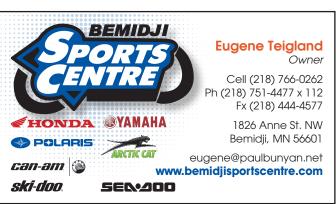
Several of our Chapter 7 members attended the annual Minnesota Department DAV Conference in Rochester May 3, 4 and 5. We learned what is on the State's docket for our organization, and it is always good to mingle among fellow Veteran officers to find out what is going on in the other chapters throughout the State.

Attending our monthly meetings, volunteering or serving as an officer in our organization can be very rewarding. Our Veteran population needs our Chapter for support and comradeship. Please be thinking about participating if you have not already done so. Come and join in our activities and be a part of our organization. You will be heartily welcomed.

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.













THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 21 MAY 2018 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	Present
Junior Vice Commander: Joe Vene	Present
Adjutant: David Myers	Present
Treasurer: Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain: Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate: Bruce Holden	Present
Sergeant- at-Arms: Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day: Glen Aagard	Absent
Historian: Steve Hauschildt	Present

B. Members Present: 21

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

Guests/Visitors: None

Prospective new members: None present

Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of April 16, 2018 were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Steve Siats, second by Walter James. Motion carried

- E. Financial Report for Report for 1-30 April 2018: Chapter treasurer Jeri Harvey gave a report. Motion to accept the report as read made by Steve Siats, second by Steve Hauschildt. Motion carried.
- F. Sickness or distress: 1 Hospital and 2 nursing home visits were made
- G. New Member Obligation: None
- H. Communications: One item received:
 - 1. A thank you note from the Fargo VA Chief of Voluntary services for our donation of refreshments to the Bemidji CBOC. Fargo VA.
- I. Committee Reports:
 - Membership Report: 1 new membership applications were forwarded to National HQ: Mr. Bruce W. Oveson
 - Service Officer Report: We assisted 25 veterans in various capacities.
 - 3. Legislative Report: Joe Vene reports that he is cautiously optimistic regarding the building of the proposed Bemidji Veterans Home. Governor Dayton was not interested in using surplus stadium funds but has supported a bonding bill.

- 4. Entertainment: Discussed the float for the 4th of July parade; discussed the August Picnic, and the possibility of having live music in the form of a "Jam Session". The Picnic is scheduled for 25 august.
- **5. Fundraising committee:** Discussed the Ride for the Troops. It will take place on 3 June.
- Newsletter Committee: Need articles to be submitted no later than Thursday, 24 May.
- 8. Medical Equipment Report: No report was available.

J. Old Business

1. In regard to the discussion regarding the committee to draft suggested criteria for attendance to out- of- state conferences or conventions: After speaking with the Department Adjutant, it was determined that this is a non-issue. Since it will not be added to the bylaws and will be used as a guideline for the chapter to use when sending members to out-of-state functions, the vote taken last month was sufficient. No further action is necessary. Tom Annonson will print a short retraction in the newsletter.

K. New Business

- 1. At the State convention, our chapter was presented with a bonus check of \$29,800.00 for our work in the clothing program.
- Also, at the convention, Tom Annonson was elected 4th Jr Vice Commander
- 3. Motion was made by Randy Hanevold to pledge \$10,000.00 for the construction of the Bemidji Veterans Home. The pledge is good for no more than five years and will not be presented until construction begins. Seconded by Walter James. Carried
- L. Executive Committee Action Items: None

M. Good of the Order:

- **1.** Tara Schwinghammer was honored at the MN Lynx game as the Female Veteran of the Year.
- Our comrade and chapter member Larry Larson has passed away.
- Commander Chuck Deets is doing well and would like some visitors.
- 4. On Saturday, 26 May, we will, be placing flags on veteran's graves at Greenwood Cemetery. We will be taking the flags down on the 2nd of June. Volunteers are needed for both installation and removal.
- **5.** On 28 May (Memorial Day), there will be a ceremony at 1030 hours at Greenwood Cemetery honoring fallen veterans.

A Minute of silence was observed for our fallen comrades

N. Motion to adjourn: Made by Walter James, 2nd by Ward Sutton. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting will be held on 18 June 2018 at 1900 at the Chapter HQ.

2018-19 FORGET-ME-NOTS FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE

This is the tentative schedule for our fundraising for the coming year. The dates are subject to change and will be updated in future newsletters and on our web site.

TBA = To Be Announced

Event	Location	Dates
Ride for the Troops	Marketplace Foods	June 3rd
Forget-Me-Not	Walmart	June 29th & 30th
Big Bog Festival	KELLIHER, MN	July 14th
Blueberry Festival	Lake George, MN	July 27th, 28th & 29th
Woodcarvers Festival	Blackduck, MN	July 28th
Beltrami County Fair	Bemidji Fairgrounds	Aug 8th -12th
Forget-Me-Not	Luecken's N & S	Aug 24th & 25th
Gun Show	National Guard Armory	TBA Sept 2018
Forget-Me-Not	Walmart	TBA Oct 2018
Forget-Me-Not	Bemidji Mall	TBA 2018
Gun Show	National Guard Armory	TBA April, 2019

STATE COMMANDER CORNER

Comrades, there is no way I can put into words how honored I have been to represent you throughout the State and at different National Conventions and Conferences, this past year as your Commander. The trust you bestowed on me is like no other in my life. My wife of going on 55 years was always there to pick me up and encourage me as was my Chief of Staff Greg Ramus, who along with Davie Valtinson have been my mentors since the day I entered the line as 4th JR vice. The full-time staff was also their right at my side, along with the Executive Committee to pick me up when I stumbled or needed help.

I have made friends throughout the United State and Puerto Rico of Commander's and Adjutant's, some who will be friends for a life time. I have meet and visited with Senators and Representatives both Federal and State, have been in the same room with the President of the United States, VA Commissioner and other dignitaries. I had an unforgettable guided tour of the White house by a Secret Service Agent thanks to Commander Dan Meyer of Chapter 15. Have been to several outdoor events, and as Jr and Sr vice have been to State Convention's in Montana, and South Dakota, and last summer it was a honor to throw out the first pitch at Twins game (Well at least it got there and with only one bounce). I have become friends with all the Commanders of the Commanders Task force who named me Chair this year. It has allowed me to get to know Trent Dilks, who works harder for you than one would think possible both with Legislation and Transportation. Trent, like all our full-time employees are of the very best we could possibly have and each work tirelessly in their jobs, we should all thank our lucky stars each day to have them as part of our team. (Let me make it very clear when I say team, I mean each member of the DAV of MN from the newest member to the oldest)

You must know this from the heart I have enjoyed visiting and being around each of you far more than anyone of the dignitaries listed above, you are the reason I was willing to take this job, to see the great work you are doing for our Veterans is so very wonderful; thank you again for letting me serve you. One of my goals was for woman Veterans to be recognized as equal and we have made great strides in that direction. We have, as a team, accomplished this year so very much, each of you should pat yourself on the back and hold your head high. I could go on and on, but just know I will not be going away, I will be here to serve the next Commander his/her staff and each of you, as well as upcoming Commanders and their Staff and you as long as the good Lord allows it.

This year so far, I traveled 21,162 miles, spent 1,479 hours as well as 168 days on road or away from home please understand this may not be all, as I tend to forget to write down sometimes. A bit of humor (I meet the Commander of Pennsylvania he asked me about the Stanly cup). Being an Iowa farm boy and a Minnesota transplant, I said what is the Stanly Cup, he turned walked away not saying a word. It took a day for him to start talking to me again (I now know what the Stanly Cup is for sure). Once again thank you for giving me the honor of representing you and your families.

May our Lord and Master be with each of you and your families' and keep you safe.

In Comradeship Saddoris











- Bemidji DAV/VA Van -2018 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 Shevlin in front of bar • Bagley Tesoro Station west end of town • Fosston at LaPiere's on the east end of town Mahnomen Cenex <u>park south of propane tank</u>

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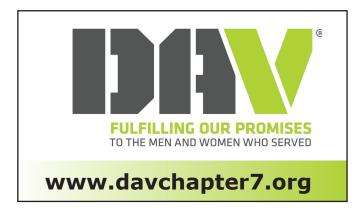
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VA BURIAL, DEATH AND MEMORIAL BENEFITS:

The passing of a loved one presents many challenges to the surviving family. There are veteran-specific benefits afforded to eligible veterans, all of which must be applied for and certified by the surviving family. Notification of Death to the various VA and Department of Defense (DOD) departments will be made by calling any County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). These will put Survivors Benefits correspondence to the surviving family into action, and the veteran's eligibility for each benefit can be reviewed. CVSO's work closely with the local funeral homes, Veterans Service Organizations and cemeteries to ensure the veteran's final wishes and the family's desires for tribute are fulfilled.

BY-LAW PROPOSAL

After discussions with the Department, it has been determined that we do not need to include the guidelines for reimbursement for out-of-state travel to National DAV functions in the By-Laws. They can stand on their own merit as a guide for approving or disapproving requests for reimbursement of travel expenses as it is laid out within them. Each request for reimbursement is to be reviewed by the Executive Committee for their recommendation of approval or disapproval.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We had a wonderful state convention (Minnesota Department, Disabled American Veterans) last month (May 3-5, 2018). During the convention several of us (former, current, auxiliary, state auxiliary, members, state and chapter chaplains) had the opportunity to meet our National Chaplain, Mike Dover, which was really a privilege. Several of us had the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues with him. The issues involved salvation (knowing Christ), naturalism (materialistic-scientific worldview) and writing articles. You may have seen some of National Chaplain Dover's articles in the National DAV magazine. There were several common factors we shared in writing these articles; writing from experience, writing from a biblical and spiritual perspective through Bible studies, writing as a veteran, writing about our current culture and writing from the heart. Yet the purpose for writing is healing, a sense of relief we hope the individual reader reflects upon in the quietness of their heart. This may involve several kinds of situations from which we may need healing; interactions with poor military leadership and bureaucracy, combat, our experiences (medical, social, psychological, emotional and spiritual) here at home, etc.

Reflecting on these issues brings to mind Noah, most people think of Noah in terms of the flood he survives with his family, but there is another incident, a very disheartening event originating from his very own family (Genesis 9). Something we must protect ourselves from too - disingenuous. No doubt there may be other words for this. Yet this is something we seem to be seeing more each day, and perhaps there is something we can begin to do about it.

Upon reading Genesis 9, here are some interesting observations. Noah and his family are the only ones in the whole world. Most people read about Noah's compromising position (Genesis 9:21) saying all kinds of derogatory things. Yet, this is not the end of the story, as many people see. One thing has always been puzzling, after Ham tells his two brothers what happened to Noah (Genesis 9:22), Noah later curses Canaan (son of Ham - Genesis 9:25). Why did he curse Canaan and not Ham? Canaan had nothing to do with this! It is here we find the disingenuousness of Ham and Noah's very strong response against Ham in the form of making him feel the consequences of his actions through his children. Answering the above questions helps to understand not only the immediate situation, but the past, as well as helping to set the stage for events to occur in the future.

Ham telling his two brothers about their father is essentially telling the entire world something that is none of anyone's business, while talking behind Noah's back. The way to protect ourselves from situations like this is to keep in mind, "love [not enabling] covers all sins" (Proverbs10:12). Why was Ham cursed? Well, according to God, Noah was a righteous person meaning, he had a personal relationship with God (Hebrews 11:7), therefore, Noah's response is a meaningful statement. Canaan, his grandson, being a part of Ham's family had already been showing the same tendencies as Ham, therefore Canaan was no little angel, and more than likely a full-grown man. Another consideration is the fact Ham's actions reflect his (Ham's) entire family. This is a prophetic situation because it certainly sets the stage for Abraham and Israel to deal with the Canaanites in the future (Genesis 24; Exodus 3 & 23). Notice the past too, God covered Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21), while Ham did just the opposite for Noah, this is a definite pattern! If you have a need or want to talk, please call me.

Mike Gutz





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AUXILIARY CORNER

It was good to see everyone at our last meeting and am looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on the 18th of June. We will be making plans and discussing our participation with the Chapter/Unit 7 float in the Bemidji Water Carnival parade that will take place on the 1st of July.

Our Chapter fundraising Chairman, Tom Annonson (218) 251-3025, has scheduled the Forget-Me-Not fundraising events for the coming fiscal year and if you are available to help at any of them, please let him know as soon as possible.

Sara Gast



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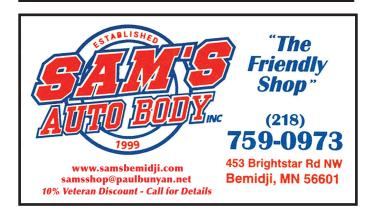


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