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Monthly Newsletter July 2023

North Central MN Chapter #7 **PO Box 564** Bemidji, MN 56619



NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, July 17 at 6:30pm







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EXEC. COMMITTEE: Bruce Tiegen, Billy Woods, Andy Staudt,

Henry Hammerback, Jim Pinsonnault

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

July 3rd -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.

July 4th - Independence Day

July 20th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.

July 26th - Americans with Disabilities Act Signed (1990)

July 27th - Korean War Ends (1953)

Aug 2-6th - Clearwater County Fair

Aug 7th - Purple Heart Day

Aug 7th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.

Aug 9-13th - Beltrami County Fair

Aug 21st -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.

Sept 2nd - V-J Day (victory over Japan)

Sept 4th - Labor Day

Sept 11th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.

Sept 11th - Patriot Day

Sept 15th -- National POW/MIA **Recognition Day**

Sept 15th - Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset and ends at sunset on the

Sept 17th- 23rd - Constitution Week

Sept 18th - Birthdays of the U.S. Air Force/ Air National Guard/ Office of the Sec. of Defense.

Sept 24th - Yom Kippur begins at sunset and ends at sunset on the

Sept 29th - VFW Dav







COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Veterans.

Summer has arrived, it's safe to say that it is not a cool summer, I believe that the frost should be out of everybody's joints by the 4th of July. I hope that everyone is doing well and is able to get out and enjoy your favorite summertime activities. Your Chapter is doing well with the clothing program, medical equipment distribution, and helping Veterans in need.

Our annual summer picnic will be held on August 26 from 1 pm to 3pm. Please sign up at Chapter Headquarters or by contacting Darrel or myself so we know how much food to order.

The Chapter purchased 3 more clothing bins from another Chapter. We will now be able to swap out bins that need maintenance and maybe add a bin or two to our collection points.

If you are interested in any of the DAV State or other Chapter activities like Lake of the Woods Houseboat trip, drive in Fishing to Canada, Chapter 38 camper use in Park Rapids, etc. get ahold of your Chapter for more info.

I hope you all have a great summer and I hope to see you at the summer picnic.

Gene Schwantes



MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

July 4 – Independence Day

• July 27 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day









THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 15 MAY 2023 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	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Tom Annonson	Present
Adjutant	Jeff Meyer	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	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

- B. Members Present: 15
- C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes were read and motion to accept made by Steve, 2d by Tom, the motion carried.
- E. Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report was read by Jeri, motion to accept by Tom, 2d by Steve S., the motion carried.
- F. Communications:
 - 1. Gina from State sent an email with a consolidated list of upcoming events and activities, many of which have been posted previously. If you have a particular event in mind or are looking for something to do over the summer, a list is posted on the website, or you can contact the adjutant or commander for more information. There should also be a consolidated list on the DAV MN website.
 - 2. The clothing program is running strong, Josh reported starting this past week with 30 trailers in the MN inventory, up from 24 last week, with the possibility that they will start sending the misc. items trailers to other states to keep available empty trailers to a functional level. Our contract with savers has been signed and is now in place for the upcoming year.
 - 3. Multiple donations from individuals this month now total \$390, thank you to everyone who makes a donation to Chapter 7!
- G. Committee Reports:
 - Membership: Two new members were reported for the month, John Kenny Jr., and Rodney Rich, welcome to Chapter 7!
 - 2. Service Officer: NA
 - Hospital/Sickness and Distress: Member Connie Aguillo reported on Chapter 7
 member Bill Pagel's recent health concerns, please keep Bill in your prayers.
 - 4. Legislative: NA
 - Entertainment: Annual picnic date has been set for 8/26/2023 from 12-3 PM, a picnic committee was also formed to put together menu and activities for the event
 - 6. Publicity and fundraising:

- b. Chapter 7 will take part in this year's 4th of July/Independence Day/Water Carnival parade with our newest trailer sporting our new DAV colors on display.
- c. July 29th is the Wood Carvers Festival in Blackduck MN.
- d. The American Legion's annual picnic will be held on 7/30 at Lazy Jacks Bar and Grill from 1-5 PM.
- e. Please don't forget the Beltrami County Fair Aug. 9-13, Tom is in need of help with manning the booth and fundraising so contact him or the Chap. if you can lend a hand.
- 7. Medical Equipment:
 - a. 7 issues and 3 donations.
- H. Executive Committee Action Items: No actions were brought forward.
- I. Old Business:
 - 1. The summer picnic date has been set for 8/26/23.
 - The year-end financial review committee will consist of Tom, Jack, and Connie this year.
- J. New Business:
 - Two Veterans in need have been financially supported by Chapter 7 for over one thousand dollars. The General meeting voted to help a Veteran in need for an additional amount of \$1500, the motion was made by Steve and the 2d by Jack, and the motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. The Chapter was also able to purchase three additional clothing bins from Chapter 23 in Virginia for the sum of \$300.
 - 3. Jack updated us on the Home Depot grants. They are offering grants but with the limitations of no roof, windows, or electrical.
 - 4. Jack made a motion to assist a Veteran in need of a new roof for the amount of \$1500, 2d was made by Jeri and the motion carried unanimously.
- K. Good of the Order:
 - The Chapter 7 adjutant, who is a licensed mental health practitioner, has offered
 to make time available Monday afternoon/evening for those veterans who may
 be desiring one on one help with their own PTSD. Contact the Chapter adjutant
 for more information.
 - In light of June being PTSD awareness month, other weekly PSTD support groups around the area were also mentioned. Wounded Spirits, which meets at 7PM on Tuesday evening at Your QFM radio station, and there is another support group that meets on Thursday evening at the Eagles club.
- L. Closing Ceremonies performed.
- M. Motion to Adjourn:
 - 1. Motion by Mike and second by Tom. Motion carried.
 - 2. The meeting adjourned at 1930 Hrs.
 - 3. Next meeting 7/17/23 @ 1830Hrs.



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/

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Summer!

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer weather.

It was great seeing everyone that was able to attend the meeting this month. Summer is a busy time of year here in our beautiful State.

A few things that are coming up:

- The 4th of July parade will be held July 2nd. The DAV will be participating.
- The DAV will also be hosting a picnic on August 26th from noon to 3PM. We may need help with setup and or clean up.

Please consider helping, more details to follow.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at some of these events.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on August 21st @ 6:30PM.

Sara Gast



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There are passages of scripture that at first seem harsh and out of character with God. It is kind of like hearing a sound bite from the news without being informed of its context or issues surrounding the statement. This seems to always occur in an election cycle and can happen in our own lives when people apply their own preconceived ideas before knowing the facts or the character of the person making the statement. Deuteronomy 7:1-2 and 20:16-18 are like this. Yet, scriptures always show mercy comes before judgment, God always warns through love, and encourages repentance before the implementation of the destruction to take place later. An example of this includes the Canaanites and Amorites too. Although many people only read the instructions to Israel without recognizing the events and context occurring in the background. We first need to find out where the Canaanites came from and the events surrounding them. We first find out about them through Canaan, a relative of Noah, so the story really begins with Noah, the condition of humanity during his time, the flood, and the events after the flood. Canaan was born after the flood and was a relative of Noah (Gen 10). Canaan was cursed by Noah because of what he had done to Noah. We are not specifically told what Canaan did to Noah, but definitely not good. Canaan later settles in Canaan land (modern day Israel) where they become known as the Canaanites. The Amorites, Jebusites, and others were the descendants of Canaan (Gen 10:15-18), some of whom God would mention to Abram (who was later renamed Abraham) in a prophecy. They continue to sin, getting worse in the future with infanticide (Lev 18-20).

When God Speaks to Abram, God mentions His foreign policy (Gen 12:1-4), if people would bless Abram than they in turn would be blessed, or if they curse Abram then they in turn would be cursed. So, something happened, is presently going on, or will shortly occur, which actually has future consequences (See Jesus in John 8:31-59).

This is interesting because God mentions events (Gen 15:13-16) to Abram that will literally take hundreds of years to complete(vs. 13), which we know today involves the relocation of Israel into Egypt, oppression, The Exodus, and a later return back to Canaan because 'the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full' (Gen 15:16 KJV). Notice these versus (vs. 13-16) give a glimpse into God's purpose and covers a time frame from Genesis all the way through Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua.

This brings up several questions:

- 1) Could God have been dealing with the Amorites with time and mercy regarding their repentance just like He would later deal with the people of Nineveh in the Book of Jonah?
- 2) We know the people of Nineveh repented (Matt 12:41, note the future ramifications of this), so does this mean the Amorites and Canaanites did not repent?
- 3) Therefore, was God using Israel to carry out His judgment against them? If this is the case, where in the Bible does it refer to God warning them (Canaanites, Amorites, etc) of their imminent destruction and is there any mercy in connection with this?
- 4) Where does it mention God informing Israel to carry out such a judgment? Mercy, warnings, destruction, and instructions can all be found in the events occurring of Jericho, which was located in Canaan (Josh 2:8-13). Rahab was a descendant of Canaan, had faith (Hebrews 11:31), and was shown mercy (ref: Gen 12:1-5). Therefore, at the time this occurs in Jericho, wasn't God showing mercy prior to Israel showing them no mercy (Moses: Deut 7:1-2; 20:16-18)? God warns Israel not to adopt the same practices of the Canaanites, or else He would have to judge them too (Lev 18:28)!

Mike and Julie Gutz







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