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CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- 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 17th.
- Sept 17th- 23rd - Constitution Week
- Sept 18th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.
- 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 25th.
- Sept 29th - VFW Day
- Oct 9th - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day
- Oct 9th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.
- Oct 23rd -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.
- Oct 31st -- Halloween



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Chapter #7 Members,

Well, here we are, already past the middle of July, we had a great Chapter meeting and have been invited by the Let's Go Fishing Chapter to use their pontoon at no cost. It is on Lake Bemidji and can be used by making reservations through Bemidji Adult Day Care, with a captain or without (captain must be trained before use).

DAV Chapter #7 summer picnic will be held on August 26th from 12 to 3 pm., the picnic Committee is planning a great menu, including fried chicken, pulled pork, and ham with side salads and baked beans. Please sign up by visiting the Chapter or by calling me with your name and number of attendees by August 15th to make sure we have enough food ordered. This year we will also be having some door prizes that will be put together by our DAV Auxiliary, the drawing will be at approximately 2 pm and you must be present to win, so plan on attending for a great meal, comradery, and a chance to win one of the door prizes, hopefully, all will have a GREAT TIME.

As of July 1st, we have started on our new fiscal year, the budget is set, and we are looking forward to a great year ahead. Next year we will be Celebrating Our Chapters 100th Anniversary, 1924 to 2024. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to call me or the Chapter with your ideas. Let's make 2024 a memorable year, a lot of Veterans before us, our current membership, and all of the non-Veteran Volunteers, have made this Chapter as great as it is today as we continue to Serve Those Who Served.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or any of your Chapters Officers, we are here to serve.

Hope to see you at the picnic,

Gene Schwantes

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- 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 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7

REGULARLY CONVENED ON 17 JULY 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	Darrell Baltzell	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: 16

C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors:

1. Alan Killian from "Let's Go Fishing" introduced his program, which includes using a boat lift and pontoon (25' tri-hull) and guide available to Veterans and their families. The boat is parked at Rutger's Resort on Lake Bemidji, and scheduling is done thru Adult Day Services.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1. Minutes were read from the last meeting, and the motion to accept was made by Tom, 2d by Mike, and the motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer's report was read by Jeri, the motion to accept by Tom, 2d by Mike, and the motion carried.

F. Communications:

1. The Bemidji CBOC is hosting a "Planning For The Future" seminar that will inform Veterans of the types and requirements of senior housing available and how to prepare for this eventuality.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership: No new members
2. Service Officer: NA
3. Hospital/Sickness and Distress: Bill Pagel is still in poor health, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
4. Legislative: NA
5. Entertainment: NA
6. Publicity and Fundraising:
 - a. Wood Carvers Festival in Blackduck, 7/29 from 9-4 PM.
 - b. Aug. 9th-13th is the Beltrami County Fair, Tom is looking for individuals to help man the booth, contact the chapter or Tom directly if you are interested in helping out.

7. Medical Equipment: 8 issues and 7 donations.

H. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. The Executive Committee has approved monies for the purchase of new public relations pens for handing out at our various fundraising events.
2. The Executive Committee approved the prebuy contract with Bemidji Coop for the purchase of propane for this coming winter.

I. Old Business: Annual Fall conference is rapidly approaching, Sept. 21-23, Mike, Tom, and Jeri will be attending, a motion was made to make these our delegates by Billy, 2d by Steve, and the motion carried unanimously. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Chapter. You can sign up on the state's website for more information.

J. New Business:

1. Veteran in need; car repair bill was approved by the executive committee to go before the general assembly, Glen made the motion to approve paying the bill in its entirety, Gary made 2d, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Cmdr. also reported on a separate Veteran in need that he could approve without additional disclosure to the general assembly.
3. The VA Medical Center in Minneapolis is hosting a VetFest on 7/19/2023 from 3-6 PM to educate Veterans and their families on the benefits of the new PACT Act recently signed into law by President Biden.
4. The 3d annual Veterans PTSD Awareness ATV/UTV trail ride sponsored by Sandstrom's Diamond 'S' Ranch will be held on Saturday, July 22, starting at 10 AM. For more info or to reserve your spot, contact Brent at (218) 766-0192 or the DAV chapter.
5. Gina from the state reminded us of the many outdoor Veteran-centered events held around the state. Information on these different events is listed on the state's website: www.davmn.org.

K. Good of the Order: None

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion by Mike and second by Andy. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 1945 Hrs.
- Next meeting 8/21/2023

VETERAN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

The following is a list of Organizations that cater to taking Veterans on outdoor events, usually at no cost to Veterans and some offer events that are also available to your family members as well. If you are interested in participating in any of these events and don't have access to a computer have a family member help you get in contact with them. Their contact info is listed on their home pages.

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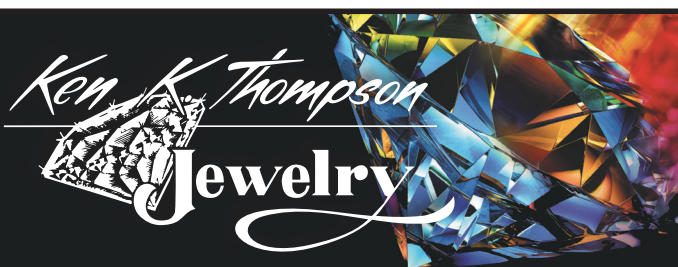
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Today there are many different perceptions that come to mind about the prophets. Some are correct and many others are not, such as being religious, mystics, fortune tellers, and so forth. Actually, the prophets were not religious at all (Isaiah 1), they were not mystics (Lev 19:31 - 20:6) and certainly not fortune tellers (I Corinthians 13:9-13).

The Prophets had a very close relationship with GOD and spoke to the people or government officials on behalf of GOD. The prophets spoke of GOD's intentions, plans, warnings, judgment, reconciliation, blessings, and love. This includes instances when GOD had to correct and restore His people. Yet, GOD would never do something without letting His prophets know first, whose job it was to tell the people (Amos 3:1-8).

The prophets were very instrumental in the times of the Old Testament during the exile. The exile was a very tumultuous time for Israel because they were separated from the land GOD had promised them. Why would GOD want to do this? Why would He correct His own people in such a seemingly harsh manner? The prophets were sharing not only the reality of GOD's character, but the fact that He does not show favoritism. GOD is a Covenant; in other words, He stands behind the agreements He made with the forefathers of the Jewish People. This all goes back to GOD wanting to create a people for Himself, and the hope they can look forward too, even after being punished in later generations (Genesis 12). This is so very important because we have been made a part of this process through Christ. GOD has by no means abandoned His plans for Israel and for reaching out to everyone with the hope and freedom in Christ. Jesus has not returned yet, though He will (Acts 1, Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, Revelation 22) and His reward is with Him (Rev 22:12).

As we are waiting for Christ's return, some would say there are no more prophets. Yet, in The Book of Acts, prophets continued to function, though they have a different (confirming) role, because now we have the Holy Spirit who teaches, reveals, and guides us in the things of GOD as we do our part in studying the scriptures. A person may consider this one fact, we are still living at a time consistent with GOD working out His intentions to reach out to humanity. This began in Genesis, continues through the warnings and hope of The Prophets, through the work of Jesus here on earth (now currently in heaven), the dynamics in Acts and the future events in Revelation.

Some people would ask, what about all the people who lived and did not know GOD through the witnessing of the Jews or Christians? Will they still go to heaven? It is important to understand the tremendous blessing we all have, to be a part of what GOD is doing to reach out to others, is very humbling. Yet, this will not prevent someone from knowing GOD and developing a relationship with Him. Why? Simple, because GOD can and does reveal Himself through other means (Romans 1, Acts 9, I Cor 15:9, Rev 1), just look at the time (Genesis 11:26-12:1) when GOD revealed Himself to Abram (later known as Abraham). This is all we know from the scriptures about Abraham, but what was it about Abraham in this first encounter with GOD? What was the essence or quality GOD found in Abraham to call him? Remember Abraham originally came from out of the Ancient Mesopotamian religious culture. Yet, Abraham chose to believe in GOD, Yahweh, (The Father) and rejoiced in Jesus' day too (John 8:56). A wonderful blessing!

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Mike and Julie Gutz

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