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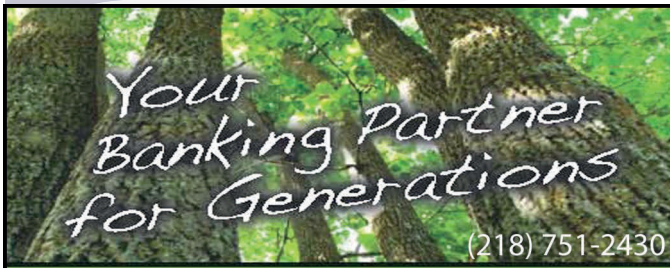
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Monthly Newsletter
May 2021

North Central MN Chapter #7
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Monday, May 17th at 6:30pm



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HISTORIAN:	Vacant
EXEC. COMMITTEE:	Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt, Alternate Tom Annonson

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

May 6th - National Day of Prayer
 May 8th - Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) 1945
 May 9th - Mother's Day
 May 15th - Armed Forces Day
 May 15th - Peace Officers Memorial Day
 May 22nd - National Maritime Day
 May 31st - Memorial Day
 June 6th - D-Day (1944)
 June 6th - Ride for the Troops Event
 June 14th - Flag Day
 June 20th - Father's Day
 June 20th - First Day of Summer
 July 4th - Independence Day
 July 27th - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
 Aug 11-15th - Beltrami County Fair



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE A NEW COMMANDER'S CELL PHONE NUMBER, IT IS: (218) 556-4592, PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF IT FOR FUTURE USE.

As is normal in northern Minnesota, spring is taking it's sweet time in getting here or is it that old man winter just won't let go! Either way, I believe that it is going to start to warm up, and as far as I am concerned, the sooner the better!

The budget committee met on the 19th of April and did the task assigned to them. The new budget will be discussed and/or voted on at the May or June monthly chapter meeting, depending on the chapter membership's approval or changes requested to the budget. Please plan on attending so you can voice your opinion on how and where the Chapter spends its money. This is one of the biggest decisions for the upcoming Fiscal year for the Chapter.

I suspect that by the time this newsletter gets out our Chapter delegates will have attended the DAV Spring Convention (April 29th through May 1st). They will be giving a report at the next general membership meeting on the issues or changes that were discussed there and any recommendations to the Chapters that were put forth by the Department for the upcoming year.

The next chapter meeting is on the 17th at 18:30 hours(6:30PM), please plan on attending.

Also, please seriously consider getting involved, there are positions that need to be filled and jobs available that need to be taken care of. Our core group of members and volunteers aren't getting any younger and we need an infusion of "new blood" to help fill their positions and the voids that will be created when they can no longer continue to contribute with their efforts.

Just plugging along,
Gene Schwantes

ATTENTION!

The Ralph Gracie Post 14 of the American Legion is looking to start a local Chapter of the Minnesota Legion Riders Motorcycle Association. Seeing that we have quite a few Legion members that are also in our DAV ranks, they have asked us to help them spread the word.

They are reaching out and looking for members of the "American Legion Family"(i.e., Legion, Auxiliary or S.A.L. members) that have a motorcycle (or ride with a spouse) that are interested in becoming Charter members of this newly proposed Chapter. At this time, they are in the exploratory phase to find out if there are enough people that want to become Charter members to get this Chapter started. Currently they have 4 of the required 5 minimum members committed to the creation of this Chapter.

For more information about the Legion Riders and the startup of this Chapter, contact either of the following people:


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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 18 APRIL 2021 AT 1830 HOURS.

- Opening Prayer ➤ Rendering Honors to the Flag ➤ Pledge of Allegiance

A. The Roll Call of Officers was held to determine if a quorum was present:

Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present
Sr Vice Commander	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Jeff Meyer	Excused
Adjutant	David Myers	Excused
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present

Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Jeri Harvey	Excused
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

B. Members present: 10.

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

- Guests/Visitors: None
- Prospective new members: None
- Transfers in: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the March 15th, 2020 meeting were read, and several minor corrections were made.

Motion to approve as amended by Andy Staudt, 2nd Bruce Tiegen. Motion Carried.

E. The Financial Report for 1 – 31 March 2021 was given by treasurer Scotty Allison.

Motion to accept by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Darryl Baltzell. Motion Carried.

F. New Member Obligation: None

G. Communications: None brought forth at this time.

H. Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: We have one new member, Dean Kvalevog.
2. Service Officer Report: None
3. Legislative Report: Scotty discussed the state of the Bemidji Veterans home.
4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): 1 Visit has been made.
5. Entertainment: Nothing to report
6. Fundraising Committee Report:
 - i) The Ride for the Troops event is being held this year and we are planning to be there to do fundraising and membership outreach.
 - ii) With the Beltrami County Fair being scheduled to be held this summer we have submitted the paperwork to be there with a booth again this year.
7. Newsletter Committee: Articles are needed by Friday 23 April.
8. Medical Equipment: We are slowly depleting our store of medical equipment!
 - i) Donations: 13 items
 - ii) Distributions: 19 items

I. Old Business:

1. Jim Pincenault has volunteered to become the new treasurer and will assume the position upon Scotty Allison's departure. He will be trained by Scotty accordingly.
2. A replacement for the Adjutant position has not stepped forward yet, so if you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the Commander.
3. We are still looking for someone willing to assume the position and duties as the Chairman of the Medical Equipment Committee. Again, if you are interested, please contact the Commander.

J. New Business:

1. The Budget committee has met and come up with a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and will present it for discussion and/or approval at the general membership meeting on May 17th.
2. The following members will be attending the Spring Convention to be held at Breezy Point: Gene Schwantes, Scotty Allison, Jeff Meyer, Bruce Tiegen, Tom Annonson, Mike Gutz, and Ward Sutton. Of these delegates, the Chapter will pay for lodging for Gene, Bruce, Ward, and Mike.
3. The Commander wanted to clarify who the intended members should be on the Financial Review Committee and those are as follows; the current Commander, the Vice Commander, the Treasurer, the Adjutant, and one member at large.

K. Executive Committee Action Items: None

L. Good of the Order:

- There have been a variety of book and videos donated to us through the clothing collection boxes that we can no longer take to Savers. They have been set aside in the headquarters building for anyone to "check out", take home and enjoy! If you are interested, feel free to stop by the HQ building Tuesdays between 8 - 10AM or at the General membership meeting.

M. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Darryl Baltzell, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.

- Closing Ceremonies were performed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1911 hours.
- The next meeting will be held on May 17th at 1830 hours at the Chapter Headquarters.

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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi everyone!

North Central MN DAV Auxiliary Unit 7 met on the 19th of April, at 6:30PM in the DAV building.

The Spring Convention will be held at Breezy Point from April 29- May 1. Our Unit representatives will be Linda Engesether, Marie Lamom, and myself.

We will be bringing a basket for the State raffle fundraiser.

A motion was made and carried to donate \$500 to the State of MN Auxiliary.

A motion was made and carried to participate in the membership drive. Until June 30th, 2021, the State will match up to \$100 towards a new membership, so if our unit pays \$100, that will leave only \$50 for the new member's lifetime membership cost.

Sara Haack was installed as Jr. Vice.

We still have \$1000 for our "Veteran's in need" donation program and Scotty Allison, the County VSO, will let us know when it is needed.

Our next meeting will be at 6:30PM, on May 17th. You are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please call any of the unit officers.

I pray everyone is healthy and safe.

Blessings to all,
Ginger Edwards

UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

The Minnesota DAV
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program has scheduled
their upcoming events and
posted them
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

During the course of our lives, we all can think back at one time or another when we prayed to God. It may have been in a very intense battle as many of us recall being in war. It may have been a debilitating disability because of a training accident. It may have been a medical condition ending our military service. It may have also been through the death of a close relative or friend. Regardless of our experiences in and after military service praying and asking God for help with whatever it is we are having to go through is something The Bible encourages us to do (1 Peter 5:7). God loving humanity, even though we are all sinners, and once enemies of God (Romans 3:23 and Romans 5:10), gave to us Jesus Christ who is the only person who could reconcile us back to God by taking our sins upon Himself and being punished by God in order to satisfy God's Justice. Therefore, it is through Jesus that God's love and justice are both demonstrated side by side to all of humanity in (John 3:14-17)

14. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15. that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

16. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him....

This reminds me of the criminal who was crucified with Christ (Luke 23:40-43). This criminal first addressed his partner in crime on the other cross, then asked Jesus "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus' answer is priceless and filled with hope when He said "Today you will be with me in Paradise." Just think, what a wonderful blessing to be with Christ in His Kingdom! Notice this wonderful blessing has nothing to do with anything here on earth. It has everything to do with heaven and Jesus' future Kingdom here on earth.

There is another observation here to be made regarding the article last month. As you may recall, we were discussing the manner some ministers seem to focus on God blessing us here and now on earth with financial security and health. As a result, these ministers are misrepresenting God's good news for eternal life. Consider all the people who suffered terribly because they did not misrepresent or compromise their faith in Christ (Hebrews 11:35-40).

The most wonderful blessings of all are the spiritual blessings we have in Christ and Heaven. Our salvation through Christ begins and ends with God, even though many times we think it is all about us, but there is more, much more. This involves His sovereign will, which is the subject of the article next month (Ephesians 1:4-14).

We hope this discussion encourages you and if you have a need, please give us a call.

Mike and Julie Gutz.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Ralph Gracie Post 14 of the American Legion will be holding the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji starting at 1100 hours on May 31st. The public is invited to attend. The current Covid protocols in place at that time will be observed.



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