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**UPCOMING HOLIDAYS  
AND EVENTS**

- 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 6th - A&W Restaurants Celebrate National Root Beer Float Day
- Aug 8th-12th - Beltrami County Fair
- Aug 28th - Military Appreciation day at the Minnesota State Fair
- Sept 3rd - Labor Day
- Sept 20th-22nd - DAV Fall Conference, St Cloud, MN

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# COMMANDERS CORNER

The fireworks already happened for our Minnesota Veterans with the announcement of the State bonding bill that includes funding for a veteran's home in Bemidji. Joe Vene and Scotty Allison were major advocates of this project and we thank them, and all others, for their efforts. What a good feeling it is to know that we will soon have a senior home for our area Veterans.

We are busy with the clothing program and the "Forget-Me-Not" fund raising. Also, we are focusing on the building and storage units regarding upkeep and repairs. We also must keep our trailers and trucks in tip-top shape to keep the donation pick-up process running safely. All of our volunteers pitch in and we are managing very well. The greater number of us are not spring chickens anymore, but we are running a very fine operation. Our officers and membership are supportive of our efforts and are always willing to give our needs top priority, so we can keep running smoothly.

You are all in my prayers and concerns for a safe and enjoyable July 4th holiday. Whatever you do, be safe and enjoy the festivities!!

Commander 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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# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 18 JUNE 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 ..... Excused  
 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: 25**

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

**Guests/Visitors:** None

**Prospective new members:** Mr. Brian Malm

**Transfers in:** None

**D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of May 21, 2018 were read. *Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.*

**E. Financial Report for Report for 1-31 May:** Chapter treasurer Jeri Harvey gave a report. *Motion to accept the report as read was made by Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.*

**F. Sickness or distress:** 1 member was hospitalized but has recovered and been released.

**G. New Member Obligation:** None

**H. Communications:** There was 1 item received:

1. A thank you note from the director of the St Cloud VA recreation Activities for our donation of refreshments for the CBOC.

**I. Committee Reports:**

1. **Membership Report:** Three new members: Sue Horner; Mardy Karger, and William Waller
2. **Service Officer Report:** 10 veterans were assisted in various capacities.
3. **Legislative Report:** Joe Vene discussed the upcoming meeting of 21 June in St Cloud regarding the three recently bonded veteran's home sites.
4. **Hospital Chaplain Report:** 2 hospital visits were made.
5. **Entertainment:** Discussed the 4th of July parade, and the Summer picnic. Our presence at the parade will include 3 vehicles and people walking to hand out Candy. The vehicles will be the Pick-up, a wrapped trailer, and the transportation van. Ward Sutton is working on getting the picnic organized.
6. **Fundraising committee:** Discussed the recent Ride for the Troops event. Disappointing outcome due to inclement weather. Discussed upcoming Wal-Mart Fundraiser (29-30 June). Volunteers are needed for both days. Discussed several other upcoming events, such as the Blueberry Festival, and the Woodcarving Festival.
7. **Newsletter Committee:** Working on procuring new advertisers. Tom Annonson reports that he has raised \$825.00 toward the July Newsletter.
8. **Medical Equipment Report:** Medical Equipment report: No report available.

**J. Old Business**

1. Commander Sterr discussed a case that was resolved at the last regular meeting that needs further action. An elderly veteran needed to move into town for medical reasons and needed \$2000.00 for expenses. Motion was made by Walter James,

and 2nd by Bruce Tiegen. It was carried. The problem is that the actual cost was \$3,058.00. Beltrami County VSO kicked in \$500.00, leaving a remainder due of \$558.75. *Wendell Afield made the motion to pay the additional \$558.75. Randy Hanevold seconded the motion.* Discussion ensued, and the question was called. Although the motion carried, it was not unanimous.

**K. New Business**

1. Commander Sterr reports that the VSO from Lake of the Woods County contacted him regarding the case of a wheelchair bound disabled veteran in need of assistance to make his home handicapped accessible. Specifically, the floor is in desperate need of repair. The repairs will be done gratis by local veterans, but the cost of materials is prohibitive. If we will pay \$2000.00, the Lake of the Woods County VSO will cover the remainder. *Randy Hanevold made the motion that we pay \$2000.00 AND NO MORE. Paul Wiest 2nd. Carried.*
2. A presentation was made by Paul Wiest about a proposed Columbarium in Greenwood Cemetery.
3. Bruce Holden presented the revised proposed budget for 2019. This was the second presentation. *Jim Guildersleeve made the motion that we accept the revised budget. Paul Wiest 2nd the motion. Carried.*
4. Wendell Afield discussed the food shelf budget shortages. He suggested that we donate to this cause. It was pointed out that this was beyond the scope of our mission to help disabled veterans, or veterans in general. If it could be shown that the donation went ONLY to veterans, then it might be possible. Wendell will look further into the issues, and then report back.

**L. Executive Committee Action Items:** None

**M. Good of the Order:**

1. Robert Saddoris spoke of the need for the chapter to get behind Tom Annonson as he begins his progression through ranks toward becoming the Department Commander.
  - **A Minute of silence was observed for our fallen comrades**
  - **Closing Ceremonies**

**N. Motion to adjourn:** *Made by Steve Siats, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours. The next meeting will be held on 23 July 2018 at 1900 at the Chapter HQ.

FORGET-ME-NOT FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE		
Event	Location	Dates
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

# MN DEPARTMENT 4TH JR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings my fellow Veterans,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your 4th Jr Vice Commander for the upcoming year. I was surprised and am deeply humbled to have been elected to this position at our Convention in May. I am looking forward to working with the other members of the Executive Committee and the Commanders and Adjutants of all the Chapters in Minnesota.

Our first Executive Committee meeting was on June 11th where we were received our appointments to the various subcommittees that we will be involved in for the year. I was tasked to the Membership committee where we will be working on ideas and ways to improve our "appeal" for the recruitment of new members. We also submitted for approval our requests for the Chapters we would like to visit in the near future. I will be going to the Fall Conference where I am planning to attend the training workshop for Chapter Service officers so that I can better understand how to help or direct you, and the Veterans that I meet, to get and receive the benefits that we or they are entitled to.

I hope that during my term as your Jr Vice Commander you will take the opportunity to contact me with any feedback on how we are doing or for help with any issue that you may have, and I will see what I can do to help get it resolve, either personally or by directing you to the proper source that would be better able to assist you.

Once again, I thank you for your support and look forward to doing my part to keep this great organization working to help all our Veterans and their families!

Sincerely,

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Participation in all DAV Outdoors Program trips are by a lottery drawing, so get your form filled out and submitted online quickly if you would like to be entered for a chance to go! The application form for DAV Outdoors Program events can be found at:

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Today there are many different perceptions that come to mind about the prophets. Some are correct, and many others are not, such as being religious, mystics, fortune tellers, and so forth. Actually, the prophets were not religious at all (Isaiah 1), they were not mystics (Lev 19:31 - 20:6) and certainly not fortune tellers (I Corinthians 13:9-13).

The Prophets had a very close relationship with God and spoke to the people or government officials on behalf of God. The prophets spoke of God's intentions, plans, warnings, judgment, reconciliation, blessings and love. This includes instances when God had to correct and restore His people. Yet, God would never do something without letting His prophets know first, whose job it was to tell the people (Amos 3:1-8).

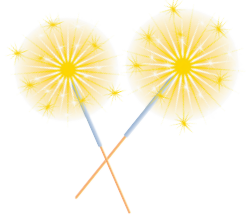
The prophets were very instrumental in the times of the Old Testament during the exile. The exile was a very tumultuous time for Israel because they were separated from the land God had promised them. Why would God want to do this? Why would He correct His own people in such a seemingly harsh manner? The prophets were sharing not only the reality of God's character, but the fact that He does not show favoritism. God is a Covenant God, in other words He stands behind the agreements He made with the forefathers of the Jewish People. This all goes back to God wanting to create a people for Himself, and the hope they can look forward too, even after being punished in later generations (Genesis 12). This is so very important because we have been made a part of this process through Christ. God has by no means abandoned His plans for Israel and for reaching out to everyone with the hope and freedom in Christ. Jesus has not returned yet, though He will (Acts 1, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, Revelation 22) and His reward is with Him (Rev 22:12).

As we are waiting for Christ's return, some would say there are no more prophets. Yet, in The Book of Acts, prophets continued to function, though they have a different (confirming) role, because now we have the Holy Spirit who teaches, reveals and guides us in the things of God as we do our part in studying the scriptures. A person may consider this one fact, we are still living at a time consistent with God working out His intentions to reach out to humanity. This began in Genesis, continues through the warnings and hope of The Prophets, through the work of Jesus here on earth (now currently in heaven), the dynamics in Acts and the future events in Revelation.

Some people would ask, what about all the people who lived and did not know God through the witnessing of the Jews or Christians? Will they still go to heaven? It is important to understand the tremendous blessing we all have, to be a part of what God is doing, to reach out to others, it is very humbling. Yet, this will not prevent someone from knowing God and developing a relationship with Him. Why? Simple, because God can and does reveal Himself through other means (Romans 1, Acts 9, I Cor 15:9, Rev 1), just look at the time (Genesis 11:26-12:1) when God revealed Himself to Abram (later known as Abraham). This is all we know from the scriptures about Abraham, but what was it about Abraham in this first encounter with God? What was the essence or quality God found in Abraham to call him? Remember Abraham originally came from out of the Ancient Mesopotamian religious culture. Yet, Abraham chose to believe in God, Yahweh, (The Father) and rejoiced in Jesus day too (John 8:56). A wonderful blessing!

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# AUXILIARY COMMANDER

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I was glad to see a lot of you at our June's meeting. We had a lot of thing going on in May.

Many of our members attended the various Memorial Day services throughout the State. Thank you for remembering our veterans that have passed away.

I would also like to say thank you to the members that could make it to the Flag Day ceremony at Ralph Gracie Park on the 14th of June and the volunteers who participated at the DAV Forget-Me-Not booth during the Ride for the Troops event.

The July 4th parade will be held on July 1st at 1:00. The DAV will not have a decorated trailer this year, but if you would like to ride in the back of the truck to help with filling buckets of candy or walking and passing out candy that would be appreciated. You can meet us at the Boys & Girls Club at 12:15/12:30.

We are gathering toiletries to be given to the VA hospitals during the DAV Fall Conference. You may bring them to the next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Engesether at 218-308-1041 or myself at 218-308-3090.

Hope to see you at the parade. Sara Gast

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