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November 2022

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NEXT MEETING:
DAV Headquarters at
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Monday, November 21st at 6:30pm



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| SERGEANT AT ARMS: | Bruce Tiegen |
| OFFICER OF THE DAY: | Glenn Agard |
| LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: | Joe Vene |
| HISTORIAN: | Vacant |
| EXEC. COMMITTEE: | Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt,
Henry Hammerback, Jim Pinsonnault |

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Nov 5th - Daylight Savings time ends

Nov 7th - Election Day



Nov 10th - Marine Corps Birthday

Nov 11th - Veterans Day



Nov 23rd - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



Dec 15th - Bill of Rights Day

Dec 18th - 26th Hanukah

Dec 21st - Winter Solstice



Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

Dec 25th - Christmas Day



Dec 31st - New Years Eve



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

WE SET A NEW RECORD at our October 17th meeting; it lasted only a ½ hour! So, for those of you who don't like long meetings, but still like to be informed, DAV meetings are the place to go, short, very knowledgeable, and with all that spare time you will be able to visit with some fellow veterans. Now all you have to do is mark your calendar for Nov. 21st and join us for our next very enlightening meeting starting at 6:30 pm, see you there.

Speaking of our next meeting, we will be selecting our nominating committee for election of officers to be held next February. So, start planning your campaign and get your name in the hat to be Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, or Jr. Vice Commander. All other officers are appointed positions, but, if you are interested in an office, please let the nominating committee know and they will pass your interest in being an officer on.

The DAV Christmas Party will be held on December 19 at the Eagles, 5 pm social hour and dinner served at 6 pm. The menu choice is chicken or roast beef, please get signed up to attend with number of people and menu choice.

On Oct 18th at our Tuesday morning work session, while loading the semi, we noticed that it was pretty cold doing the job. The crew would appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer to throw a few light bags of clothing into the semi so they could alternate to warm up on those cold Tuesday mornings for the next few months, winter is here by the time you read this.

Well, I hope everybody is able to stay warm and health through the coming winter season and I wish you all a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

Gene Schwantes



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 17 OCTOBER 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	Excused
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Ward Sutton	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

B. MEMBERS PRESENT: 13

C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR VISITORS: None

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of 19 September 2022 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Annonson; 2nd by Randy Hannevold. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer could not be here this evening due to a personal family medical matter.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clothing Program Update: Josh Vrtacnik reports that there are 46 trailers in the Saver's inventory. Savers is not concerned with the growing inventory at this time with the colder months approaching. Everything continues to go well.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership: None
2. Service Officer: None
3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: None
4. Legislative: None
5. Medical Equipment: There were 8 issues and 15 donations.
6. Fund Raising/Other Event Information: Tom Annonson would like to fundraise at the Mall during the Christmas season.
7. Scholarship Committee: None

H. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTION ITEM(S): There were none.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Wounded Spirits Conference: There were 13 that attended the October 3rd Wounded Spirit's Conference. The conference went very well.

2. KBUN Recordings in Support of Veterans: Jeff Meyer and Mike Gutz will be preparing the recordings that will be aired 11-5 through 11-11 for the three radio stations.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Veterans in Need:

- A Veteran needed car repairs in the amount of \$410. That bill was taken care of for him.
- A Veteran was in need of groceries and the Commander helped the Veteran with the purchasing of the groceries.
- As usual, the funds were made available through the Veterans in Need fund for both gentlemen.

2. Christmas Party: The Christmas party is scheduled for December 19th with the social hour being 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

3. DAV Disaster Relief Program:

- Nationals has sent a request to the Chapters for donations to the DAV Disaster Relief Program. The latest hurricanes in Florida and Puerto Rico have affected many fellow Veterans. From the letter: "Our disaster response teams are working in Florida and Puerto Rico to locate and offer support to Veterans and their families. We are handing out relief supply kits complete with blankets and other basic necessities that are normally easily accessible. Additionally, we're providing financial assistance so veterans and their families can obtain food, warm clothes and shelter to get through this extremely difficult time."
- A motion to send \$5000 to the DAV Disaster Relief Program was made by Bruce Tiegen; 2nd by Tom Annonson. Motion carried.

4. New Lawn Mower Needed:

- The Chapter is in need of a new lawn mower, as the one being used now is in poor condition.
- A motion to allow up to \$2800 for a new lawn mower was made by Randy Hannevold; 2nd by Mike Gutz. Motion carried.

K. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing was brought forward.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

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

- The meeting was adjourned at 1900 hours.
- The next official meeting will be held on 21 November 2022 at 1830 hours 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://davmn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/>

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Nov. 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day – This is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty, which ended World War I and is also a day to thank military Veterans for their service.

MILITARY MONTHS OBSERVED:

- November – Military Family Month and Warrior Care Month

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Fall to All,

I hope this all finds you well. Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to our meeting October 17th. We had received some communications from the Bemidji Senior Citizen Center, thanking us for providing Constitutional Books for them to hold classes.

We also received a thank you from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center for the shampoo, conditioner, and other personal items to be provided to veterans. Thank you to all that have donated.

We received a request from MN Veterans Home of Luverne to donate to their Christmas fund again this year. It was voted to send each of a donation of money to assist and make the holidays enjoyable for our veterans.

If you have any Jr members you would like to sign up, please contact Linda Engesether for assistance. The State Jr Activities chairperson, Tonya Kissel, is having a color contest until April 27, which is Spring Convention, and they will be judged then. You may get a color contest sheet through Linda.

The DAV Auxiliary will be honor Veteran's Day at our next meeting with a pizza.

The DAV Christmas party is set for December 19th at the Eagles, please sign up at the DAV building at the next meeting.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting in November 21st.

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This month we continue our discussion from last month, beginning with the comments made by our other Founding Fathers, regarding their comments about the necessity of good financial stewardship. Alexander Hamilton, our very first Secretary of The Treasury stated: "Nothing can more interest the national prosperity than extinguishing the present debt and to avoid as much as possible the incurring of any new debt. Establish that a government may decline a provision for its debts, though able to make it, and you overthrow all public morality, you unhinge all the principles that must preserve the limits of free constitutions, you have anarchy, despotism, or what you please, but you have no just or regular government."

George Washington, President at the time, agreed and stated: "The progressive accumulation of debt, ultimately endangers all governments."

President Thomas Jefferson further expressed his opinion on the same subject just as forcefully as President George Washington as well as Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton. Indeed, our Founding Fathers emphasized and re-emphasized the same biblical mandate from God to the nation of Israel (Deuteronomy 15:6) as mentioned in our article last month.

The whole entire issue of debt continues to be a burden for all of us even into the 21st century, regardless of the desensitization of our present congressionally elected officials, voters, and advisors to the executive branch. Debt continues to lead towards taxation, servitude, and oppression. God understands money, and recognizes the financial liabilities we have as individuals, a society, and governments. God not only cautions us about the wisdom for fiscal responsibility in the operation of our financial world here on earth, but always cautions us not to get confused between the use of money in this world, the attitude we have towards money, the oppressive nature the financial system can be, and the fact that money has absolutely no bearing on our salvation.

Unfortunately, there have been some ministries whose leaders have said if you will contribute financially more to "their ministry in the form of a seed" then the more you will financially receive "in the form of a harvest from God". Jesus refers to many of these issues throughout the New Testament. We will be exploring more of these financial issues later next month as we transition from the use of money by governments to the use of money by ministries, and make no mistake, just as there is a dark side of government using money, so there is a dark side to the way ministries can use money.

On the lighter side, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving, a time to connect with others and may you look forward to our heritage as citizens and the wonderful promises God has for the future (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Blessings,
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