



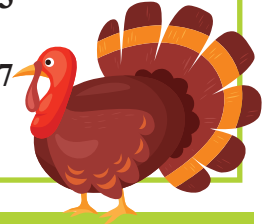
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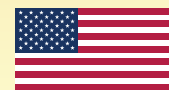
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CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Nov 5th - Day Light Savings Time ends	Dec 17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Nov 6th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.	Dec 18th - DAV Chapter 7's Christmas Party @ the Eagles Club.
Nov 7th - Election Day	Dec 21st - Winter Solstice (start of Winter)
Nov 11th - Veterans Day	Dec 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent 7 and Christmas Eve.
Nov 23rd - Thanksgiving Day	Dec 25th - Christmas Day
Nov 24th - Black Friday	Dec 26th - Boxing Day in Canada and Kwanzaa starts.
Nov 27th - Cyber Monday	Dec 31st New Year's Eve
Dec 3rd - Advent begins.	
Dec 4th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.	
Dec 7th - Hanukkah starts.	
Dec 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent	
Dec 15th - Hanukkah ends	



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades,

Welcome to the bug free time of year (exception: Asian beetles) it is short lived and then we all know what comes next, CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!!!

So far, the weather has been decent, but we all know that winter is on the way, all that we can hope for is that it will be a mild one.

Glenn A. has taken the bull by the horns and is working on getting our green collection bins repaired and doing any other maintenance done as needed. Gary, Henry, and Jim have been doing the transporting of the bins for the maintenance, so the job is moving along quickly and smoothly. This work is being done mostly on Tuesdays, so the rest of the regular work crew is working extra hard to get the clothing loaded on the semi. Thank you to all that have helped with this much needed project. (I hope that I didn't forget anybody). Jim P. has also been working with Jack Y. to install a camera system at our building site, The system was donated by Jack Y.

We continue working with veterans in need, with medical equipment, home repairs, and financial assistance. When it comes to the medical equipment program, it is all possible due to the generous donations that we receive from our community and the surrounding area, including Veterans and nonveterans. So, a BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of the people that donate to DAV, weather it is medical equipment, clothing, financial, physical labor, or any other way, DAV THANKS YOU.

I hope everybody stays safe and healthy as we head towards the holiday season and winter. Remember, for all of us, our policy should be that we can't have any accidents or get sick without having written permission 90 days in advance. Give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay Warm,
Gene Swantes

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank you all for coming to the meeting.

Minutes were read and approved from the last meeting. If you know of anyone that would like to become a member of the Auxiliary, please contact Linda Engesether.

Continue to support our veterans by reviewing and sending letters, see the DAVA "Take Action" website.

We appreciate our veterans in all they have done and are doing. We wanted to show our appreciation by providing sweet treats and had a drawing of five, \$25 gift certificates to DAV members. There was enough sweet treats to be shared with the clothing drive volunteers the following Tuesday morning.

At November's meeting, the Auxiliary will be providing pizza to honor our veterans for Veteran's Day. We will be having another drawing for 5 more gift certificates for DAV members. Hope to see you there.

Sara Gast



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 16 OCTOBER 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	Excused
Junior Vice Commander	Tom Annonson	Excused
Adjutant	Jeff Meyer	Present
Treasurer	Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Excused
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: 10

C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: None

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes were read, no additions or deletions, and motion to accept made by Randy, 2d by Andy, the motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report was read by Jeri, no additions or deletions, motion to accept by Andy, 2d by Randy, the motion carried.

F. Communications:

1. CSM Whitehead (also known as State Adjutant Whitehead) retired from the MN National Guard after 30 years of service. Retirement Ceremony was held on 10/13/23.
2. Chapter 38 women Veterans Committee is hosting an "All Women Veterans Bentleyville tour of lights" in Duluth MN on Sunday and Monday 11/19 and 11/20. Contact Dawn @218 289-1637 for more info or to register.
3. State has approved redesignated donations of \$3500 dollars to each MN chapter. Donations have been redesignated as "restricted" and will only be used for "helping individual Veterans and/or their families.
4. Richard Batcho has been assigned as the Chapter 7 liaison for state. Richard will be visiting our Chap on 11/20 (Next general meeting)
5. Savers reports 92 trailers in the MN inventory this week, however things are on track and so far on schedule and going well for vendors.
6. Trent Dilks sent us a very detailed legislative update which can be seen at states website under legislative action.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership: 3 New transfers to Chapter 7 Bemidji MN. See new business.
2. Service Officer: NA
3. Hospital/Sickness and Distress: NA
4. Legislative: Read communications
5. Entertainment: NA
6. Publicity and Fundraising: NA
7. Medical Equipment: 10 issues and 17 donations

H. Executive Committee Action Items: No actions were brought forward.

I. Old Business: No old business was brought forward.

J. New Business:

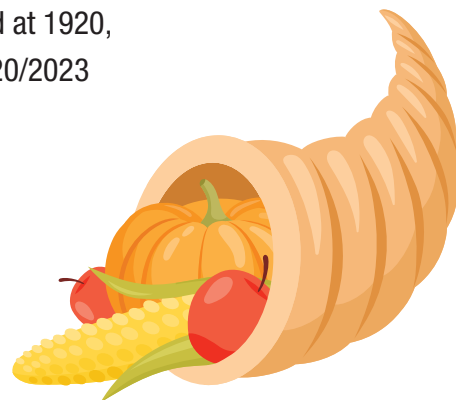
1. Cmdr. Gene reported that the process of repairing the clothing bins is now underway, efforts are being led and repairs made by Glen.
2. Cmdr. Gene is looking for ideas to celebrate the Chapter's 100th year anniversary next year.
3. Motion was made to donate 5k dollars to Chap 41 of Middle Fork for their on-going efforts with our clothing program. Andy Made the motion, Randy made the 2d and the motion carried.
4. Rick Adams "Tribute to Veterans" show will be at the Eagles club on 10/28/23 from 7-10 PM
5. Veterans Day Dinner will be at the Eagles Club on 11/12/23 this year from 2-5 PM

K. Good of the Order: None

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Mike and second by Andy. Motion carried.

- Meeting adjourned at 1920,
- Next meeting 11/20/2023



MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- 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.

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.americanheroesoutdoors.com/applications/>

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Mandatory Fun Outdoors

<https://mandatoryfunoutdoors.org/>

Middle River Veterans Outdoors

<https://mrveteransoutdoors.com/>

Minnesota Veterans Outdoors

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

Warriors and Walleyes

<https://warriorsandwalleyes.org/>

Wounded Warrior Guide Service

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

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

Greetings all, as mentioned last month, we are continuing our discussion about Jesus Christ's future return to earth with its' meaning and application for today. We will be looking at Matthew 24, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 19 and others. Just as the pre-flood population of the world knew there was going to be a future judgment (flood); we too, know of a future judgment (fire). Just as we wrote about hope for the pre-flood population, we want to write about our hope for this, and future generations.

Jesus reassures His disciples with hope in their immediate, confusing, and hopeless situation - His death and departure. Jesus is letting them know He is preparing a place for them in heaven (John 14). Jesus gives us and all future generations this same hope. The assurance of His absolute return back to earth, referring to Daniel 7:

- "...when all these things begin to happen, stand up and lift your head..." (Luke 21:28, New International Version)
- "...immediately after the tribulation of those days ... And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds..." (Matt 24:29-31, Berean Standard Bible)
- "...at that time, after the anguish of those days... And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the world..." (Mark 13:24-27, New Living Translation)

The elect and chosen mentioned above are all believers that make up the church -The Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33) and all Israel (Romans 11:26-29). Just as all past generations of believers have experience wars, rumors of wars, distress, and plaques here on earth we can find hope in Jesus words. "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you will have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world." [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.] (John 16:33, Amplified Bible). This was the same hope Noah and his family had in God, while they prepared to go through the flood.

Jesus did not come here to condemn us, but rather to save us from God's wrath, judgment, and punishment for not acknowledging who Christ is and His mission; Christ's death on the cross as payment for our sins (John 3:15-17, Romans 3:23-25). Jesus even offered this same saving commitment of Himself to the very people who demanded his crucifixion (Acts 2:37-41).

The pre-flood population and our pre-fire generation both share the same hope in the middle of two very different distressing realities (II Peter 3). Just as Noah and his family went through the flood, so we will be going through a variety of distressing situations in our lives too, but as believers we will always have the hope and expectation of being caught up in the atmosphere to meet Christ and be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Just as there are believers who are under God's throne, who have been told to wait until the end of the final days, so we too, must also wait (Revelation 6:9-11). This brings up the issue of speculation while we are waiting.

There has been a lot of prophetic speculation in the past, about future events that never came true. I recall during Desert Shield some preachers were suggesting that war was leading up to the final war of Armageddon and Christ's return with all believers (Revelation 16:16 and chapter 19) - not so fast. Speculation helps nobody, only time will tell. Yet we do know our hope is in Christ, and the scriptures are true.

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