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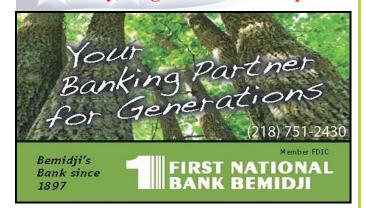
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Monthly Newsletter August 2021

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



NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, August 16th at 6:30pm







CHAPTER OFFICERS

COMMANDER: Gene Schwantes - (218) 556-4592

SENIOR VICE: Jeff Meyer

JUNIOR VICE: Tom Annonson

ADJUTANT: Darrel Baltzell

SERVICE OFFICERS: Scotty Allison

TREASURER: Scotty Allison - (218) 333-4178 CHAPLAIN: Mike Gutz - (218) 444-5015

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Jeri Harvey
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bruce Tiegen
OFFICER OF THE DAY: Glenn Aagard
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Joe Vene
HISTORIAN: Vacant

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

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Aug 2nd - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630

Hours

Aug 11-15th - Beltrami County Fair

Aug 16th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Aug 21st - DAV Annual Picnic

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

Oct 11th - Columbus Day

Oct 23rd - The bombing of the Marine barracks

in Beirut (1983)

Oct 31st - Halloween





COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi Everyone,

Well, I hope everyone is doing well and having a great summer. Although it has been a little warm, just remember, winter will come sooner than we want, and we finally got some rain. I hope your gardens are doing really well, I know ours sure looks good.

To bring everyone up to speed on what's happening in the Chapter, Dave Myers has resigned as Adjutant, I have appointed Darrel Baltzell as our new Adjutant, Jeff Meyer automatically moves up to Senior Vice Commander, and nominations were made and the election for Junior Vice Commander was held, and Tom Annonson was elected unanimously. Please give these gentlemen your support as they take on their new responsibilities. I thank them for stepping forward to support Chapter 7 in these duties.

The DAV Chapter 7 picnic is going to be held August 21 at Chapter Headquarters from 11:00 to 4:00. The menu includes broasted chicken, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, brownies, and bars, plus drinks. There will also be live music provided by the Senior Center Jam Band. Please plan on attending, REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR PICNIC. Please call with number planning on attending to Ginger Edwards, Glen Aagard, Bruce Tiegen, Billy Woods, all are members of the Picnic Committee.

Again, the clothing program is going gang buster, we are receiving lots of donations, a BIG THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THIER SUPPORT TO DAV CHAPTER 7. Also, a big THANK YOU to all of the workers who help with the clothing program, including the Monday Crew, Tuesday Crew, Blackduck Crew, Friday Crew, and the Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday Crews for all they do, it takes a lot of people and a lot of work and manual labor to keep the clothing program up and running. Again, THANK YOU.

Remember to mark your calendars for Aug. 21 DAV picnic and Aug. 16 for the DAV Chapter meeting. Hope to see you there.

Gene Schwantes













THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 19 JULY 2021 AT 1830.

- Opening Ceremonies:
 - Opening Prayer OPledge of Allegiance

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- Commander Schwantes read the resignation letter submitted by Dave Myers for the office of the Adjutant.
- 2. Commander Schwantes appointed Darrel Baltzell to that position.
- Jeff Meyer will move up to the position of Senior Vice leaving a vacancy for Junior Vice.
- 4. Nominations for the Junior Vice position were called for three(3) times.
- Glen Aagard nominated Tom Annonson to the office of Junior Vice Commander. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote was called, and Tom was elected unanimously.

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

Commander Gene Schwantes Present Sr. Vice Commander Jeff Meyer Present Jr. Vice Commander Tom Annonson Present **Adjutant Darrel Baltzell** Present **Treasurer Scotty Allison** Present **Chaplain Mike Gutz** Present Judge Advocate Jeri Harvey Present Sergeant-At-Arms Bruce Tiegen **Excused** Officer of the Day Glen Aagard Present Historian Vacant N/A

- B. Members Present: 15
- C. Introduction of guests or visitors: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 21 June 2021 were read and approved.
- E. Treasurers Report: The financial report for June 1 30, 2021 was given by the Chapter Treasurer Scotty Allison. Motion to accept the report made by Andy S.; seconded by Randy H. Motion approved.

F. Chaplain's Report:

- Chaplain Gutz reported the passing of Jerald Knutson, member of Chapter 41.
 Gene S., Mike G. and Darrel B. attended his funeral.
- 2. Also mentioned was the funeral of Roger Davies.
- G. Communications: Thank you notes from Irene Johnson and Sandy Sterr were read.
- H. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Service Officer Report:
 - a. Nothing to report.
 - 2. Entertainment:
 - a. The picnic is scheduled for August 21st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The committee is busy making plans. They have decided on picnic fixings of chicken and coleslaw, etc. and will again have live musical entertainment.

3. Newsletter:

- a. Tom A. reported that, thus far, he has received \$5,575 in donations from the sponsors that advertise in the newsletter.
- 4. Medical Equipment Report:
 - a. 5 donations received. b. 11 items issued.

I. Old Business:

- Bylaws committee has met and made changes to the Bylaws. The
 recommended changes will be read at the August and September
 meetings and any further changes from the membership can be
 brought up at those meetings. A vote will be taken for approval at
 both monthly meetings.
- Clothing Program Trailer Backlog: Savers reports that they
 have a backlog of 50 trailers on their lot. 24 trailers of cloth, 24
 miscellaneous and 2 mixed. We now receive 22 cents per pound
 for cloth and 12 cents for miscellaneous goods.
- Tom A., Ginger Edwards & Joe Vene had the truck in the July 4th parade. There was a good response.

J. New Business:

- Members to the Year End Financial Audit Committee are Jim P., Andy S. and Glenn A.
- The PTS Support Group is looking for funds. A motion to give them \$500 was made by Andy S. and seconded by Billy W. Motion approved.
- A report on the planned Veterans Home was given.
 Groundbreaking will be August 26th or thereabouts with completion planned for April of 2023.
- 4. We will have a presentation by 2 Social Workers at the next meeting. K. Executive Committee Action Items: Nothing brought forth. L. Good of the Order 1. Tax reliefs are available only to Veterans that are classified 75 to 100% disabled. Anyone wanting further information should ask to see the letter which can be found in the DAV office. 2. It was recommended that our chapter make a \$1,000 donation to Chapter 41 in memory of Jerald Knutson. Motion made by Tom A. and seconded by Jeff M. Motion approved.
- A request for car repairs by the wife of a Veteran has been received. Motion to give up to \$500 for car repairs was made by Andy S. and seconded by Billy W. Motion approved. M.

K. Good of the Order:

- 1. Nothing brought forward
- L. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Mike G.; seconded by Andy S. Motion carried.
 - > Closing Ceremonies:
 - Moment of Silence
 - Closing Prayer
 - Saluting the Colors
 - The meeting was adjourned at 1932 hours.
 - The next meeting will be held on 16 August 2021 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 July 19, 2021, at 6:30 at the DAV building.

- 1. The Constitution Day program planned for this fall has been tentatively postponed until next year. The Gene Dillon school is not scheduling in person speakers for the fall. We will plan for it for next year but try to be prepared for this year in case they change their policy. We are ordering copies of the U.S. Constitution and our flag etiquette brochures for each student in the 4th& 5th grades. We need about 600 of each and approved 700 at a prior meeting. We will continue to work with the Chapter on getting them ordered.
- 2. National Convention will be held July 29 August 4, in Tampa, FL.
 - a. Ginger Edwards and Linda Engesether will be attending.
 - b. They will also be attending the National Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, IN from Sept. 29-October 2.
- 3. Minnesota Fall Conference will be in Alexandria, MN from September 23-25. Please let any officer know if you would like to attend. It is a great way to learn more about the DAV Auxiliary.
- 4. The Chapter entered Tom Annonson's truck and a DAV Chapter trailer in the 4th of July parade.
 - a. Marie Lamon assisted Tom (driver) in decorating the truck.
 - b. Ginger Edwards rode with Tom and Joe Vene.
- 5. Prayers were again requested for our members, their families, and friends. Some have illnesses and deaths in their families. Again, God know who they are.
- 6. Members are continuing to visit and assist area veterans.
- 7. The annual DAV/DAVA member summer picnic will be held on August 21, at the DAV building. Call me if you can attend (218-368-8562) and leave a detailed message of number planning to attend. All members and their families are invited. Visiting at 11:00 and meal from noon to 1:30. We will again have live music for your enjoyment. We are planning on serving chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, desserts, and beverages. If you can come early to help set up it would be appreciated.

Our next meeting will be August 16, 6:30 at the DAV building.

Side note...Beltrami County Fair is coming up and volunteers may be needed in the Chapter booth.

Blessings to all,

Ginger Edwards











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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

DAV comrades last month we were looking at God's purpose, His mysteries and ultimate plan. This month we will be looking at some examples of pastor's sermons covering God's ultimate plan and actually sound pretty good but are totally incorrect. There are many warnings in the scripture to help us understand the difference between good sound doctrine and incorrect ideas and religious philosophies given in these sermons. Some of these scriptural examples reflecting these false teachers, and false doctrines include Matthew 7, Mark 13, I Corinthians 1, Jude, II Timothy 3, I Corinthians 4 and II Peter 2. Yet, what does this really look like for today? Below will be some examples of exactly the statements and comments in the exact context and background these televangelists are using to express their view and overall concepts.

One example is a pastor expressing his deepest hurt from a statement made to him from another pastor. He goes on to explain his intense agony from this experience and while doing so, says how Jesus actually appeared to him. The pastor states Jesus held him and actually asked the pastor for his forgiveness. The pastor continues with his story by reflecting the "fact" Jesus actually apologized for the pastor who offended him because the pastor who offended him was a child of God! If this sounds incredibly off the wall, it is! This is absolutely unscriptural and a fabricated story

Another example is a different pastor explaining in an interview the "fact" God needs our permission through prayer to be able to do anything here on earth. This pastor actually stated God needs the permission of His people through prayer in order to do something here on earth, as if the prayers are God's license to do something legally here on earth. If this sounds incredibly off the wall, it is! This is absolutely unscriptural and a fabricated story.

Another example is a totally different televangelist who stated as a result of being born again, he stated "The real me is just like God!" This person was using the creation story in Genesis to explain how God created mankind in His own image and therefore mankind are actually little "gods". Needless to state, this pastor is taking the creation story in Genesis, Psalm 82 and John 10 way out of context and the original (Hebrew/ Greek) meaning and message of these scriptures. Essentially this pastor was attempting to give people the same authority and power God has alone.

If we recall, wasn't the desire to be just like God the beginning of the fall in Genesis 3? Whenever these pastors are discussing these subjects, they are in effect magnifying mankind into being God. These "pastors" are using motivational, self-help philosophies as a basis for teaching things about God that are not true. They are literally missing the true nature of God and the true nature of man. This does not help anyone at all. Comrades, please guard your hearts, minds and the correct understanding of the scriptures. The scriptures have an original meaning in a context with an interpretation, but with many different applications.

Blessings,

Mike and Julie Gutz.

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ATTENTION EVERYONE

Our DAV ANNUAL PICNIC will be held on August 21st from 11:00 to 4:00 at the DAV Headquarters building. We are planning to have live music and the menu is still being decided upon. Please contact the Commander (218) 566-4592 or Ginger Edwards (218) 368-8562 if you are planning to attend so that we can get an approximate idea of the amount of food and beverages we will need to have on hand.

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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