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CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Sept 2nd - V-J Day (victory over Japan)	Oct 9th - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day
Sept 4th - Labor Day	Oct 9th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.
Sept 11th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.	Oct 23rd -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.
Sept 11th - Patriot Day	Oct 31st - Halloween
Sept 15th -- National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Nov 5th - Day Light Savings Time ends
Sept 15th - Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset and ends at sunset on the 17th.	Nov 6th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.
Sept 17th- 23rd - Constitution Week	Nov 7th - Election Day
Sept 18th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hrs.	Nov 11th - Veterans Day
Sept 18th - Birthdays of the U.S. Air Force/ Air National Guard/ Office of the Sec. of Defense.	Nov 23rd -Thanksgiving Day
Sept 24th - Yom Kippur begins at sunset and ends at sunset on the 25th.	Nov 24th - Black Friday
Sept 29th - VFW Day	Nov 27th - Cyber Monday



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Veterans,

By the time you read this, the hot days of summer will be gone, the DAV picnic will be over, days are well on the way to the shortest day of the year, and the nights are getting colder as we look forward to a long cold winter. I hope everyone had a great summer and was able to spend time with family and friends.

The medical equipment continues to move in and out of our warehouse on a steady basis. The clothing program also continues to keep all of our volunteers very busy; we have been shipping a semi load approximately every 3 weeks. A big THANK YOU goes out to our veteran volunteers, non-veteran volunteers and to all of our supporters who donated to DAV which allows the Chapter to continue supporting our veterans. It's because of all of these people that our Chapter is able to continue our mission, "SERVING THOSE THAT SERVED". AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!

Well, I hope everyone has an enjoyable fall and to our hunters out there, good luck hunting.

As always, if there is anything that I can do for you or if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Stay warm and healthy,

Gene Schwantes



AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings:

The summer has flown by so quickly and fall is just around the corner. Thank you all for supporting our veterans and attending the many Americanism activities this summer.

Our August meeting was very eventful. We approved our Standing Rules, and there were no changes, and we also approved the budget for 2023-2024.

The DAV and DAVA Fall Conferences are set for September 21-23 at Breezy Point Resort. We will be bringing two baskets to donate to the raffle. We are still collecting toiletries. If you have any to donate, please bring it to the meeting.

Our next meeting is October 16th at 6:30 PM, I hope to see you there.

Sarah Gast



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 21 AUG. 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	Excused
Historian	Vacant	N/A

B. Members Present: 16

C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1. Minutes were read, corrections made and motion to accept with corrections made by Tom, 2d by Andy, the motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report:

1. The treasurer's report was read by Jeri. Motion to accept by Andy, 2d by Randy, the motion carried.

F. Communications:

1. Fergus Falls has requested their normal budgeted recreational donation be redesignated to one of three funds that the home is struggling to meet. The general assembly, after some discussion, designated the \$2000 donation be redesignated to the residents Wi-Fi /Cable fund. Gary made the motion and Andy made the 2d, motion carried.
2. National announced the appointment of Ron Minter as National Voluntary Services Director; Lamar Couser as Assistant Employment Director; Naomi Mathis as Assistant National Legislative Director.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership:

- a. 4 new members introduced, Robert Exner, Robert Klug, Leroy Freeman, and Randal Petron, welcome to the DAV, North Central, Chapter 7.

2. Service Officer: NA

3. Hospital/Sickness and Distress:

- a. Bill Pagel continues to struggle with multiple health issues, and we have a report that a tree fell on Ken Glidden, please keep these men and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

4. Legislative: NA

5. Entertainment: NA

6. Publicity and Fundraising:

- a. A great success was reported from the fundraising efforts at the Beltrami County fair, Tom reported over \$1800 was raised, thank you to Connie and Billy for helping out at the DAV booth and thank you everyone who attended the fair and made donations to the DAV.
- b. Tom also reported that there is an upcoming gun show in Sept. that he will not be able to attend. If you would like to help in the fundraising efforts, please contact Tom directly or through the DAV chapter office.

7. Medical Equipment:

- a. 14 issues and 5 donations

H. Executive Committee Action Items:

1. The proposal to invest chapter monies into CD's was brought to the general meeting.

I. Old Business:

1. Chap 7's summer picnic will be held on 8/26 from 12-3 pm, good food, fellowship and door prizes are guaranteed.
2. Propane purchase of 350 gallons for this coming winter, the cost was \$644.

J. New Business:

1. Chap 7 is selling the old rider mower (Craftsman with 42-inch deck), make Gene an offer.
2. Shane presented a Veteran in Need who is seeking help with car repair bills, total was \$499.17 which the Commander was able to approve on his own.
3. The motion was made by Steve (after it was introduced) to invest a portion of the chapter's available funds into a 91-day CD. Connie made the 2d and after some discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

K. Good of the Order:

1. Our three delegates to the Fall Conference at Breezy Point (Tom, Jeri, and Mike) received their credentials for attending.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion by Mike and 2nd by Darrel, Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 1945 Hrs.
- Next meeting 9/18/2023.

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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<https://www.mnvetsoutdoors.org/>

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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/>

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Today we will be historically looking back in Genesis for clues concerning the future return of Christ (Matt 24:37-42). What was Jesus referring to in this scriptural address, spiritual condition of people, astronomical events in space, or the physical condition of the earth? Jesus was referring to the same general attitude of people before the flood and prior to His arrival - dismissive indifference of an impending future event. Today it is widely known Jesus will return (whether people seriously acknowledge it or not), just as people knew about the impending flood. This brings us to other questions.

- 1) What was the pre-flood population like?
- 2) How did they know a flood would occur in their future?
- 3) Did they have any hope at all?

In order to answer these questions, let's begin with question #1 and the descendants of Adam through Seth all the way to Noah (Gen 5). There were essentially two lines of descendants, a righteous line from Adam and Seth through Noah and an unrighteous line from Adam and Cain through all those who drowned in the flood. During this time, God had sent angels to help the pre-flood population turn to Him, yet those angels had intimate relationships with many women who in turn gave birth to the Nephilim. The Nephilim were giants of extraordinary strength who actively defied God and further corrupted mankind. The population had become so corrupt God was actually sorry He created mankind; consequently, He flooded the earth (Gen 6). Some scholars estimate the world population at that time was around 5-10 billion because people had a long-life expectancy, Adam lived 930 years, Seth 920 years, and Enos (son of Seth) lived 905 years. As a result, all the descendants of Adam actually knew and lived with each other. Therefore, anything that God told Adam would be passed on to one another.

Let's look at question #2. There are extra-biblical books we can use outside of scripture, although not inspired, these other books are invaluable to understanding this pre-flood time. The scriptures refer to these books. The Book of Jasher is mentioned in Joshua 10:13; The Book of Enoch was quoted in Jude 6. These two books reflect how Adam knew there would be a flood but did not know when the flood would occur. As a result, this information was passed down from generation to generation to Noah. It was not until Enoch and his translation that God revealed the time of the flood. The flood would not occur until after his son, Methuselah, passed away.

This brings us to question #3. Hebrew names have a meaning, background, or an event associated with them. Benjamin was first named Ben-Oni (Son of My Trouble) by Rachel while dying in childbirth (Gen 35). Jacob renamed him Benjamin (Son of My Right Hand) after he was born (Gen 35). God changed Jacob's name (Gen 32 & 35) to Israel (Struggles with Man and God). So, let's look at the names of Adam's descendants through Seth to Noah (Gen 5: 3-32, Luke 3:36(b) - 38) and the meaning of their names.

1. Adam - Man, 2. Seth - Appointed, 3. Enos - Mortal, 4. Cainah - Sorrow, 5. Mahalaleel - Blessed God, 6. Jared - Descend or Come Down, 7. Enoch - Teaching, 8. Methuselah - His Death Brings, 9. Lamech - Despairing, 10. Noah - Rest.

We want to offer an observation because it is interesting and certainly not a coincidence. When the meaning of each of the descendants is placed in order, a sentence is formed. This sentence is the hope the pre-flood population had and is a wonderful reflection of the Good News for all of us through Christ. Man is appointed mortal sorrow; the blessed God comes down teaching His (God's - Christ's) death brings the despairing rest.

Mike & Julie Gutz

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - An annual observance to remember and honor those who were injured or killed during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
- Sept. 18 - Air Force Birthday
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