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February 2019

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Feb 14th - Valentine's Day

Feb 18th - President's Day

Feb 23rd-27th - DAV Mid- Winter Conference

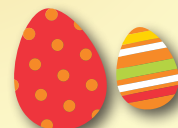
Mar 10th - Daylight Savings time Begins

Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20th - Veterans on the Hill day

Apr 15th - Tax Day

Apr 21st - Easter Sunday



# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA

## CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON JANUARY 21 2019 AT 1900.

• Opening Prayer • Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### OFFICERS

Commander: Mike Zimmerman..... Present  
Senior Vice Commander: Joe Vene ..... Present  
Junior Vice Commander: Vacant ..... N/A  
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..... Excused  
Historian: Steve Hauschildt ..... Present

### B. Members Present: 16

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

Guests/Visitors: None

Prospective new members: James Pinsonneault

Transfers in: Mr. Glenn Schuman of Blackduck, Minnesota.  
Transfer from Mayo-Hiawatha # 28. Approved by Chapter.

### D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of November 19 and December 17 2018 were read. *Motion to approve made by Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Carried.*

### E. Financial Reports for 1-30 November and 1-31 December 2018:

Report given by Jeri Harvey. *Motion to approve November report made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Carried.*

### G. New Member Obligation: None

### H. Communications:

- 3 letters from the Fargo VA thanking us for our donations of Refreshments to the CBOC.
- 1 card thanking our members for their service.
- 1 thank you note from the Fergus Falls Veterans home for our annual donation of \$1800.
- 3 Christmas cards
- 7 individual Donations in the amounts of \$15,000, \$75.00, \$75.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, and \$25.00, respectively.

### Committee Reports:

- Membership Report:** Three new members sent to national: James Pinsonneault, John Henjum, and Katherine Woodward. One member transferring into Chapter, One member deceased.
- Service Officer Report:** No Report given
- Legislative Report:** Update on County Veterans Home initiative.
- Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress):** 21 people have been ill. 7 hospital visits made.
- Entertainment:** Report given on Christmas party. 103 people attended.
- Fundraising committee:** Upcoming Gun Show fundraiser in April. We are \$300.00 short of our \$4000.00 goal.
- Newsletter Committee:** Please have articles in by Friday 25 January.
- Medical Equipment:** Distributed: 11 items • Received: 6 items

### J. Old Business: None

### K. New Business:

#### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE VI – ADMINISTRATION

#### Currently Reads as follows:

**Section 2:** The Chapter Executive Committee (See articles 3: page 2, these bylaws) shall be composed: The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chapter Commander and three (3) other elected Committee members from two-thirds (2/3) of members present. Adjutant for record keeping only, in case of a tie Executive Chairman will vote only to break tie.

#### Proposed Change:

**Section 2:** The Chapter Executive Committee (See articles 3: page 2, these bylaws) shall be composed: The Commander, Senior Vice Commander,

1st Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, ~~Immediate Past Chapter Commander~~ Judge Advocate and three (3) other elected Committee members from two-thirds (2/3) of members present. Adjutant for record keeping only, in case of a tie Executive Chairman will vote only to break tie.

#### Currently reads as follows:

**Section 3:** At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, (See article 4 – Officers, these bylaws) the chapter may elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, and a treasurer. The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, as may be necessary to operate the Chapter may appoint such other officers. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commanders may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

#### Proposed Change:

**Section 3:** At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, (See article 4 – Officers, these bylaws) the chapter may shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, 1st Junior Vice Commander, ~~and a treasurer~~. The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, as may be necessary to operate the Chapter may appoint such other officers. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commanders may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

#### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE 3 -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Currently reads as follows:

**Section 2:** The executive committee shall be composed of eight members (8). Commander, Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander, the Treasurer, immediate Past Commander, Adjutant (for record keeping only) and three (3) chapter Executive Committee members, the latter to be elected from Chapter members in good standing, as above provided, and in accordance with "Nominations and Election" and three such committee members shall be elected thereafter at each annual Chapter election. The committee shall elect its own chairman from the membership, who shall not be the commander. None of the three (3) Chapter Executive Committee members shall hold other elective office in this Chapter. The Chairman only votes to break a tie. (This chairman will always assure Chapter Commander is aware of all Executive Committee activity and actions should the commander not be present at a meeting).

#### Proposed Change:

**Section 2:** The executive committee shall be composed of eight members (8). Commander, Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander, the Treasurer, ~~immediate Past Commander~~ Judge Advocate, Adjutant (for record keeping only) and three (3) chapter Executive Committee members, the latter to be elected from Chapter members in good standing, as above provided, and in accordance with "Nominations and Election" and three such committee members shall be elected thereafter at each annual Chapter election. The committee shall elect its own chairman from the membership, who shall not be the commander. None of the three (3) Chapter Executive Committee members shall hold other elective office in this Chapter. The Chairman only votes to break a tie. (This chairman will always assure Chapter Commander is aware of all Executive Committee activity and actions should the commander not be present at a meeting).

#### ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS

#### Currently reads as follows:

**Section 1:** The chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commanders as needed, and a Treasurer. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any vice commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

#### Proposed Change:

**Section 1:** The chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commanders as needed. ~~and a Treasurer~~. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any vice commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE 6 – TENURE OF OFFICE

#### Currently reads as follows:

**Section 1:** Officers for the Chapter shall be nominated during the December meeting and again immediately prior to the January election meeting (Weather permitting).



**Proposed Change:**

**Section 1:** Officers for the Chapter shall be nominated during the December January meeting and again immediately prior to the January February election meeting (Weather permitting).

**Currently reads as follows:**

**Section 2:** Elected and appointed officers shall be installed at February meeting, within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed (weather Permitting).

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 2:** Elected and appointed officers shall be installed at February March meeting, within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed (weather Permitting).

**ARTICLE 13 – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

**Section 1:** The appointive officers of this chapter shall consist of the Adjutant, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Officer of the Day, Chaplain. They shall be appointed by the Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Adjutant may hold office as Treasurer if so elected.

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 1:** The appointive officers of this chapter shall consist of the Adjutant, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Officer of the Day, Chaplain, and Treasurer. They shall be appointed by the Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Adjutant may hold office as Treasurer if so elected.

2. Nominations for the Annual Election. The Following members have been nominated for election:

**Commander:** Mike Zimmerman

**Senior Vice Commander:** Joe Vene

**Treasurer:** Scotty Allison

**Junior Vice Commander:** Gene Schwantes

**Executive Committee:** Tom Annonson • Mike Gutz • Bruce Tiegen

3. Discussed upcoming event: Minnesota Veterans on the Hill

**L. Executive Committee Action Items:**

1. Commander Zimmerman reports that Paul Bunyan Communication is willing to come out as soon as we ask to hook up the internet and phone as soon as we call and authorize it. It

will be approximately \$94.00 per month. *Randy Hanevold made the motion to have phone/internet hooked up by Paul Bunyan Communication. 2nd by Steve Siats. Carried.*

2. (Info Item) CVSO Allison contacted the commander asking if it was possible for the chapter to send the veterans home donation in at this time (to be refunded if no home is built). Treasurer Harvey pointed out that this would be a good thing, because it would then not continue to be carried on the books. Because this issue has been approved by the general membership, it needs no further approval, and will be carried out forthwith.

3. Commander Zimmerman proposed changing the name of the chapter headquarters to "The David L. Sterr Chapter Headquarters Building". Bruce Tiegen made the motion, seconded by Jeri Harvey. Carried. This proposal will go to the general membership at our next regular meeting. *Motion was made by Andy Staudt to name the Chapter HQ building "The David L. Sterr Chapter Headquarters Building". 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.*

4. Treasurer reports that due to decreased income, we reduced our donation to the Middle River Goose Hunt from \$5000.00 to \$1000.00. The treasurer pointed out that we had an anonymous donation of \$15000.00 who wished to support outdoors programs. She made a motion that we use part of it to raise our donation at the usual \$5000.00. Bruce Tiegen seconded. Carried. This will be carried to the general membership at the next general meeting. *Motion was made by Steve Siats to use some of the anonymous donation to increase our donation from \$1000.00 to \$5,000.00. 2nd by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.*

5. (Info Item) Treasurer point out that we have budgeted for a scholarship and need to form a committee to make recommendations. The following members were appointed to the committee: David Myers, Andy Staudt, and Bruce Holden.

**M. Good of the Order:** None

**N. Motion to adjourn:** *Made by Steve Hauschildt. 2nd by Ward Sutton. Motion Carried.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting will be held at 1700 hours on Monday 18 February 2019 at the Chapter Headquarters.*

## VETERANS ON THE HILL

I hope more of you are planning to join us for the bus trip down to the Capital in St Paul for the Veterans on the Hill day than last year. This year the Ceremony will be taking place at 1 PM on Wednesday, March 20th , so mark the date on your calendars.

This event is open to all Veterans, their spouses and family members that want to show their support for upcoming legislation that pertains to Veterans benefits.

Some things to remember, the charter bus(s) are provided by the Bemidji Bus Lines and have comfortable seating along with a comfort station on each bus. Also, the ride and the afternoon meal are free along with the coffee, water, bananas, donuts and muffins for the trip down in the morning.

Tentatively, we are looking to depart from the Bemidji Walmart parking lot at 7 AM but this could change after the schedule of events at the Capitol are finalized, so watch for further information on the bus schedule in the March issues of the newsletter.

If you are planning to go along with us, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make sure that we have enough seating on the bus(s) available for everyone. Send me an Email at [davchapter7@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter7@gmail.com) and tell me the number of people and their names that will be traveling with you along with their cell phone number, if they have one.

Looking forward to seeing more of you join us as we have been slowly growing in attendance over the last two years.

Tom Annonson  
Trip Coordinator



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# COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Everyone, I hope that everyone is staying warm so far this winter.

The next couple months are going to be busy ones.

First off, Chapter elections will be held at our February general membership meeting on the 18th. Then the DAV's National Mid-Winter Conference will take place during the week of February 24-27.

The Veterans On The Hill Day will take place on March 20th this year. Tom Annonson is working on getting bus transportation lined up. We will put out more information about the bus departure and the schedule of events as they become available to us. Remember, this is a great opportunity to meet with your representatives and let them know how you feel about any of the Veteran's issues that are being considered during this legislative session.

We are looking for metal, 4 drawer file cabinet for the office. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, please give me a call.

Thanks,  
Mike Zimmerman



## AUXILIARY UNIT

Once again, reminding all our Auxiliary members that there will not be any scheduled meeting in February. Our next scheduled meeting will be on the 18th of March at the Chapter 7 HQ's building.

Enjoy your winter break!

Linda Engesether  
Adjutant





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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The last three months we have been looking at issues involving justice, mercy and grace. This includes the interrelationship of all three and the impact these have on veterans. The overall context until now has been the interaction (conflict) between Jesus, Pharisees and a woman (John 7:53-8:11). As we have seen Jesus was being set up for a fall by the Pharisees who were using the woman. Yet Jesus, who was using understanding, wisdom and discernment was able to manage all three issues (justice, mercy, grace) while at the same time navigating the complex situations (demands, law, implied attitudes, victimization, and judgmental actions) involving the Pharisees and woman. This was done by kindness and patience through freedom, in other words, the liberating work God does on behalf of all humanity. While considering the article for this month, there is another example of the liberating work God has done on behalf of everyone in the middle of a crises, where a decision had to be made, and action taken (Genesis 3:21-24).

At this point Adam and Eve already had disregarded God's instructions (Adam's disobedience was deliberate, Eve was tricked) and God had already spoken to both of them as well as Satan (Genesis 3:9-19). This is when God made coats of skin and clothed them (Adam/Eve). Some scholars view this in very significant terms, there is more to this than Adam and Eve just getting dressed because of being embarrassed. This is something God did for Adam and Eve, 'making the coats of skin', the connotation here has to do with God making the very first sacrifice for sin, in other words, sin is serious, and it cost the life of an innocent animal. Some would say this is unfair, why should an innocent animal pay the price for someone else messing up? Yet in the future, we see later in the scriptures, this would only cover up their disobedience, it would take more to resolve it once and for all. Again, it was God who had to do the sacrifice Himself, but this time it would be Jesus who would be the sacrifice. The question again becomes, why should God pay the price for us? The answer is because He loved us and took it upon Himself to do what nobody else could accomplish.

The other part of the phrase, 'and clothed them', according to some scholars has the connotation of being dressed in a priestly garment. In the future, and later on in the scriptures, we see the priesthood established through Aaron as being passed down through the High Priests whose job was to be a mediator and represent the people in front of God. Again, God ended up being our priest. Jesus became our High Priest. These examples of God taking the initiative on our behalf to provide a means for being able to come back to Him. Adam and Eve were both the sinners, yet in a remarkable way, God sees them as priests too. Justice, mercy and grace are all here, but there is one other thing that had to occur, once again, God needed to intervene on behalf of Adam and Eve.

As a result of their current fallen nature at the time, they could not eat from the Tree of Life (Genesis 3:22), had they done so, they would have forever lived in their current fallen state. God had to protect Adam and Eve from getting into more eternal trouble, a situation that would have been unrecoverable, if they had eaten from the Tree of Life after they disobeyed God. At this point, God's eternal plan of saving us from disobeying Him was put in motion, and would culminate through Jesus, God taking upon Himself the means to get us back to Him, this was alluded to by Genesis 3:15. God views us through His Son, Jesus Christ, who did not come to condemn us, but give us life (John 3:16-17).

If you are in need or would like a visit, please call me at (218) 308-3927.

Blessings,  
Mike Gutz



### 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/>

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee will be accepting nominations for the elected Chapter Officer positions up until just prior to the elections being held at the General membership meeting on Monday, February 18th at 7 PM.

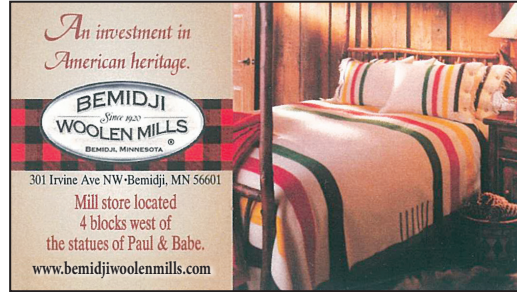
The nominating committee consists of; Steven Hauschildt 580-483-6037, Ward Sutton 320-266-8341, and Saddoris 218-209-1863, please contact one of them and let them know if you want to be considered for an elected Chapter officer position.

If more than one person applies for a position, the committee will conduct interviews just like the State and National nominating committees do and pass on their recommendations to the general membership at the meeting in January and prior to the elections in February.

If you are unsure of what the officer positions are, you can go to our web page to review the positions. Any member in good standing has the right to apply for any of the elected positions and the more that apply the better.

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