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

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Feb 1st - Start of Black History Month	Mar 20th -- DAV Chapter 7 General membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.
Feb 1st - National Freedom Day	Mar 29th - Vietnam War Veterans Day
Feb 2nd - Groundhog Day	Apr 1st - April Fool's Day
Feb 6th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Committee meeting @ 1430 Hrs.	Apr 2nd - Palm Sunday
Feb 12th - Lincoln's Birthday	Apr 3rd -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Committee meeting @ 1430 Hrs.
Feb 14th - Valentine's Day	Apr 5th - Passover begins at sundown and lasts for 8 days.
Feb 15th - Sinking of the U.S.S. Maine in 1898	Apr 6th - Persian Gulf War ends (1991)
Feb 20th - President's Day and Washington's Birthday	Apr 7th - Good Friday
Feb 20th -- DAV Chapter 7 General membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.	Apr 9th - Easter
Feb 21st - Mardi Gras	Apr 15th -- Income taxes due (most years they are due by the 15th)
Feb 22nd - Ash Wednesday	Apr 17th -- DAV Chapter 7 General membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.
Feb 23rd - Flag raised on Iwo Jima in 1945	
Feb 27th - Battle of Java Sea in 1942	
Mar 6th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Committee meeting @ 1430 Hrs.	
Mar 12th - Daylight savings Time Begins	
Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day	



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Well, January has arrived, and the days are starting to get longer, so eventually I believe summer will get here. No matter what the news tells you about all the doom and gloom around us, we have the power to make our world a little bit better, by simply having a positive attitude, lending a hand to someone in need, donating some of your time to your favorite charity, stopping over to visit that elderly neighbor who is cooped up for the entire winter, etc., basically get out and being active to make our world and someone else's a little better.

Last month I wrote that I believed 2023 would be our 100-year anniversary, well, as I have been told many times before, I am wrong again, it is not until 2024. It doesn't change anything, it's still one heck of an accomplishment to make 99-years this year and next year the Chapter can celebrate even louder.

We have a large inventory of medical equipment available, if you or a family member have a need, please be sure to ask us if we can help. It is easy, quick, simple, and no cost to you to get anything we have.

In February we will be having nominations for Officers one more time, and the election for Officers for the coming year. Be sure to attend the February meeting to vote and have your voices heard. This is the one time of the year that all positions are open, if you are interested in becoming an officer, let the nominating committee know.

GOOD NEWS, Park Rapids DAV Chapter 38 has again invited our Veterans to use their Ice Castle fish house which is on the ice out of Anderson Pine Point on Leech Lake. If anyone is interested, please call Rich Batcho at 218-289-1773 to schedule a trip.

If you didn't head south for the winter, lucky you, you saved money, avoided mudslides, tornados, blizzards, and other storms, I guess when you live here, you just get to live the good life!

Take care all and stay healthy,
Gene Schwantes

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Feb. 3 - Four Chaplains Day - A Day to remember the 4 U.S. Army Chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice when the USAT Dorchester sank during WWII.
- Feb. 19 - Coast Guard Reserve's Birthday



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 16 JANUARY 2023 AT 1830.

OPENING CEREMONY: * OPENING PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE

A. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS to determine if a quorum is present.

B. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Jeff Meyer	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Tom Annonson	Excused
Adjutant	Darrel Baltzell	Present
Treasurer	Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Ward Sutton	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OR VISITORS: There were none.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of 19 December 2022 were presented.

1. A motion to accept the minutes was made by motion by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Jeri Harvey presented the November treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Andy Staudt, 2nd by Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.
2. Jeri presented the December treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Andy Staudt; 2nd Randy Hanevold. Motion carried.

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Clothing Program Update: Savers reports a total of 29 trailers in inventory and they are expecting an increase in capacity. Inspect empty trailers before loading.
2. Thank you, letters were received from:
 - a. VFW Honor guard for our donation.
 - b. DAV National HQ for our donation to their Disaster Relief Program
 - c. MN Veterans Affairs Cemetery for our donation.
 - d. Fergus Falls Veterans Home for our donation.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: No report.
2. Service Officer: No report.

- * PLEDGE
3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Jim Blanchette has passed away.
 4. Legislative: No report.
 5. Medical Equipment: 6 items issued and 9 donations received this month.
 6. Fund Raising/Other Event Information: No report.
 7. Scholarship Committee: The committee is working on the 23/24 school year applications for distributions to the various school districts in our area.
- H. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTION ITEMS: No actions brought forward
- I. OLD BUSINESS:
1. MACV received the check approved at Dec meeting.
- J. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Park Rapids DAV Chapter 38 has again invited our Veterans to use their Ice Castle fish house which is on the ice out of Anderson Pine Point on Leech Lake. If anyone is interested, please call Rich Batcho at 218-289-1773 to schedule a trip.
 2. Gary Guggenberger gave an update on the Veterans memorial and made a request to the general meeting for ten thousand dollars to get the granite stone memorial started for the Bemidji Veterans Memorial; the general meeting voted unanimously to give the ten thousand to Gary and his organization.
 3. Nominating Committee: Nominations for officers were taken, and nominations so far are:
 - a. Cmdr.; Gene Schwantes.
 - b. Sr. Vice; Bill Woods and Darrel Baltzell.
 - c. Jr. Vice; Tom Annonson.
 4. Veterans who are interested in Veterans On The Hill on March 30th should contact Tom Annonson (218) 251-3025. Bemidji Bus Lines has been contracted for the trip, and the anticipated departure will be 0600 on the 30th; lunch is provided.
- K. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing brought forth.
- L. Closing Ceremonies performed.
- M. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Mike Gutz, 2nd by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1935 hours.
 - The next official meeting will be held on 20 February 2023, 1830 hours at the Chapter Headquarters.

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2023

It's that time of year for the Veterans on the Hill Day (VotH). This year it will take place on the 30th of March at the Capitol in St Paul, MN. I hope that more of you are planning to join us for the free bus trip down to this event. This is a great opportunity to talk with our representatives about issues and upcoming legislature affecting us as Veterans and our families.

We have a charter bus with seating available for 50 people and seating will fill up quickly, so sign up early to get your seat(s) reserved!

Please Text or Email me your information prior to the 10th of March so that I can add your names to my list.

Your information must contain the following:

- Name(s) of everyone planning to join us.
- Cell phone number of each participating individual, we don't want anyone getting left behind.
- Which pick up point you want to meet the bus at; Bemidji, Akeley, or Motley.

We are having the bus stop at the following locations to pick up participants, so plan to be at your pick-up point 20 – 30 minutes prior to the arrival times as these times may vary depending on road conditions and traffic:

- Bemidji Walmart parking lot, promptly departing at 0600 Hrs.
- Former Akeley VFW parking lot, arriving approx. 0640 Hrs., and departing 10 minutes later.
- Bricks Travel Center parking lot, Motley, MN, arriving approx. 0750 Hrs. Departing 15 minutes after arrival.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call / text me at (218) 251-3025 or Email at torgor@lightspeed.net.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans!

Sincerely,

Tom Annonson, Trip coordinator

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings DAV Auxiliary Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and stayed safe and warm.

Just a reminder that Veterans Day on the Hill is at the end of March, please contact Tom Annonson if you plan to go. If you have any volunteer hours for 2022, that have not been turned in, please call Linda Engesether by February 15th, at 218-308-1041 or sent to the following address: 215 26th St NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

Our next meeting will be March 20th. Please plan to attend as this will be the meeting to elect officers and plan on who will be attending the Convention.

Sara Gast

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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There are just some things we never forget; good friends, good experiences; a kind word after a hard day, and a good report (character reference or employment evaluation etc.). Conversely there are experiences we would rather not remember, false accusations, poor health, and bad experiences. Job and his family experienced both the good and bad experiences just mentioned and so much more.

The Book of Job in the Old Testament tells the actual true events that took place between a challenge given in heaven and the consequential events that took place on earth. There is so much to learn but be careful to learn the right lessons. This is particularly true with God's statement to Eliphaz; "I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me as my servant Job has..." (Job 42:7, New Living Translation).

There has been an incredible amount of literature written about the Book of Job. Some interpreters have come to conclusions that contradict other parts of the scriptures in the Book of Job. One example has to do with taking sides with Eliphaz who argues that Job's suffering is because of God's loving and sanctifying chastisement against pride and sin. There is a point to be made here, because even believers are subject to God's chastisement just as a father lovingly chastises his children for wrong behavior (Hebrews 12:6-12; Proverbs 3:11-12). There is only one problem, God was not chastising Job, because this explanation contradicts and flies in the face of the very first verse, and very first chapter of The Book of Job:

There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz.

He was blameless - a man of complete integrity. He feared God.

He feared God and stayed away from Evil.

This does not mean Job never sinned, because later on he states he had sinned in his youth (Job 13:26). Yet this does mean that Job had a correct and intimate relationship with God and therefore it was God who pronounced Job as being blameless. Job is commended in the New Testament as an example for all believers to endure (James 5:11). It is not the way we start out; rather it is the way we finish.

Job is not a religious person putting on a front; he is human with very real emotions. Job was deeply affected from his experience. Job was depressed, angry, even vacillates between confidence and despair, but Job never gave up on God. Job never cursed God, which is exactly what Satan wanted him to do. God proved Satan wrong. As a matter of fact, it was Satan who fell into God's wisdom and became snared. How did this take place? Just like Jesus who humiliated Satan and demonic powers on the cross (Colossians 2:15), so Job did the same thing through suffering while never wrongly or falsely accusing (cursing) God.

Job had no idea about the two conferences in heaven (Job Chapters 1 and 2). He did not understand what was going on. He did know that sometime later on, his answers would be found in God (Job 19:25-27). This has been an overview or introduction to the Book of Job. We will be taking a look at Job for the next few months. It is our prayer you are blessed by God's evaluation and restoration just as Job (Job 1 and Job 42).

Mike and Julie Gutz



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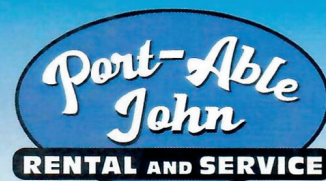
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