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May 2022

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CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- May 1st - Silver Star Banner Day
- May 2nd - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- May 7th - Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 13th - Children of Fallen Patriots Day 
- May 15th - Armed Forces Day
- May 16th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- May 31st - Memorial Day 
- June 6th - Ride for the Troops 
- June 7th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- June 14th - Flag Day
- June 19th - Juneteenth
- June 21st - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- July 4th - Independence Day
- July 11th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- July 18th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- July 21st, 22nd, 23rd - Bemidji All School Reunion
- July 27, 2022 - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day 

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Veterans,

I don't know if it is winter or spring, but I do know that it is not summer. I have heard about global warming, but that must be for other parts of the country.

Vets on the Hill was interesting, learned some of what DAV is trying to get done for veterans in the legislature. The bonus was a nice bus trip down to the Capitol and from my view point the traffic was a breeze, it beats me driving in it.

The budget committee was voted on and approved, if you have any comments regarding the budget, please let the committee know.

We are going to sell 2 trailers, 1 is the 2014, 7' x 16', enclosed trailer that we just bought a replacement for, the other is the 2019, 7' x 18', open flatbed that we don't use, the only thing that I know that it ever hauled was 2 yards of gravel to put around the edges of the new tar at DAV. So, it is in brand new condition, I checked on what a new comparable trailer would cost and was told \$6000.00 to \$7000.00. They will be for sale to DAV members until the end of May and then they will be put up for sale to the general public. If you are interested, please let me know. DAV reserves the right to reject any or all offers.



If anybody has anything that they would like to discuss about DAV, please feel free to give me a call. I do hope that everybody has a great summer, if it ever gets here, and remember to come to our next meeting to be held on May 16th at 6:30 pm.

Best Regards,

Gene Schwantes



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 18 APRIL 2022 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	Present
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: 14 + 2 Guest

C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: A welcome was extended to Mr. Jason Riggs who is running for Beltrami County Sheriff. Mr. Riggs is a 21year veteran in Minnesota Law Enforcement. His brochure outlines his impressive work and volunteer history and introduces his nice family of his wife and six children. The members were invited to ask questions, and he was thanked for taking the time to stop by and introduce himself to the membership.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 21 March 2022 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report: Scotty Allison presented the March 2022 financial report.

Motion to accept the report was made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.

F. Communications:

1. Thank You Letters: Thank you letters from the Fargo Health System and the State Veterans Affairs Office in Little Falls were received for the donations from Chapter 7.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Nothing to report.
2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.
3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Nothing to report.
4. Legislative: Nothing to report.

5. Medical Equipment: There were 2 donations and 2 issues.

6. Fund Raising: Ride for the Troops is scheduled for June 5. The Cross Fitness Event is scheduled for May 29. Tom will be at both events for fund raising. Tom also pointed out that the Ride for the Troops folks are always looking for helpers for registration.

H. Executive Committee Report & Action Item(s): Nothing to report.

I. Old Business

1. Veterans Day on the Hill: The bus will be leaving at 5:30 am tomorrow morning for the event.

There is still plenty of room on the bus for anyone wanting to go.

2. DAV Spring Convention: Registrations have been sent for those attending the convention April 28-30.

J. New Business

1. Establishment of a Budget Committee: These gentlemen are willing to serve on the Budget Committee: Andy Staudt, Bruce Tiegen, Tom Annonson, Jeri Harvey, and Jim Pinsonneault. A motion to establish the Budget Committee for the upcoming fiscal year with those named above was made by Steve Seitz; seconded by Henry Hammerback. Motion carried.

2. Report on the Need to Sell Two Trailers: Those in charge of the equipment for the Clothing Program report that there is an 8 X 14 ft. trailer that can no longer be used for clothing pickup purposes for safety reasons. To repair it is not cost effective. Also, they have an 8 X 18 ft. flat bed trailer that is no longer needed. They will be working towards selling both with an offer first being made to DAV members that might be interested. A motion to sell both trailers was made by Scotty Allison and seconded by Jeff Meyer. Motion carried.

K. Good of the Order:

1. Scholarships Awarded: The Scholarship Committee informed the membership that two scholarships are being awarded for the 22/23 school year. The two recipients are Sam Mutnansky (Bemidji) and Colton Hollis (International Falls). They will each receive \$1000.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Mike Gutz; seconded by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.

➤ The meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours.

➤ The next official meeting will be held on 16 May 2022 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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://davn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/>



VETERANS ON THE HILL DAY

Veterans from the Bemidji, Brainerd, and St. Cloud areas that rode the bus down to St Paul for the Veterans on the Hill Rally to show our support for Legislature pertaining to Veteran issues.



MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS FOR MAY

- May – National Military Appreciation Month and Month of the Military Caregiver
- May 1 – Silver Star Banner Day – Per Congressional resolution, it is an “Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured Veterans”.
- May 7 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day – This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.
- May 13 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day – A Day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.
- May 15 – Armed Forces Day - Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- May 31 – Memorial Day - A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings to all of you fun loving Comrades, it's time for another article, especially while it's snowing at the time of this writing in April.

Last month we finished our article about observations and interpretations of documents. The two primary documents we had in mind were The Bible and U. S. Constitution. We saw there are basically two different views of interpreting these two documents, one is the author's original intent, and the other is the readers understanding. We asked the question, which one do we use? Yet, there is a follow-up question as well, can we use a combination of both interpretations in regard to biblical citizenship?

The author's intent goes back to the true meaning of the document including history, context, and culture. The author's intent is the very foundation and view established for all future readers. There can only be one interpretation (author's meaning) of the document, but there can be many applications of this original meaning to a variety of future situations. As a result, the truth of the author's intent never changes over time.

The reader's understanding over the course of generations can change depending on future events, different cultures, and variable lifestyles. The author's intent is not as significant in this view but can be used when needed. Therefore, the author's intent may be dismissed for a more open interpretation because of the way things change in life. As a result, there is no absolute truth, only so called "good intentions."

Let's see how this is relevant to biblical citizenship. There has been books, thesis, and volumes written by scholars about the ramifications regarding these two views (author vs. reader) and the corresponding applications. Yet, here are some examples to help us understand these issues and the relationship to biblical citizenship.

Jesus oftentimes referred back to the original meaning and intent of the scriptures when discussing issues of his day. The Pharisees and Scribes, over the course of time, had built so many rules and traditions around the scriptures that their interpretations were more consistent with the prevailing times and culture. As a result, the true intended meaning of the author had disappeared. Additionally, Jesus helped his disciples understand the true meaning of the scriptures (Old Testament) regarding himself (Mark 7, Luke 24:36-49). Yet even today there are many instances of people interpreting the scriptures like the Pharisees and Scribes by placing our current times and culture into the meaning of the scriptures without understanding the author's original intent. Consequently, these people misapply the scriptures in ways that contradicts the meaning of the scriptures, some examples are the prosperity and social gospel, which are actually no gospels at all (Gal 1:6)! So as biblical citizens we need to understand the original meaning of the scriptures and make appropriate applications.

Let's look at the U.S. Constitution and specifically the Second Amendment. The original meaning and application have more to do with the security of a free state; 13 original individual states to our current 50 individual states. The Federalist Papers #29, written by Alexander Hamilton, helps to explain the fundamental intent of our Second Amendment, protecting and defending life - a view we can appreciate. This mirrors our God given gift to protect life and freedom (Exodus 22, Nehemiah 4). The protection of an individual's life and liberty through the Second Amendment can best be seen in the Supreme Courts' decision in District of Columbia vs. Heller, 554 US 574 (2008) and Mc Donald vs. City of Chicago, 561 US 742 (2010). Again, as biblical citizens we turn to our founding fathers intent in order to rightfully apply our Constitution.

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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Spring!

Thank you to all that attended the meeting on March 21st and if you were unable, you were missed and hope all is well. We started our meeting with a moment of silents for our past Commander, Ginger Edwards, our thoughts, and prayers are with her family.

March is the time for elections for new officers. Your new officers are Commander Sara Gast, Sr. Vice Sarah Haack, Jr. Vice Marie Lamon, Treasurer and Adjutant Lindsey Moe, and Chaplin Julie Gutz. We have also voted on having six meetings a year. The months we will be meeting are as follows: March, May, June, August, October, and November. We hope we will see you at our next meeting.

Thank you,

Sara Gast



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