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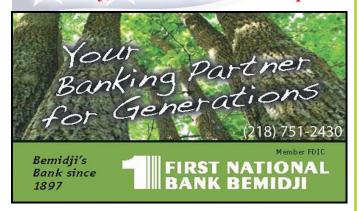
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NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, October 18th at 6:30pm







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

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Oct 11th - Columbus Day

Oct 23rd - The bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut (1983)

Oct 31st - Halloween

Nov 7th - Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 9th - World Freedom Day

Nov 9th - Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)

Nov11th - Veteran's Day

Nov 25th - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec 21st - First day of Winter

Dec 25th - Christmas Day

Dec 31st - New Years Eve





COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and are getting ready for winter, because it is not that far away. I hope you all are enjoying fall, but if you are like me, I have not put the patio furniture away, still have stuff in the garden, and so many of the other winter prep things to do, but like always, it hopefully will all get done.

Good news, the conveyor is up and running, we used it last Tuesday 9-21 for the first time and it worked great. It still needs a little tweaking, but it appears that it will save some backs, legs, knees, and who knows what else. A big THANKS to Jack Y., Glen A. and the rest of the folks that worked on the conveyor, Henry H., Jim H., Darrel B., and anybody else that I might have missed. They all went above and beyond to help their follow Tuesday crew workers. Also give Tom A. a big Thank You for all of the fund raising he does, including the \$1337.00 from the gun show.

Darrel B., Tom A., and I went to the DAV Fall Conference, which was all on training, DAV put on a great program that gave out a lot of information and I believe it will help us a lot going forward. My job there was to make sure Darrel paid attention so that I could ask him during the coming months what we all learned, he's got a mind like a steel trap, nothing escapes. All of us attended and passed Chapter Service Officer training, hopefully that will add more Chapter value to our fellow veterans.

I met with State Judge Advocate Rick Jarvis and gave him our updated changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, he will review the changes and make suggestions, recommend changes, or approve and forward the document to National DAV Judge Advocate for final approval. Hopefully, it will not take another 5 years to get this job done, I know that there will be follow up so that it doesn't fall through the cracks again.

We also met State SR Vice Mick Aguirre, who was a great overall help and full of information. He plans to visit our chapter sometime this winter, we will have to give him a very warm welcome. Darrel also met with John Carlson who is in charge of the reporting and recording of the volunteer manhours. John has volunteered to come to our chapter to help get us set up to do the reporting and explain the program sometime in the near future. We also met John Walker, Department Treasurer, Gina, the overall go to person, and many others and folks from different chapters that helped to make it a great conference.

Well enough of my jabbering, I hope all of you have a great fall and with winter coming, you will have some more free time to come and volunteer and/or attend a meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. REMEMBER, WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A TREASURER, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING, and a person to head up our medical equipment program. Also, remember to thank our fund raiser and the conveyor work crew, they get paid for their extra work the same as all the rest of our volunteers, \$0000.00, and that is what allows us to help our fellow veterans.

Trying my best,

Gene









THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1830.

OPENING CEREMONY:

- * OPENING PRAYER * PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if a quorum is present.

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

- B. Members Present: 14
- C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 16 August 2021 were read and approved.
- E. Treasurer's Report: Scotty Alison reported the present balance of \$285,875.75 for all accounts. The financial report for August 2021 was given. Motion to accept the report made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Randy Hanevoldannevold. Motion approved.
- F. Communications: Two pieces of correspondence to report. The Senior Center sent a thank you letter for the \$2,000 donation from Chapter 7. A letter from Josh informing us of the latest status of the clothing program was received indicating things are about the same as last month.
- G. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Membership: There were 4 new members signed and 1 transfer to our chapter.
 - 2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.
 - 3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Mike Gutz was hospitalized following a motorcycle accident and is now recovering at home.
 - 4. Legislative: Nothing to report.
 - 5. Entertainment: The picnic went well with approximately 90 people in attendance.
 - 6. Publicity & Fund Raising: Nothing to report as Tom was not in attendance this evening.
 - 7. Medical Equipment: There were 20 donations and 5 items issued.
- H. Executive Committee Action Items: There were no action items to be brought forward.

Commander Gene, however, reported on two discussions they had at their last meeting.

The below was taken from the 9-13-2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

a. Trailer Discussion: There was discussion on the possibility of adding another trailer to the fleet. All trailers seem to be at full capacity and not available for extra donations.

Additionally, some of the trailers have seen better days and repairs and/or replacements may be needed in the near future.

b. Clothing Bins: The DAV clothing bins are beginning to look a little weather worn and mismatched in color. One bin was just recently repaired and repainted by Glenn Aagard and Henry Hammerback and put to use at a Turtle River location. Glenn and Henry spent many hours on the bin and it is not feasible for our members to do any more major repairs to the rest of the bins. At this time, there isn't much we can do to address the issues.

I. Old Business

- 1. The Constitution and Bylaws changes were read. A motion was made by Andy Staudt to accept the revised Constitution and Bylaws and seconded by Randy Hanevold. Motion approved.
- 2. The repairs to the portable elevator are done. Jack McNamara and Glen Aagard were thanked for their repair work on the elevator.
- 3. Clothing Program donations continue at their steady pace. We will call for an extra semi delivery in hopes that it will be approved.

J. New Business

- 1. Gun Show Donations: Tom turned in the donation proceeds last week from this past gun show at the Armory. That amount was \$1,337.
- 2. Christmas Party: The members voted to proceed with a Christmas Party this year at the Eagles Club. Motion to hold the 2021 Christmas Party was made by Andy S.; seconded by Henry Hammerback. Motion approved.
- 3. Newspaper Publicity Article: A publicity article draft was submitted by Sandy Sterr. It is a thank you to the community for their donations, as well as information about our clothing program process with an invitation for more volunteers. One addition was suggested and Sandy will be asked to contact the Pioneer and the Byline for publicizing in their newspapers.
- K. Good of the Order: Nothing to report.
- L. Closing Ceremonies performed.
- M. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Andy S.; seconded by Randy H. Motion carried.
 - > The meeting was adjourned at 1925 hours.
 - > The next meeting will be held on 18 October 2021 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello All,

Our Auxiliary met on 9/20/21, at 6:30 in the DAV building.

We discussed ordering the copies of the U.S. Constitution to give with the students at the Gene Dillon school. We have enough flags and should have enough flag etiquette. Lyndsey is ordering them. We will partner with another group to do a presentation as soon as the schools allow speakers again.

Members are continuing to visit and assist local veterans. Prayers were requested for 6 veterans and families. Please pray, GOD knows who you are praying for.

Ginger E. and Linda E. were honored to attend the groundbreaking for our new VA home. What a blessing for our area veterans.

Ginger E., Linda E., and Lyndsey M. will be attending the MN State Fall Conference in Alexandria, MN from 9/23 - 9/25, 2021. The toiletries donated will be given to the VAVS representative there to take to the MPLS VA Hospital.

Ginger E. and Linda E. will be attending National Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, IN from 9/29 - 10/2, 2021. They will be representing the State.

We are awaiting on the decision on having a Christmas recognition dinner.

Our next meeting is on 10/18/21, 6:30, in the DAV Building. Hope you can attend and bring a friend.

Blessings to All,

Ginger Edwards

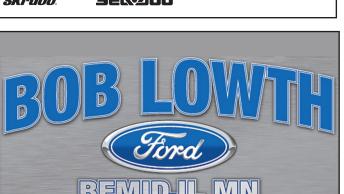
UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

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

There isn't a human being alive on this planet who isn't acquainted with troubles. Times of difficulty arrive unexpectedly, often remain indefinitely, and the sorrowful memories they produce take deep root in the mind. It is no wonder, then, why Jesus' promise in John 16:33 also takes deep root in the minds and hearts of so many Christians today: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

This comforting verse is found within a larger section in the Gospel of John. Chapters 13-17 make up what scholars refer to as the "Farewell Discourse". These are Jesus' final words of reassurance, comfort, and encouragement to his disciples in the upper room before his betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion.

In John 16, He speaks to them of His impending death and departure, as well as their desertion. In John 16:32, Jesus tells them, "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me." Certainly, this was not something the disciples wanted to hear, which is why Jesus immediately followed up with his comforting words in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world."

In this verse, we see two certain realities: 1) the followers of Jesus will suffer great distress, and 2) Jesus has already won the victory. He didn't want his disciples to be under the delusion that their future ministry would be full of ease and comfort, nor did he want his disciples to think the future is hopeless, and he doesn't want us to think that either. Following Christ is difficult and there will be opposition. Yet, the reality of Christ's victory over sin and death via his own death and resurrection provides peace and courage in the midst of that opposition.

The specific phrase, "Take Heart, I Have Overcome the World," is found in both the New International Version (NIV) and the English Standard Version (ESV). Other English versions render it slightly differently. "Take Heart" (Greek: tharseite) can also be rendered as "take courage" New American Standard Bible (NASB) or "be courageous" Christian Standard Bible (CSB). The classic rendering of the King James Version (KJV) is "be of good cheer." The word "overcome" (Greek: nenikeika) could also be translated "conquered" New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

Jesus' claim of victory over the world is in reference to his death, burial, and resurrection. Earlier, in John 12:31, Jesus stated that his crucifixion would conquer and cast out the "ruler of this world." Elsewhere, Hebrews 2:14-15 states Jesus came to earth "so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." The finished work of Christ removes the teeth from suffering. By entering into our world and suffering alongside of us, Jesus offers certain hope that transcends the temporal sorrow and suffering this world throws at his followers.

Therefore, we are not called to overcome the world ourselves because Jesus already did. He provides his children with a certain future — a "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" and "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (2 Peter 1:3-4). It is because of this reality that we can "take heart" and "be of good courage."

Mike and Julie Gutz







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