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DAV Headquarters at  
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### CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Nov 7th - Daylight Savings Time ends



Nov 9th - World Freedom Day

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

Nov 11th - 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 Year's Eve



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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are ready for winter because it is on its way. Predictions are everything from a normal winter, to a milder than normal winter, to a more severe than normal winter. Only time will tell what kind of winter we will end up with, but for sure winter will come!

The changes to our Constitution and By-Laws have been approved by the DAV State Office and have been forwarded to the DAV National HQ for final approval.

At our meeting on November 15th, the Auxiliary will be providing pizza for the Chapter in honor of Veteran's Day. The pizza will be served at 6:15PM.

For the December 20th meeting we will be having our Annual Christmas Party at the Eagles. Dinner will be your choice of chicken, roast beef, or vegetarian lasagna. Please let Ginger Edwards (218) 368-8562 or me (218) 556-4592 know how many will be attending and their choice of meals.

So, mark your calendar and plan on attending these events for food, fun and camaraderie.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

Gene



## 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:

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## REGULARLY CONVENED ON 18 OCTOBER 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	<i>Excused</i>
Adjutant	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Jeri Harvey	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	<i>Excused</i>
Historian	Vacant	N/A

**B. Members Present: 15**

**C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors:** A welcome was extended to Melissa Barrus, Social Worker from our Bemidji VA Clinic. Her presentation covered the services offered at the clinic.

**D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of 20 September 2021 were read and approved.

**E. Treasurer's Report:** Scotty Alison presented the September 2021 financial report. Motion to accept the report made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Randy Hanevoldannevold. Motion approved.

**F. Communications:** The latest update from the State regarding the clothing program remains good and stable.

**G. Committee Reports:**

1. **Membership:** Nothing to report.
2. **Service Officer:** Nothing to report.
3. **Hospital/Sickness & Distress:** 1 death reported.
4. **Legislative:** Nothing to report.
5. **Entertainment:** Nothing to report as Tom was not in attendance this evening.
6. **Medical Equipment:** There were 12 donations and 11 items issued.

**H. Executive Committee Action Items:** There were no action items from the Executive Committee brought forth.

**I. Old Business**

1. The Constitution and Bylaws changes have been approved by the State, and they are now going to the National Organization for approval there.
2. Christmas Party: Plans for this year's Christmas Party were discussed. The motion to add \$1,000 dollars to the entertainment budget to be sure there will be enough to cover the costs of the party was made by Scotty A. and seconded by Randy H. Motion carried. The menu choices were decided (chicken breast, roast beef and vegetable lasagna) and the party will be held Monday evening, December 20.

**J. New Business**

1. Auxiliary to Provide Pizza: The Auxiliary will again provide pizza during the November general meeting. This annual treat celebrating Veterans Day is to show appreciation to the membership for their good works in supporting the veterans in the Chapter 7 area.
2. Award to Chapter 7: Wayne Johnson presented a plaque to our chapter expressing a thank you from "Ride for the Troops" for the financial and participatory support it receives from Chapter 7. Commander Schwantes gratefully accepted the award.
3. Veteran in Need Request for Assistance: A full discussion was held to discuss the issues with this particular request. Once all input was given, the suggestion to offer \$350 toward the family's need was suggested. Additionally, the family has reached the maximum that can be offered for this specific request. This will be noted in the confidential records. The motion to offer \$350 to this family was made by Ron Kaiser and seconded by Henry Hammerback. Motion carried.

**K. Good of the Order:** Nothing to report.

**L. Closing Ceremonies** performed.

**M. Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Mike G.; seconded by Andy S. Motion carried.

- The meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours.
- The next meeting will be held on 15 November 2021 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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# AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi All,

Your Auxiliary met on 10-18-21, at 6:30, in the DAV building.

- Lyndsay was able to find a site to order the U. S. Constitution booklets at a great price so we will be ordering 1000 which will allow us to do other presentations. She is also ordering flag etiquette brochures also.
- Lyndsay gave a report on the conference in Alexandria. Linda and Ginger agreed it was so great, both fun and educational. I would suggest all members try to attend the fall conference since the main focus is on learning more about the auxiliary and our purpose. Networking with other auxiliary units is very helpful.
- Lyndsay also discussed the DAV Commander Action Network. This is a great way to contact our government representatives with DAV concerns.
- Ginger and Linda also attended the National Fall Conference in Lawrenceburg, IN. Another great educational experience while having fun. Lawrenceburg is a delightful little town.
- Melissa Barrus, social worker from the VA clinic, gave a presentation on her duties and how she and the rest of the staff collaborate to provide our veterans with essential care. She is available thru the VA clinic, 755-6360 ext. 2262. We asked about Caption Call which provides free phones---877-557-2227.
- Members present at the meeting have requested prayers for a number of people. Please pray, God knows who they are. Thank you.
- We will not have meetings in January and February next year. The December meeting will be part of the DAV/DAVA Christmas party and recognition dinner. Any business will be done prior to the dinner.
- Our November meeting will also include a pizza meal for the Chapter. We will plan on having pizza there by 6:15. Members will also bring bars or cookies or some kind of dessert.

The Christmas party and recognition dinner will be held on December 20, 2021, at the Eagles. Social hour at 4:30 with dinner at 6:00. Meal choices are roast beef, chicken, or vegetarian Lasagna. Call Ginger at 368-8562 by December 10. I need your full name and full names of your guests and the meals selection for each, please include your phone number. We already have a great selection of goodies for the free table. There will also be door prizes. Anyone who would like to help with decorating and clean up please call.

Blessings to All,

Ginger Edwards



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to this article. The beautiful weather we have been experiencing has certainly been highlighted by the changing colors of leaves signaling another winter coming with white snow. As we are imagining white snow again, there is a verse in the Bible to remind us about the importance of white snow, as God revealed to the prophet Isaiah. At the same time, and related to Isaiah 1:18, reminds us of Paul, who wrote to the Galatians and regarding the importance of the only one true gospel, Galatians 1:7. We would like to examine Galatians 1:7 and Isaiah 1:18, while at the same time unpacking the original context of those two related scriptures as we give several modern-day applications. This is just an introduction for now, letting you know our plans for next month. Yet we can say both verses were directed out to an audience, Isaiah 1:18 was directed to the people of both Israel and Judah (The Kingdom was divided), while Galatians 1:7 was directed to churches throughout Galatia. The point being made here is the fact these verses were directed to people who believed in God but were struggling and being misguided. Yet as an application of scripture these verses are meaningful to everyone.

Mike and Julie Gutz



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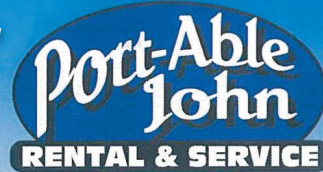
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