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July 2022

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| HISTORIAN: | Vacant |
| EXEC. COMMITTEE: | Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt,
Henry Hammerback, Jim Pinsonnault |

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- 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 
- Aug 1st - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Aug 10th-14th - Beltrami County Fair
- Aug 15th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Aug 20th - Chapter Picnic, Noon - 3 PM. 
- Sept 5th - Labor Day 
- Sept 11th - Patriot Day 
- Sept 17th - Constitution / Citizenship Day
- Sept 25th - Gold Star Mother's Day 
- Sept 25th- 27th - Rosh Hashanah

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Veterans,

Summer is here, get out and enjoy your favorite fun things to do. Today we are heading for the trails to do some 4 wheeling, our summers here in the northland are short, so get out and do something, whether it is visiting friends, fishing, or whatever. Anything you can do is better than sitting in the house in the air conditioning, remember we end up sitting in the house all winter.

Jeri Harvey has agreed to take on the job of Treasurer again, please give her your full support as I know she will do a great job. Jeri takes over on July 1st. Also, a big THANK YOU to Scotty Allison for his dedication to the chapter for being our Treasurer for the last several years and Best Wishes to Scotty in his retirement.

That brings up a new job opening, we now are in need of a Judge Advocate, this can be YOUR opportunity to get more involved in YOUR Chapter.

Both of the trailers that we had for sale have sold and the funds have been deposited in the DAV account.

The DAV summer picnic is scheduled for August 20th from noon to 3 pm, please sign up and plan to attend.

The Executive Committee meeting has been moved to July 11th due to Independence Day being the first Monday of the month.

I hope everybody has a great summer and don't forget to sign up for the picnic and to attend our next Chapter meeting to be held on July 18th.

Best Regards,

Gene Schwantes



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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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 20 June 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	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

B. MEMBERS PRESENT: 12

C. GUESTS OR VISITORS: There were none.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of 16 May 2022 were read. *A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Hannevold; seconded by Ron Kaiser. Motion carried.*

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Scotty Allison presented the May 2022 financial report. *A motion to accept the report was made by Randy H.; seconded by Tom Annonson. annevold Motion carried.*

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clothing Program: The latest communication from Josh Vrtacnik, State DAV Deputy Adjutant/Dir. Of Ops informs us that Savers has 22 trailers in inventory this week (16 soft, 4 hard and 2 mixed). Additionally, Josh is expecting the National Executive Committee to provide the final approvals for the new Savers agreements next week.

2. USAA Partnership Re-Launch: We are in receipt of a communication from J. Marc Burges, National Adjutant announcing the re-launch of the partnership with the USAA organization. An earlier decision concerning the eligibility policy was changed as it negatively affected some members. Specifics can be reviewed in the letter which is available in the office.

3. "Honored Hero of the Game" Events: The date to notify Christine Olson of the SnowGlobe organization regarding Veterans interested in the "Honored Hero of the Game" events has been extended. If interested in being honored during one of the Saint Paul Saints baseball games, let Darrel know as soon as possible.

4. Thank You Card: We received a nice thank you from the "Ride for Troops" group for our donation.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership: Two new members. Mark Thompson and Nathan Heim.

2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.

3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Chaplain Mike reported that he had two hospital visits and he attended the funeral for Leo Talevson. Also attending the funeral were Glen Aagard and Darrel Baltzell.

4. Legislative: Nothing to report.

5. Medical Equipment: Commander Gene reported 12 issues and 22 donations.

6. Fund Raising/Other Event Information: (a) The Beltrami County Fair is scheduled for August 10-14. (b) The Woodcarvers Event is being held in July. Tom will be fund raising at both.

7. Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report.

H. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTION ITEM(S):

1. Veteran in Need: At the June 6 Executive Board Meeting, Scotty Allison brought forward a matter concerning a Veteran who passed away recently. The people in charge of the estate are not family members, as the Veteran had no family. The Veteran's Service office staff are in support of the additional request being brought forward at this meeting. The Chapter had already taken care of a month's rent but there is another request by those in charge of the estate for assistance with one more month's rent. *A motion to pay another month's rent for the Veteran's apartment was made by Jeff Meyer and seconded by Bruce Tiegen. Motion carried. This case will be taken to the next general meeting for review and final decision.*

After discussion where more specific information was provided, the membership agreed with the decision by the Board to pay a second month's rent for the Veteran's apartment. *Motion made by Randy H.; seconded by Ron K. Motion carried.*

2. Treasurer Vacancy Filled: Jeri Harvey has agreed to take the Treasurer's position starting July 1, 2022. She is being happily welcomed back, as she has served as Treasurer in previous years.

3. Judge Advocate Vacancy: We are now in need of a new Judge Advocate since Jeri has accepted the Treasurer's position. Anyone interested should contact the Commander and Adjutant.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Trailers Sold: Both the trailers have been sold. The enclosed trailer sold for \$2800 and the flatbed trailer sold for \$4500.

2. Parade: Tom is still undecided as to what to do to represent the DAV in the parade. Anyone with a great idea should let him know.

3. DAV Picnic Scheduled: The picnic has been scheduled for August 20 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Sandy Sterr has selected a committee to begin the plans.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Veteran In Need: There is a request for assistance for an Army Veteran who is 100% disabled.

He is in need of a heat exchanger and help with his electric bill. *A motion to allow up to \$1500 to assist this Veteran with these needs was made by Tom A.; seconded by Ron K. Motion carried.*

K. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn: *Motion made by Mike Gutz; seconded by Tom A. Motion carried.*

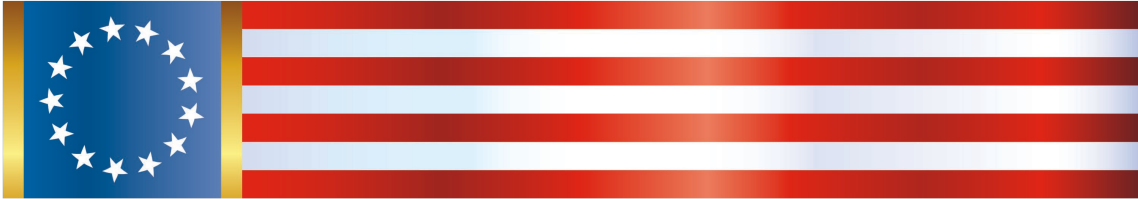
➤ The meeting was adjourned at 1725 hours.

➤ The next official meeting will be held on 18 July 2022 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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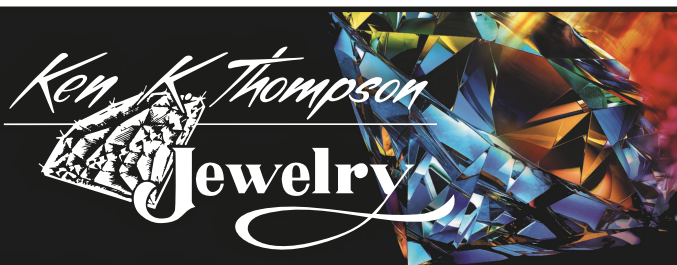
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We are back on track with our task, an in-depth consideration of biblical citizenship. This month we will be looking at the question; what does it mean to be a servant? A follow-up question may be: When does a person cross the line with an attitude of pride and cease being a servant? The answers to these questions can have profound impact on a person's life. A person may genuinely start out with a deep sense of passion to serve, but in the end, exchange their passion for glory, and lose sight of being a servant. Unfortunately, this all too often occurs as a biblical citizen, and we must always be careful to not let this happen.

As citizens of the United States of America, we are all servants. We provide security to our republic, the American People, and "defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic" Our service in the military proves our commitment to be servants. Regardless of rank, prestige, or time of service, while setting aside the temptation for pride, we were all called to be obedient to our nation's cause. Yet, we continue to serve in so many different ways, such as serving other veterans with assistance, and serving our community with dignity and respect. Often, at times, we do not look at any desire for compensation, except for that which is necessary to complete the mission. Unfortunately for those who are looking for benefits or prestige beyond the call of being a servant, unfortunately have crossed the line, and given into the temptation of pride. This is all too common for anyone who is human and believe it or not, for angels too (Isaiah 14:12-16 and Ezekiel 28:12-19)! The end result of such pride is bad news. "Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18, Amplified Bible).

Unfortunately, this same prideful condition is common even among those who knew and were servants of Jesus (Mark 10:35-45). Our best defense of continuing to be a servant is to continually remind ourselves of Christ's humility and the commitment He had in doing The Father's will on our behalf (Romans 5:8). Jesus' humility was strength in being able to continue God's work going to the cross as shown by His prayer in Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46).

Biblical citizenship has much to do with our attitudes, beliefs, and obedience as servants. Our culture often times seems to hijack and misappropriate the true meaning of our citizenship and the biblical meaning of humility. Today we have seen a lot of media attention given to the January 6th investigation. Observing military personnel, veterans, public servants (Law Enforcement / Fire Fighters) and other citizens commit criminal acts of violence was very disheartening. This notion of January 6, 2021, "Storming the Capitol for God and Country" was actually a criminal event. There were many good law-abiding citizens who attended the political rally at the White House on that same day, but departed the area, not wanting anything to do with any criminal events of violence.

In closing, we wish you and your family a wonderful summer. Our prayers are with anyone in distress and by all means, if any of us in our DAV Chapter or DAVA Unit can be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to call.

Blessings,

Mike and Julie Gutz



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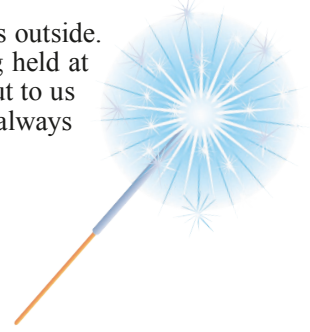
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Happy summer and 4th of July to you all. I hope you are staying cool but are able to enjoy your activities outside. Just a reminder will not be having a meeting in July but will resume in August. The DAV picnic is being held at the DAV Headquarters on August 20th, with Sandy Sterr and her committee organizing. She will reach out to us or a committee member if help is needed prior to the event, but if you can assist with clean up after that is always appreciated. Hope to see you there and at our next meeting in August.

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