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Monthly Newsletter June 2021

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



#### NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at

5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, June 21st at 6:30pm







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OFFICER OF THE DAY: Glenn Aagard
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Joe Vene
HISTORIAN: Vacant

EXEC. COMMITTEE: Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt,

Alternate Tom Annonson

## **CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS**

June 6th - D-Day (1944)

June 6th - Ride for the Troops Event

June 7th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

June 14th - Flag Day June 20th - Father's Day

June 20th - First Day of Summer

June 21st - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

July 4th - Independence Day

July 5th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

July 19th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

July 27th - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Aug 2nd - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

Aug 11-15th - Beltrami County Fair

Aug 16th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Sept 2nd - V-J Day (Victory over Japan) 1945

Sept 6th - Labor Day

Sept 6th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

(possibly moved to the 13th)

Sept 11th - Patriot Day (Flags at half-staff until sunset)

Sept 12th - Grandparent's Day

Sept 17th - Constitution Day

Sept 17th - POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept 20th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Sept 22nd - First day of Autumn



#### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I am sorry to have to pass on some sad news, but LESTER JOHNSON has passed away. His funeral was on 5-29 at 11 am at New Salem Church in Turtle River. He was our oldest member and a veteran from World War II. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Irene and their family.

Now is the time to sign up new members. The cost for a Life Membership is \$300.00, the chapter will pay \$150.00 of it, the state DAV will match \$100.00, so that leaves the new member to pay only \$50.00 for a Life Membership. This is a onetime charge for a Lifetime Membership, this is good through the end of June, then the state will decide if they will continue to match or not. The Auxiliary also has a similar program with a cost of only \$50.00 for a Lifetime Membership, limited number, thru the end of June. So now is the time to get new members to join a couple of great organizations and help us serve our fellow Veterans.

We WILL be having a summer picnic this year, it will be held on August 21st or 28th, more details will come out in next month's newsletter, so please plan on attending for some good FREE food and some great COMRADESHIP.

The clothing program is going gang busters, some bins have to be picked up 4 times a week, so they don't overflow. We would be happy to have anybody come on Tuesday mornings and get a free workout, gyms charge, we don't!

I could go on about how we need more volunteers and how we have multiple jobs with different skill levels required, but you all knowthat, so please do what you can.

Feel free to call to call me anytime @ 218-556-4592.

Have an enjoyable summer,

Gene Schwantes













# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 17 MAY 2021 AT 1830.

- > Opening Prayer
- > Pledge of Allegiance
- A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if quorum is present,

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

- B. Members present: 17.
- C. Introduction of guests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers to Chapter #7.
  - Guests/Visitors: Mrs. B. Woods, Serenity Walker
  - Prospective new members: None
  - Transfers in: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of April 19, 2021 were read. Motion to approve made by Andy Staudt, seconded by Randy Hanevold. Motion Carried.
- E. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 30 April 2021: Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison gave the report for April 2021. Motion to accept the report as read was made By Randy Hanevold, 2nd by Billy Woods. Motion Carried.
- F. New Member Obligation: None
- G. Communications:

The following communications were received: Various donations, as well as thank you notes. All are stored in the November 2020 folder, if anyone wishes to read them.

- H. Committee Reports:
  - 1. Membership Report: Discussed the current Department/ Chapter matchi9ng program.
  - 2. Service Officer Report: One veteran has been assisted in submitting claim. This is the first since the pandemic was declared
  - 3. Legislative Report: Scotty explained a new program for caregivers.
  - Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress):
     Visit has been made. Lester Johnson passed away on the 15th of May. Funeral arraignments to follow.
  - 5. Entertainment: Decided that we will have a picnic this year. It will be held on either the 3rd or 4th Saturday of August.
  - 6. Fundraising committee: Beltrami County Fair is scheduled to be held this summer. We will be there with a booth. On Friday the 30th of May, CrossFit will hold a benefit for the chapter. The ride for the troops will be held on 6 June.
  - 7. Newsletter Committee: Articles needed by Friday!
  - 8. Medical Equipment: 6 items issued; 4 items donated to chapter.

At this time, the meeting was opened up for a presentation by the Auxiliary, and by Northwoods Interfaith Caregivers.

I. Old Business

1. Jim Pinsonnault has volunteered to become the new treasurer and will assume the position upon Scotty Allison's departure. He will be trained by Scotty accordingly.

- Chaplain
   Mike Gutz
   Present

   Judge Advocate
   Jeri Harvey
   Present

   Sergeant-At-Arms
   Bruce Tiegen
   Present

   Officer of the Day
   Glen Aagard
   Excused

   Historian
   Vacant
   N/A
  - Darrell Baltzell will replace the adjutant at the next election. He has begun training.
  - 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.
  - 4. 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.
- J. New Business:

See Executive Committee Action Items

- K. Executive Committee Action Items:
  - We received \$3000.00 from the department to spend on local veterans. These are restricted funds. Jeff Meyer proposed donating 2000.00 to the Northwoods Interfaith Caregivers, this money will be used to transport veterans. Darrel Baltzell; seconded the proposal. Motion carried. Scotty Allison proposed donating 2000.00 to the food shelf. Jeff Meyer seconded. Motion carried. These proposals will be sent to the general membership.
  - Randy Hanevold proposed that we donate \$2,000.00 to the Northwoods Interfaith Caregivers. Ron Kaiser Seconded. Carried.
  - Billy Wood made the motion that we donate \$\$2,000.00 to the Bemidji Food Shelf. Jack McNamara seconded. Carried.
  - 2. Requests for assistance(Info Item):
    - a. A service-connected veteran needs assistance with an electric bill of 226.00 and Car insurance of 206.00.Mike Gutz Proposed, seconded by Andy Staudt. Carried.
    - A service-connected veteran needs help with propane bill of 532,78.
       Andy Staudt made the motion, seconded by Mike Gutz. Carried.
  - 3. Transfer station wants us to either weigh each of our loads or pay 149.00 commercial fee. Andy made the motion to pay the fee, Bruce Tiegen seconded. Carried.
- L. Good of the Order:
  - Adjutant reminds the chapter that he will be in Africa (on a mission Trip) from June 3-18. Tom Annonson will be available to take notes in his absence.
  - > Tom Annonson reminds us of a Youth Flag Clinic on the 13th of June, and a flag day ceremony at 1200 on the 14th.
- M. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Andy Staudt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Billy Wood.

  Motion carried
  - > The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours.
  - The next meeting will be held on 21 June at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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#### **AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Hi Everyone!

North Central MN DAV Auxiliary Unit 7 met on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 at the DAV building.

Linda Engesether, Marie Lamon, and Ginger Edwards gave a report on the Spring Convention at Breezy Point. Linda was elected as State of MN DAVA Commander. Ginger was elected as Sr. Vice.

In September we plan on a joint educational program for the 4 & 5 grade classes at the Gene Dillon school. September 17 is Constitution Day. We will provide copies of a Constitution booklet, a How to Honor and Display the American Flag brochure, and a flag to each student. Motion made and carried to buy 700 booklets. We shared this information with the Chapter, and they will assist in ordering the booklets and brochures.

We presented the membership drive information to the Chapter. We will pay \$100 and the State will pay \$100 leaving \$50 for the new member. This offer ends June 30, 2021.

Scotty Allison, VSO, had a veteran a mortgage need. We paid the \$1000 to the mortgage company. Scotty was given the check.

National Convention will be held in Tampa Bay from July 29-August 4. Linda and Ginger will be attending as state representatives as well as from Unit 7.

National Fall Conference will be held in Lawrenceburg, IN from September 29-October 2, 2021. Linda and Ginger will be attending for both State and Unit.

Minnesota Fall Conference will be held in Alexandria, MN from September 23-25.

Please let an officer know if you would like to attend any of the events.

Northwoods Interfaith gave a presentation to the Chapter and our Unit was invited to attend. Serenity Walker is the contact person and gave us her phone number.

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 on June 21, 2021. You are invited to join us and bring a friend too. If you have any questions, please call any of the unit officers.

Blessings to all

Ginger Edwards

### **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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#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi family members, auxiliary, comrades and everyone coming to visit this article. As I carefully pondered writing this article, my thoughts consider picking up our conversation from last month, and the general theme over the past 12 months. This is not something I planned out or put together the last moment, rather it is a chance to look back at all the articles written. So far we have considered; life here and now, future events on earth, God's Kingdom, life after we pass away, heartaches, regrets, false information about Christ, false evangelists / teachers, condition of our hearts as enemies of God prior to living for Christ, current misuse - misrepresentations of scripture, reality, hardship, faith, hope, and friendship. This includes the value of our commitment to live right for God and country, while sharing our experiences in or out of the military. All of this leads into the article for today about *focusing* on Christ and the things above (Colossians 3:1-15). This continues to be accomplished in light of God's mysterious plan to bring total and absolute control of everything - the good, bad, and ugly - in heaven and on earth, completely under Jesus' control to a point we can say, "everything is going to be alright" (Ephesians 1:4-14). Wow - talk about hope!

First, let us take a look at the scripture itself, without any of the verse numbers so it flows easily. It is interesting to note that the verse numbers in the scripture were added many years after the original text was written. As a result, the original authors did not write the verse numbers in their text. The reason why the verse numbers were put into the scriptures was to help give future generations "an address" to look up specific scriptures.

Ephesians 1:4-14 (New Living Translation).

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So, we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ, which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ, everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

We will continue to look at God's mysterious plan and purpose. The relationship this has with other scriptures. The freedom we have in Christ, as well as the application of this in our own lives today as a constant source of hope (Romans 8:28-39).

If you have a need or would simply like to talk with us, please give us a call.

Mike and Julie Gutz.





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Chairman Tom Annonson present a \$2000.00 donation
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