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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

- Oct 6th - Civil Air Patrol Dining Out
- Oct 8th - Columbus Day
- Oct 31st - Halloween
- Nov 4th - Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
- Nov 11th - Veteran's Day
- Nov 12th - Veteran's Day Observed (Monday Holiday Bill)
- Nov 22nd - Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 17th - Chapter Christmas Party
- Dec 24th - Christmas Eve
- Dec 25th - Christmas Day
- Dec 31st - New Year's Eve
- Jan 1st - New Year's Day



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COMMANDERS CORNER

I just returned home from the Fall DAV Conferences in St. Cloud. The topics of volunteerism and membership were in the fore front at the meetings. We are blessed with many volunteers but could use some more to help with loading our semi-trailers on Tuesday mornings. You do not have to be a veteran to be a volunteer. We have nonveteran community folks who give of their time to serve our DAV organization; some are relatives of deceased veterans.

We were also made aware that there are many disabled veterans in our area who have not yet become members. Those of you who get this newsletter, please reach out to any disabled veterans you may know. We would be glad to have them become members of our organization. We know of many ways we can be of help to them.

The picnic last month was a huge success. We had good food, fellowship and music!! It is an annual event which happens, usually, in August. We are now planning the Christmas party for December. Again, let your fellow veterans know about these happenings/events as I want everyone to have a chance to be a part of our group, both veteran and nonveteran volunteers..

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.

Military News

Here is a great place to keep up to date on what's happening in the News pertaining to the Military community. If you don't already follow the Military.com website, give it a once over for info about News, Benefits, Veterans Jobs, Military Life, Discounts, and a host of other topics that may be of interest.



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Excused
Judge Advocate: Bruce Holden..... Present
Sergeant- at-Arms: Bruce Tiegen Present
Officer of the Day: Glen Aagard..... Excused
Historian: Steve Hauschildt Present

B. Members Present: 21

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

Guests/Visitors: • Lt Patti Schrader, Civil Air Patrol, Lt Schrader was on hand to invite our members to the Northland Composite Squadron's dining out on 6 October.

• Mr. Rick Brown, and Ms. Karen Bedeau of the Northwood's Caregivers. Ms. Bedeau gave a presentation on Alzheimer's.

Prospective new members: None

Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of August 20, 2018 were read. *Motion to approve by Gene Schwantes, 2nd Randy Hanevold. Carried.*

E. Financial Report for Report for 1-31 August 2018: Report given by Jeri Harvey, *Motion to approve, Ron Kaiser, 2nd Randy Hanevold. Carried*

F. Sickness or distress: No hospital visits were made.

G. New Member Obligation: None

H. Communications: Four items were received:

1. A thank you note from Ms. Karinne Davidson, Chief of volunteer services for the Fargo VA, thanking us for our donation of refreshments to the Bemidji CBOC.
2. A request/flyer from the Fargo VA for children's busy bags/ apartment move in bags.
3. 2 donations were received. (\$75 & \$25)

I. Committee Reports:

1. **Membership Report:** Three new members have submitted their applications to national:
Dennis Johnson, Michael Delaney, and Michael Weber
2. **Service Officer Report:** 20 veterans assisted in various capacities

3. Legislative Report: Pledges/donations to the veteran's homes were discussed. Joe Vene reports that excellent progress is being made towards the approval of the new Veterans' homes.

4. Hospital Chaplain Report: We have had a member, Randy H. Walden, pass away.

5. Entertainment: The summer picnic was discussed. The next activity will be the Christmas party. It will take place on 17 December and will take place in lieu of our regular December meeting.

6. Fundraising committee: No report

7. Newsletter Committee: No report

8. Medical Equipment:

a. Distributed: 0 items

b. Received: Ramp; 1 bed, and 1 very elaborate power wheelchair

J. Old Business

1. The flagpole has been replaced. With an LED solar light that screws in below the Ball/Eagle. It is much brighter, and more durable.

K. New Business: None

L. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. The shed grant was denied by home depot. Since it has been determined that we do need a shed, Bruce Holden proposes using leftover grant money (\$4750.00) to purchase a shed costing approximately \$2168.70. This needs to wait until it has been determined that the grant money is not needed for the original purpose. Steve Siats proposes that once it has been determined that the grant money is available, that a shed be purchased. *2nd by Darrel Baltzell. Carried.*
2. The executive committee recommends pledging an additional \$10,000.00 (to come out of the current budget) for the Bemidji Veterans home. This makes our total pledge \$20,000.00. *Darrel Baltzell made the motion, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Carried.*
3. Info Item: It has become necessary to set up a special bank account to hold various donations made to go toward the construction of the Bemidji Veterans home.

M. Good of the Order:

1. We have received a communication from National regarding a VA study regarding Liver Fluke Cancer in Vietnam Veterans.
2. The VA is offering flu shots at the Bemidji CBOC.
3. The MACV Stand-down will be held on Wednesday, 26 September at the Armory. The times are 8 am to 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch.

N. Motion to adjourn: by Ron Kaiser. 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 20135 hours. The next meeting will be held at 1900 Hrs. on Monday 17 October 2018 at the Chapter Headquarters.

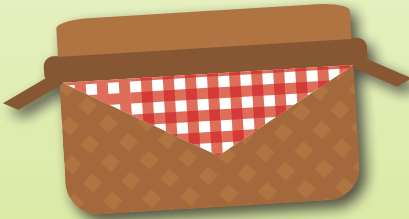
UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

The Minnesota DAV Department's Outdoor program has scheduled their upcoming events and posted them on their website. Check them out at:

<https://davmn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/>

Summer Picnic

The Chapter's summer picnic was a big success thanks to the hard work of several people. Ward Sutton was able to put together a great afternoon with the help of the Axillary members and Randy Hanevold bringing in musicians to make the picnic an unforgettable experience. This year we were able to bring in 71 people for a fun filled afternoon. The highlight of the afternoon was the burning of the mortgage papers to celebrate Chapter 7 paying off the mortgage.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When it comes to really difficult transitions we can face some hard uncertainties. This is true especially when the changes are getting worse and it seems hard to know where God is during our situations. When we are always told God is full of mercy, compassion and love, what do we do? We have a lot of hurting veterans.

As you may recall, the article last month touched on cultural and veteran issues that seem to shake us at our very core. Israel experienced a tragic shaking in their own history too - the exile. Historically the exile involved three sets of Jews; one set was sent to Babylon (modern day Iraq), another set was left in Judah and the other set traveled to Egypt. This was a very tumultuous time in Israel's history and a time when many of the prophets spoke on behalf of God to his people the Jews. It has been said, if the exile never occurred, then there would have been no need for the prophets or the prophetic books. It was before, during and after these tumultuous times God spoke to his people, all recorded in the Prophetic Books (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Isaiah through Malachi).

Volumes of books, studies and essays have been written about this time. Sufficient to write here is the hope we have in these scriptures that God is real, keeps his word and holds people accountable. It was during these hard times God was with His people, and a time when the Jews got to know their God even more. This is good news for us too, because Israel's God is our God and this gives us hope, because it shows God really does want to help, restore and heal us, even if the process can be hard at times.

The reason why God exiled the Jews to Babylon was because the Jews broke their covenant or agreement they had with God through Moses (Exodus through Deuteronomy). Up until this time, God's presence had been with the Jews in the temple of Jerusalem. When it was time to hold the Jews accountable to the covenant, God simply withdrew his presence from the temple and thus began the process of the exile when another nation (Babylon) invaded Judah and deported them. As a side note, it is interesting God used the surrounding nations to invade Israel/Judah at this time, just as God used Israel in their past as a people (nation) in Egypt, to invade the promised land in order to hold the Amorites accountable for their actions (Genesis 15). Up until that time, it may be that God had waited over 400 years with the Amorites showing them mercy.

As a result, once God withdrew from the temple, the Jews believed God deserted and left them in a foreign land (Babylon). The Jews had absolutely no hope (The Book of Lamentations). At that time (585 BC), it would have been really good to hear from God. So God had Jeremiah write a letter with a message to the Jews in Babylon. God told them to pray for their city in Babylon, so things would go well for them. They could also expect the hope of returning back to Judah (Jeremiah 29). Needless to say, it is hard to imagine praying for a city in the very nation that just deported a person and their family. This probably did not go over so very well in their response (Psalm 137). About that same time, God sent Ezekiel with a message to the Jews in Babylon too. God said He was in His chariot (Ezekiel 1) and was not tied to the land back in Jerusalem. This meant a great deal of hope for them back at that time, because God actually moved with them to Babylon. In other words, His throne was no longer fixed in one place.

This has an application for us today because God is no longer in a Jerusalem temple, but is in the hearts of His people. God is just as much with us through Christ today that allows us to have the confidence to come to Him in prayer for any needs we may have.

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(Left) Richard Habstritt receiving his award for DAV transportation program volunteer driver of the year.

(Right) Richard with his wife Kathryn, their two sons, Daughter-in-law and Granddaughters after receiving his award.



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