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August 2022

North Central MN Chapter #7
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DAV Headquarters at
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HISTORIAN:	Vacant
EXEC. COMMITTEE:	Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt, Henry Hammerback, Jim Pinsonnault

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

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

Oct 3rd - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

Oct 4th-5th - Yom Kippur

Oct 10th-16th - Sukkot

Oct 10th - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day

Oct 17th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Oct 31st - Halloween

Oct 31st - Reformation Day



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Fellow Veterans,

Great news, the DAV Chapter 7 annual summer picnic is going to be held on August 20 from 12 till 3 pm. Please sign up to join us for a great meal and another chance to visit with fellow veterans and their families. All DAV members, DAV volunteers and families are invited to attend, please join us for a great time. The menu includes chicken, ham, potato salad, baked beans, salad, and desert.

The clothing program is going strong, we are shipping a semi-trailer every 3 to 4 weeks, which in turn shows the great support that we get from the DAV Chapter area communities including Middle River to Little Fork to Cass Lake to Bagley and beyond in all directions. It is that support that allows us to help our fellow veterans. So, a Hugh THANK YOU goes out to all of the people that support DAV Chapter 7 thru their donations of clothing, medical equipment, or providing a service for no charge.

Currently we have the largest inventory of medical equipment that we have ever had. If there is any veteran or veteran family member that is in need of any medical equipment, please contact me to see if we can fulfill your requirements at no charge or obligation, every item is absolutely free. Example, knee replacement surgery, need a walker, get it from DAV, no charge, before surgery rather than having to by one.

DAV's fiscal year ended on June 30, 2022, during the past year Chapter 7 distributed an overall amount of \$80,554.15 and of that \$34,954.85 went to individual Veterans. If you have any questions regarding these figures, please feel free to contact me.

Well, I hope to see you all at the picnic on August 20 and that everyone has a great summer, it sure is going by fast.

Have a great day,
Gene Schwantes

DAV PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH
12 NOON UNTIL 3 PM

The DAV picnic will be held at the Headquarters building on Saturday August 20th from 12 noon until 3 PM. The picnic is open to DAV Members and their families along with our DAV volunteers and their families.

The menu is fried chicken, ham, potato salad, veggie salad, cole slaw, beans, buns, dessert, and beverages will be served

A sign-up sheet is available at the DAV headquarters building or call Sandy Sterr at (218) 751-6178 to be added to the list. The deadline for sign-up is August 9th.



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 18 JULY 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	Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Vacant	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

B. MEMBERS PRESENT: 16 + 3 Guests

C INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR VISITORS: A welcome was extended to Mr. Bidal Duran who is running for Beltrami County Sheriff. Mr. Duran has been a police officer for 10 years and prior to that served in the Marine Corp. He outlined his educational history and shared his family information. 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 20 June 2022 were read. *A motion to accept the minutes was made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Tom Annonson. Motion carried.*

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeri Harvey presented the June 2022 financial report which was prepared by Scotty Allison, outgoing treasurer. *A motion to accept the report was made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Mike Gutz. 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 34 trailers in inventory this week (24 soft, 8 miscellaneous and 2 mixed). Also, Stephen Whitehead sent a communication to the Chapters informing them that, beginning July 3rd the amount being paid to Chapters for clothing and other soft items will increase. The Department Executive Committee agreed to increase the amount from \$0.22 cents per pound to \$0.23 cents.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership: There are six new candidates for membership. We are waiting on paperwork before the candidates can be accepted for membership.

2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.

3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Chaplain Mike reported that he had one home hospice visit to a Veteran who has since died.

4. Legislative: Nothing to report.

5. Medical Equipment: Commander Gene reported 12 issues and 16 donations.

6. Fund Raising/Other Event Information:

(a) The Beltrami County Fair is scheduled for August 10-14.

(b) The Blackduck Woodcarvers Event is being held in July. Tom will be fund raising at both.

(c) Tom received \$132 in donations at the travelling Vietnam Wall display event in Gonvick recently.

7. Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report.

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

1. Judge Advocate Vacancy: Ward Sutton is interested in this position. He will be given a copy of the bylaws to read and will then make his final decision.

2. Veterans Memorial Chapel Donation: A \$500 donation will be given to the Veterans Memorial Chapel project in Fargo.

3. Fall Conference: The Fall Conference is being held September 15-17 in St. Cloud. This year, the focus is on leadership training and information. As always, anyone interested should let Gene or Darrel know.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Picnic Report: Sandy S. gave a quick report letting everyone know that all is going well with the picnic plans.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Audit Committee: Three members offered to form the end of the year Audit Committee for this year: Jim Pinsonneault, Tom Annonson and Andy Staudt.

2. Fort Snelling Chapel Project: The beautiful stained glass windows at the Fort Snelling Chapel are in need of major repair. The call for donations has gone out to Veteran organizations. *A motion to donate \$500 toward the chapel project was made by Tom A.; seconded by Henry H. Motion carried.*

K. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Volunteer Appreciation: The volunteer crew will be treated to lunch at the Eagles Club tomorrow following the Tuesday morning clothing drive activities. Commander Schwantes pointed out that the volunteers perform a critical role for Chapter 7 and without them it would not be possible to function at the high level we do now.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

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

➤ The meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours.

➤ The next official meeting will be held on 15 August 2022 at 1830 hours at the Chapter Headquarters.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings all you fun loving Auxiliary Members and Comrades. We just finished celebrating July 4, 1776, Independence Day! The most important part of this celebration with parades, fireworks and family gatherings is FREEDOM. As biblical citizens, believers and patriots we are so grateful for our freedom in God's grace through Jesus Christ and our citizenship in this wonderful republic we call the United States of America with emphasis on the word UNITED. This gratefulness as veterans can only be expressed in our past honorable service to our beloved country and our current lives as a living sacrifice to GOD:

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. and do not be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me say to everyone among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:1-5, New American Standard Bible).

There is unfortunately a tremendous amount of division the last set of years, but our biblical citizenship should extend beyond the many topics that divide this unity such as; political affiliation, environmental and energy views, Calvinism, Armenianism, or who wrote The Book of Hebrews? This does not mean we abandon our convictions, but we can place more of a positive emphasis on maintaining RELATIONSHIPS. Two examples are to be grateful to God for all He has done to reconcile us back to Him and be grateful as citizens of this wonderful republic and beautiful country.

Blessings,

Mike and Julie Gutz

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS FOR AUGUST:

- Aug. 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug. 7 – Purple Heart Day – A time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice.
- Aug. 29 – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

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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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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

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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